

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

DURWIN HAMPTON, individually and  
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC,

Defendant.

Case No.: 6:21-CV-250-RAW-GLJ

**JOINT DECLARATION OF H. CLAY BARNETT, III AND ADAM J. LEVITT IN  
SUPPORT OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

H. CLAY BARNETT, III, and ADAM J. LEVITT hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

1. I, H. Clay Barnett, III, duly licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama, and admitted *pro hac vice* in this Action, am a partner at the law firm of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C (“Beasley Allen”) and Co-Class Counsel in this Action.

2. I, Adam J. Levitt, duly licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, and admitted *pro hac vice* in this Action, am a founding partner of DiCello Levitt LLP (“DiCello Levitt”) and Co-Class Counsel in this Action.

3. We respectfully submit this joint declaration in support of Plaintiff’s Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement (“Motion for Preliminary Approval”). We have personal knowledge of the matters pertaining to the Action and the proposed Settlement and are competent to testify with respect thereto.

4. We are pleased to submit for the Court’s preliminary approval the proposed Settlement of this Action, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.<sup>1</sup> The proposed Settlement, if approved, will confer valuable benefits on the owners of an estimated 21,150 GM vehicles that are

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms have the meanings given to them in the Settlement Agreement (“SA”). See SA, § II.

eligible to participate in the Settlement. The Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, provides substantial benefits for the members of the Class, and merits this Court's preliminary approval. Plaintiff filed the Settlement Agreement, together with its exhibits, contemporaneously with the Motion for Preliminary Approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

5. This case arises from Defendant General Motors LLC's ("GM") marketing and sale of certain GM vehicles as safe, reliable, and durable without disclosing to consumers that the vehicles consume an abnormally high quantity of oil, which results in low oil levels, insufficient lubricity levels, and engine component damage.

6. The affected vehicles are 2011–2014 Chevrolet Avalanche, Silverado, Suburban, and Tahoe, and 2011–2014 GMC Sierra, Yukon, and Yukon XL SUVs and trucks with Generation IV Vortec 5300 LC9 engines manufactured on or after February 10, 2011.

7. On August 20, 2021, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint alleging an oil consumption defect in the affected GM vehicles.

8. The Parties litigated the matter for more than three years before settlement.

9. On September 28, 2022, the Court denied GM's motion to dismiss. ECF No. 46.

10. On January 1, 2024, Magistrate Judge Jackson denied, in part, GM's motion to exclude the testimony of Plaintiff's liability expert Dr. Werner J.A. Dahm and denied in full GM's motion to exclude Plaintiff's damages expert Edward M. Stockton. ECF No. 98. On March 5, 2024, the Court denied GM's appeal of that decision. ECF No. 113

11. On September 26, 2024, the Court adopted Magistrate Judge Jackson's Report and Recommendation certifying a class of owners and lessees of Class Vehicles that were purchased or leased in the State of Oklahoma for Plaintiff's claims of consumer fraud, breach of implied warranty, and unjust enrichment. ECF No. 129.

12. On November 14, 2025, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals denied GM's petition for permission to appeal the Court's class certification order. *General Motors LLC v. Hampton*, No. 24-604 (10th Cir.) (ECF No. 15-1).

13. On November 25, 2024, GM filed a motion for summary judgment. ECF No. 132.

14. At the request of the Parties, and after the commencement of settlement discussions, the Court stayed the case until June 2, 2025. ECF Nos. 136 and 140.

#### **SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

15. Following the Court's ruling on class certification, counsel for the Parties met and conferred to explore the potential for resolution of this Action.

16. The Parties engaged in arm's-length settlement negotiations over a period of approximately four months.

17. On January 22, 2025, the Parties participated in an all-day in person mediation with Antonio Piazza of Mediated Negotiations, Inc.

18. The Parties endeavored through mediation to reach a resolution of this Action, as well as Related Actions pending against GM, namely, *Siqueiros v. General Motors LLC*, No. 16-cv-07244-EMC (N.D. Cal.), in which the plaintiffs, on behalf of California, Idaho, and North Carolina classes, prevailed at trial and on GM's post-trial motions for decertification and for judgment as a matter of law, and *Vita v. General Motors LLC*, 2:20-cv-01032 (E.D.N.Y.); *Airko, Inc. v. General Motors LLC*, No. 1:20-cv-02638 (N.D. Ohio); and *Riddell v. General Motors LLC*, No. 1:20-cv-00254 (E.D. Mo.), three individual actions.

19. After carefully considering the facts and applicable law and the risks, expense, and uncertainty of continued litigation, and after having engaged in extensive negotiations, the Parties agreed that it was in their mutual best interests to resolve the claims in this Action related to the Class Vehicles on behalf of the Class Plaintiff and the Class on fair, reasonable, and adequate terms as set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

20. Numerous drafts of the Settlement Agreement and related exhibits were exchanged between the Parties, which Class Counsel carefully negotiated and refined before a final agreement could be reached. As a result of Class Counsel's efforts, the Parties were successful in reaching a settlement that provides immediate, concrete, and substantial benefits to Class Members.

## **SETTLEMENT BENEFITS**

21. In consideration for the dismissal of the Action with prejudice and a full and complete release of claims by Class Plaintiff and all Class Members, GM has agreed to provide a non-reversionary Settlement Fund in the amount of \$24,833,00 to be distributed *pro rata* to Class Members after payment of any Settlement Administration Expenses, Attorneys Fees' and Expenses, and a Service Award as may be awarded by the Court. This amounts to approximately \$1,174 for each Class Member, prior to payment of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, Service Awards, Settlement Administration Expenses, and Taxes—a significant portion of the maximum \$2,700 in damages per Class Member that Plaintiff would seek for the Class at trial.

22. There is a subset of Class Vehicles that have been registered in Oklahoma by the current or previous owner (but not both), and thus it is unclear whether these vehicles were purchased in Oklahoma, *i.e.*, whether they are part of the Class. These remaining potential Class Members will have the opportunity to certify their inclusion in the Class by submitting a Class Member Identification Form.

23. Settlement Payments will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator in accordance with the Plan of Allocation [submitted simultaneously herewith]. Settlement Payments will be calculated and distributed by the Settlement Administrator within sixty (60) days of the Final Effective Date. All Settlement Payments will be made directly to Class Members, by check, which can be reissued if checks are not timely cashed.

24. Any unclaimed funds from the initial distribution will be redistributed to Class Members, and any residual funds of less than \$500,000 in the Settlement Fund will be distributed *cy pres* to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

## **ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND A SERVICE AWARD**

25. Prior to the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel will file a motion for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and a Service Award. The Parties agree that Class Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of reasonable Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, up to, but not to exceed, thirty-eight percent (38%) of the Settlement Fund. GM will not oppose Class Counsel's

application for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses up to and not exceeding the above amounts. Each party shall have the right of appeal to the extent the award is inconsistent with this Agreement. The Parties also agree that Class Counsel may apply to the Court for a Service Award to Class Plaintiff in the amount of \$15,000 for his service in this Action.

## **SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

26. The proposed Settlement Administrator, EisnerAmper (f/k/a Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC), has been involved in the Related Action *Siqueiros v. General Motors LLC*, No. 16-cv-07244-EMC (N.D. Cal.) (see ECF No. 396, Motion for Order Approving Class Notice), which, like here, required providing notice to all owners of a class of vehicles purchased within a specific state. Given the quality of their work in that action, and because the anticipated settlement administration costs of \$287,084 provided by EisnerAmper are reasonable in Class Counsel's experience, Class Counsel has determined that the accuracy and efficiency gained by choosing EisnerAmper outweighs any benefits that might be gained from engaging in an open selection process for Settlement Administrator.

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF CLASS COUNSEL**

27. I, H. Clay Barnett, III, have more than 17 years of experience litigating complex cases on behalf of consumers and businesses in both individual and class actions. My experience in automotive defect litigation includes having developed and filed over fifteen automotive defect class actions and trying one to a jury verdict. My team, serving as lead class counsel, have developed and successfully settled the following class cases: *Simerlein v. Toyota Motor Corp., et al.*, No. 3:17-CV-01091-VAB (D. Conn.) (\$40 million settlement); *Cheng, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corp., et al.*, No. 1:20-cv-00629-WFK-JRC (E.D.N.Y.) (\$287 million settlement); *Cohen v. Subaru Corp.*, No. 1:20-cv-08442-JHR (D.N.J.) (\$380 million settlement); *Townsend Vance, et al. v. Mazda Motor of America, Inc., et al.*; No. 8:21-cv-01890-CJC-KES (C.D. Cal.) (\$172 million settlement); *In re Hyundai and Kia Engine Litig., II*, No. 18-cv-02223-JLS-JDE (C.D. Cal.) (\$200 million settlement). I am currently co-lead class counsel in the certified class action *In re Honda Idle Stop Litig.*, No. 2:22-cv-04252-MCS-SK (C.D. Cal.). I currently represent plaintiffs and

putative class members in the following automotive defect class actions pending across the country: *Fisher, et al. v. FCA US LLC*, No. 23-cv-10426-MFL-EAS (E.D. Mich.); *Leon, et al. v. Honda Motor Co., Ltd. et al.*, No. 2:24-cv-07872 (C.D. Cal.); *Bissell, et al. v. Honda Motor Co., Inc., et al.*, No. 3:24-cv-02286-AHB-MMP (S.D. Cal.); *Oliver, et al. v. Honda Motor Co., Inc., et al.*, No. 20-cv-00666-MHH (N.D. Al.); *Syed v. Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc, et al.*, No. 5:24-cv-01963-CV-SP (C.D. Cal.); *In re Nissan N. A. Inc., Litig.*, No. 4:18-cv-07292-HSG (M.D. Tenn.); *Hampton v. Gen. Motors LLC*, No. 6:21-cv-00250-KEW (E.D. Okla.); *White, et al. v. FCA US LLC*, No. 21-cv-11696-SDK-DRG (E.D. Mich.); *Johnson, et al. v. Gen. Motors LLC*, No. 22-cv-11548-DPH-APP (E.D. Mich.); *Rose, et al. v. Ferrari N. A., Inc., et al.*, No. 21-cv-20772-JKS-CLW (D.N.J.); *In re ARC Airbag Inflators Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 1:22-md-03051-ELR (N.D. Ga.); *In re ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Prods. Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2905; and *Milstead, et al. v. Gen. Motors LLC, et al.*, No. 21-cv-06338-JST (N.D. Cal.). A copy of Beasley Allen's Firm Resume is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

28. I, Adam J. Levitt, am a founding partner of DiCello Levitt and have more than 30 years of experience litigating complex cases on behalf of consumers and businesses in both individual and class actions. My experience in automotive products litigation includes having been appointed to lead counsel or to other leadership positions in: *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Honda Idle Stop Litig.*, No. 2:22-cv-04252-MCS-SK (C.D. Cal.); *Sowa v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC*, No. 1:23-cv-00636-SEG (N.D. Ga.); *In re Navistar MaxxForce Engines Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, No. 1:14-cv-10318-JBG (N.D. Ill.); *In re Nissan N.A., Inc. Litig.*, No. 3:19-cv-00843 (M.D. Tenn.); *Simerlein v. Toyota Motor Corp.*, No. 3:17-CV-01091-VAB (D. Conn.); *In re Gen. Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litig.*, MDL No. 2543 (S.D.N.Y.); and *In re MyFord Touch Consumer Litig.*, No. 3:13-cv-03072-EMC-TSH (N.D. Cal.). I have also successfully represented the State of New Mexico in cases involving automobile defects and deceptive marketing, including *New Mexico v. Volkswagen Grp. of Am., Inc.*, No. D-101-CV-2016-00131 (Santa Fe Cnty., N.M.); and *New*

*Mexico ex rel. Balderas v. Takata Corp.*, No. D-101-CV-2017-00176 (Santa Fe Cnty., N.M.). A copy of DiCello Levitt's resume is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

29. Class Counsel have led this case from the investigation phase, through discovery, class certification, and settlement.

30. Class Counsel are well positioned to assess the benefits of the proposed Settlement and do hereby fully endorse it as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

31. We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: April 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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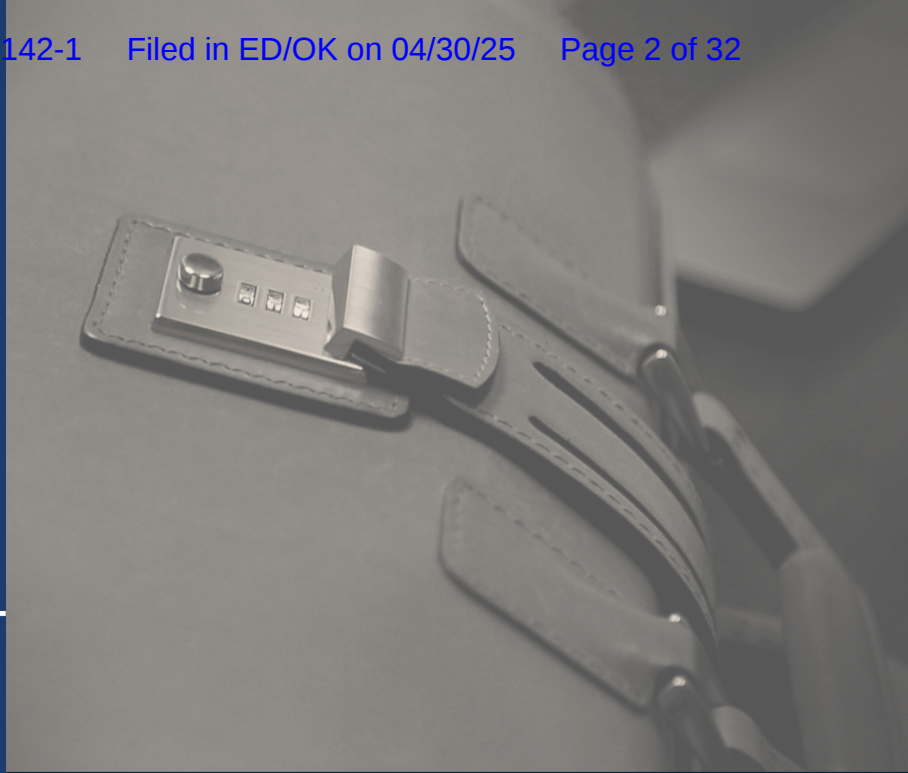
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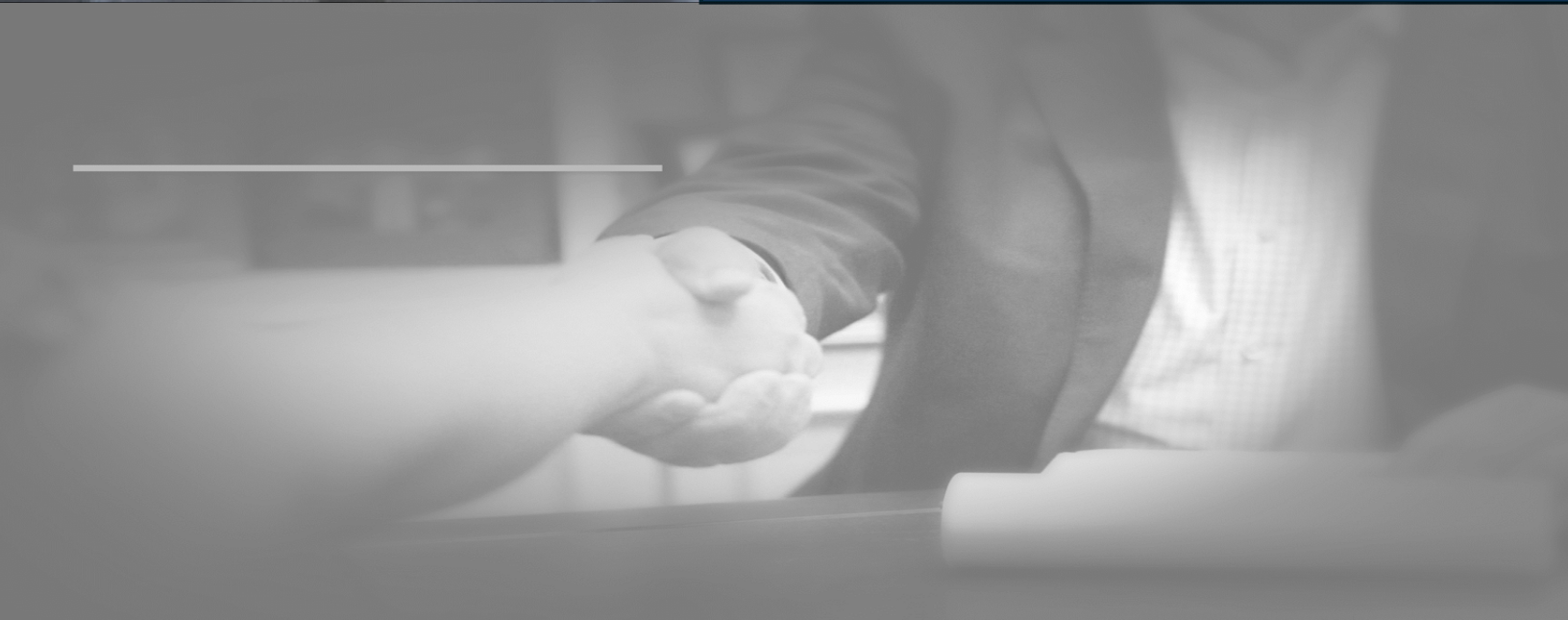


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## LAW FIRM



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## About the Firm

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## ABOUT THE FIRM:

In 1979, Jere Locke Beasley, former Alabama lieutenant governor, decided to leave politics and return to law practice. He founded what is known today as Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., or the Beasley Allen Law Firm.

For more than four decades, our firm has been at the forefront of driving positive change, keeping in line with Jere's unwavering mission of "helping those who need it most." With 100 attorneys and hundreds of support staff, we handle complex litigation cases in state and federal courts across the U.S.

### *Helping those who need it most, since 1979*

Our cases have been featured in major national media outlets such as Time Magazine, Business Week and Forbes. We've represented clients testifying before U.S. congressional committees and have garnered over \$32 billion in verdicts and settlements. With a commitment to justice and a passion for helping those harmed by the actions of others, Beasley Allen has become a trusted and respected leader in the legal community.

## Case History

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## CASE HISTORY:

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Beasley Allen's highly qualified attorneys and staff work tirelessly for clients throughout the country. We have a proven track record of successfully representing plaintiffs and claimants in various areas, including Business Litigation, Class Actions, Consumer Protection, Employment Law, Insurance Litigation, Qui Tam Litigation, Mass Torts, Personal Injury, Products Liability and Toxic Torts.

Our team has extensive experience handling complex litigation, attorney general litigation, qui tam litigation, class-action lawsuits and multi-district litigation throughout the U.S., including district and Federal courts.

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***Our team has extensive experience in  
handling complex litigation***

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We have played an integral role in consumer multi-district litigation in numerous cases, including those against Vioxx, BP, Toyota SUA, Blue Cross Blue Shield, VW, Chrysler Fiat and others. We have obtained billions in verdicts for our clients against some of this country's largest corporate wrongdoers, including AstraZeneca, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc., Imerys Talc America, Inc., Exxon and General Motors.



## Top Result Summary

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## TOP RESULT SUMMARY:

Beasley Allen has a proven track record as lead or co-lead counsel in complex legal cases. We have achieved some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the country of their time in various categories. The firm has achieved successful client outcomes, resulting in numerous multi-million-dollar settlements and verdicts:

Average wholesale price litigation verdict, **\$30,200,000**, in State of Mississippi v. Sandoz, Inc., filed in the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi, Case No. 09-00480, Judge Thomas L. Zebert (Dee Miles as Co-Lead Counsel);

Average wholesale price litigation verdict, **\$30,262.052**, in State of Mississippi v. Watson Laboratories, Inc., et al., filed in the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi, Case Nos. 09-487, 09-488, and 09-455, Judge Thomas L. Zebert (Dee Miles as Co-Lead Counsel);

Hormone Therapy Litigation Verdict, **\$5,100,100**, in Okuda v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed in the United States District Court of Utah, Northern Division, Case No. 1:04-cv-00080-DN, Judge David Nuffer;

Hormone Therapy Litigation Verdict, **\$72,600,000**, in Elfont v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., Mulderig v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., Kalenkoski v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., filed in the County of Philadelphia, Court of Common Pleas, Case Nos. July Term 2004, 00924, 00556, 00933, Judge Gary S. Glazer;

Largest average wholesale price litigation verdict, **\$215,000,000**, in State of Alabama v. AstraZeneca, filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Case No. cv-05-219.10, Judge Charles Price (Dee Miles as Co-Lead Counsel);

Largest predatory lending verdict in American history **\$581,000,000**, in Barbara Carlisle v. whirlpool, filed in the Circuit Court of Hale County, Alabama, Case No. cv-97-068, Judge Marvin Wiggins;

Largest verdict against an oil company in American history, **\$11,903,000,000**, in State of Alabama v. Exxon, filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Case No. cv-99-2368, Judge Tracy S. McCooey;

## TOP RESULT SUMMARY:

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Second largest average wholesale price litigation verdict, **\$114,000,000**, in State of Alabama v. GlaxoSmithKline - Novartis, filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Case No. cv-05-219.52, Judge Charles Price (Dee Miles as Co-Lead Counsel);

Talcum Powder Litigation Verdict, **\$55,000,000**, in Ristesund v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., filed in the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Case No. 1422-CC03012-01, Judge Rex M. Burlison;

Talcum Powder Litigation Verdict, **\$72,000,000**, in Fox v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., filed in the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Case No. 1422-CC03012-01, Judge Rex M. Burlison;

Third largest average wholesale price litigation verdict, **\$78,000,000**, in State of Alabama v. Sandoz, Inc., filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Case No. cv-05-219.65, Judge Charles Price (Dee Miles as Co-Lead Counsel);

Tolbert v. Monsanto, private environmental settlement, **\$750,000,000**, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Civil Action No. cv-01-1407PWG-S, Judge Paul W. Greene; and

Siqueiros v. General Motors, LLC, largest auto defect class action verdict, **\$102,600,000**, filed in United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Civil Action No. 3:16 cv-07244-emc.



## Lead / Co-Lead MDL & Class Actions

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## LEAD /CO-LEAD MDL & CLASS ACTIONS:

Beasley Allen is one of the country's leading firms involved in complex civil litigation on behalf of claimants, having represented hundreds of thousands of people.

Attorneys from Beasley Allen have been selected by Federal Courts as lead counsel or co-lead counsel in the following complex multi-district and class actions litigations:

**Cohen v. Subaru Corporation et al.**, United States District Court of New Jersey, Judge Joseph R. Rodriguez, Case No. 1:20-cv-08442-JHR (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**Hamid Bolooki et al., vs. Honda Motor Co. Ltd.et al.**, United States District Court, Central District of California, Judge Mark C. Scarsi, 2:22-cv-04252-MCS-SK (H. Clay Barnett, III, Principal of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: American General Life and Accident Insurance Company Industrial Life Insurance Litigation**, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Judge Cameron McGowan Currie, MDL No. 11429; (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: ARC Airbag Inflators Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Judge Eleanor L. Ross, 22-md-03051-ELR (Demet Basar, Principal of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Dollar General Corp. Fair Labor Standards Acts Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Western Division, Judge U.W. Clemon, MDL No. 1635; (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Johnson & Johnson Aerosol Sunscreen Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Judge Raag Singhal, MDL No. 3015 (Andy Birchfield and David Byrne, both Shareholders of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Judge Freda L. Wolfson, MDL No. 2738 (Leigh O'Dell, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Reciprocal of America (ROA) Sales Practices Litigation**, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Judge J. Daniel Breen, MDL No. 1551; (Dee Miles and Jere Beasley, both Shareholders in Beasley Allen);

## **LEAD /CO-LEAD MDL & CLASS ACTIONS:**

**In Re: Rock ‘N Play Sleeper Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Western District of New York, Judge Geoffrey Crawford, MDL No.19-mc-2903 (Demet Basar, Principal of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Social Media Cases**, JCCP No. 255, Judge Carolyn Kuhl, Department SS12, Los Angeles Superior Court, Lead Case 22STCV21355 (Joseph VanZandt, Principal of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Vioxx Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Judge Eldon E. Fallon, MDL No. 1657; (Andy Birchfield, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**In Re: Xarelto (Rivaroxaban) Products Liability Litigation**, District of Louisiana, Judge Eldon E. Fallon, Eastern MDL No. 2592;

**Sharon Cheng, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.**, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Judge William F. Kuntz, II, 1:20-cv-00629-WFK-CLP (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**Simerlein v. Toyota Motor Corporation et al.**, United States District Court District of Connecticut, Judge Victor Bolden, Case No. 3:17-cv-01091-VAB (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**The K’s Inc. v. Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company**, United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Judge William Ray, II, 1:20-cv-1724-WMR (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**Townsend Vance et al v. Mazda Motor of America, Inc. et al;** Central District of California; Case No. 8:21-cv-01890-CJC-KES (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen);

**Tucker Oliver, et al. v. Honda Motor Company Limited, et al.**, United States District Court, Eastern District of Alabama, Judge Madeline Hughes Haikala, 5:20-cv-00666-MHH (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen); and

**Weidman et al v. Ford Motor Company**, United States District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan, Judge Gershwin A. Drain, 2:18-cv-12719 (Dee Miles, Shareholder of Beasley Allen).

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## PEC / PSC MDL & CLASS ACTIONS

Beasley Allen has been appointed to the Plaintiff's Executive Committee and/or Steering Committee in many complex litigations. All of these multidistrict litigations and class actions involved multiple claims against multiple defendants, which required excellent organization and leadership from our attorneys.

Beasley Allen has been appointed to leadership committees in the following MDL and class actions litigations:

**In Re: Actos (Pioglitazone) Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Judge Rebecca F. Doherty, MDL No. 2299;

**In Re: American Medical Systems, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, MDL No. 2325;

**In Re: Androgel Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Judge Matthew F. Kennelly, MDL No. 2545;

**In Re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Edward J. Davila, MDL 2827;

**In Re: AT&T Inc Customer Data Security Breach Litigation**, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Judge Ada Brown, Case No. 3:24-cv-00757-E;

**In Re: Baby Food Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Jacqueline S. Corley, MDL 3101;

**In Re: Bextra/Celebrex, Bextra and Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Product Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Charles R. Breyer, MDL No. 1699;

**In Re: Biomet M2a Magnum Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, Judge Robert L. Miller, Jr., MDL No. 2391;

**In Re: Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Judge R. David Proctor, MDL No. 2406;

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**In Re: Boston Scientific Corp. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, MDL No. 2326;

**In Re: C.R. Bard, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Charleston Division, Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, MDL No. 2187;

**In Re: Camp Lejeune Water Litigation**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Judge Robert B. Jones, Jr, Case No. 7:23-cv-897;

**In Re: Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge Edward Chin, MDL No. 2777;

**In Re: Coloplast Corp. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Charleston Division, Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, MDL No. 2387;

**In Re: Depuy Orthopaedics, Inc. ASR Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Judge David A. Katz, MDL No. 2197;

**In Re: DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc. Pinnacle Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Judge Ed Kinkeade, MDL No. 2244;

**In Re: Ethicon, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Charleston Division, Judge Joseph R. Goodwin, MDL No. 2327;

**In Re: Fosamax (Alendronate Sodium) Products Liability Litigation (No. II)**, United States District Court District of New Jersey, Judge Garrett E. Brown, Jr., MDL No. 2243;

**In Re: Fosamax Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Judge John F. Keenan, MDL No. 1789;

**In Re: Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte Dialysate Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Judge Douglas P. Woodlock, MDL No. 2428;

## PEC / PSC MDL & CLASS ACTIONS

**In Re: Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists (GLP-A RAS) Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Gene E. K. Pratter, MDL 3094;

**In Re: Google Inc. Gmail Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, Judge Lucy H. Koh, MDL No. 2430;

**In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, And Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Judge Mary M. Royland, MDL No. 3060;

**In Re: Invokana (Canagliflozin) Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court District of New Jersey, Judge Lois H. Goodman, MDL No. 2750;

**In Re: JUUL Labs, Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge William H. Orrick, MDL 2913;

**In Re: Lipitor (Atorvastatin Calcium)Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Judge Richard M. Gergel, MDL No. 2502;

**In Re: Mirena IUD Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Judge Cathy Seibel, MDL No. 2434;

**In Re: Motor Fuel Temperature Sales Practices Litigation**, United States District Court for the Middle District of Kansas, Judge Kathryn Vratil, MDL No. 1840;

**In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig “Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf of Mexico**, United States District Court of the Eastern District of Louisiana, Judge Carl J. Barbier, MDL No. 2179;

**In Re: Paraquat Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, Judge Nancy J. Rosenstengel, Case No. :21-md-03004-NJR;

**In Re: Prempro Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas, Western Division, Judge Billy Roy Wilson, MDL No. 1507;



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**In Re: Proton-Pump Inhibitor Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court District of New Jersey, Judge Claire C. Cecchi, MDL No. 2789;

**In Re: Robinhood Outage Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Judge James Donato, Case No. 20-cv-01626-JD;

**In Re: Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Product Liability Litigation**, Civil Action No. :22-md-03047-YGR, MDL No. 3047;

**In Re: Stryker Rejuvenate & ABG II Modular Hip Implant Litigation**, Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division: Bergen County, Judge Rachelle Harz, Case No. 296 Master Docket No. BER-L-936-13-MCL;

**In Re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Judge Federico A. Moreno, MDL No. 2599, serving on a discovery committee responsible for two Auto Manufacturer's discovery;

**In Re: Target Corporation Custom-er Data Security Breach Litigation**, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Paul A. Magnuson, MDL No. 2522;

**In Re: The Home Depot, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation**, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Judge, Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., MDL No. 2583;

**In Re: Toyota Motor Corp. Unintended Acceleration Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Judge James Selna, MDL No. 2151;

**In Re: Vioxx Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Judge Eldon E. Fallon, MDL No. 1657;

**In Re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation**, California Northern District (San Francisco), Hon. Charles R. Breyer, Case No. 3:15-md-02672-CRB;

**In Re: Xarelto (Rivaroxaban) Products Liability Litigation**, District of Louisiana, Judge Eldon E. Fallon, Eastern MDL No. 2592;



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**In Re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Judge Robin L. Rosenberg, MDL No. 2924;

**In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court Central District of California, Judge John A. Kronstadt, MDL No. 2905; and

**In Re: Zoloft (Sertraline Hydrochloride) Products Liability Litigation**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Cynthia M. Rufe, MDL No. 2342.

## Attorney General Litigation

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL LITIGATION:

Beasley Allen is a proven leader in Attorney General Litigation on a national level. We have provided legal representation to several states, including Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia. The firm has also confidentially investigated matters for other attorneys general.

Our experience in these complex legal cases involves conducting thorough investigations to determine if litigation is necessary, providing counsel to the states on whether to pursue legal action, managing all aspects of litigation once it is filed, negotiating the Attorney General's claims during settlement discussions, and presenting the case in court before a judge and jury and even handling the case on appeal.

### ***Our firm has recovered billions of dollars or multiple states***

We have a track record of recovering billions of dollars for various states, with over \$1.5 billion related to state funds. We specialize in representing states and attorneys general in various litigation cases, including cases related to Medicaid fraud, antitrust, consumer protection violations, false claims, fraud, unjust enrichment, false advertising, negligence, breach of contract, nuisance abatement and unfair and deceptive trade practices.

We have handled cases involving fraudulent pricing of prescription drugs on behalf of eight states with Average Wholesale Price issues, represented four states against McKesson Corporation for its fraudulent and unfair practices involving prescription drugs, represented two states in the Fresenius litigation case involving the medical device GranuFlo, and tackled the Unapproved Drugs litigations on behalf of two states concerning the states' reimbursement of drugs with fraudulently obtained Medicaid reimbursement approval status. Additionally, we have dealt with the Usual and Customary litigations regarding the false reporting of pharmacy price lists by the nation's largest chain pharmacies, the Actos litigation, and conducted many other investigations related to consumer protection issues, and states claims against opioid defendants, the manufacture, marketing, pricing, and sale of pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical devices, and the general provision of goods and services in the healthcare industry.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LITIGATION:

Beasley Allen attorneys were lead counsel in the following Attorney General cases:

**In Re: Alabama Medicaid Pharmaceutical Average Wholesale Price Litigation;** filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery, Alabama, Master Docket No. cv-2005-219, Judge Charles Price;

**State of Alabama v. Purdue Pharma, LP, et al.,** Civil Action No. 03-cv-2019-901174, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, Judge J.R. Gaines;

**State of Alabama, ex. rel. Luther Strange, Attorney General v. BP, PLC., et al.,** MDL No. 2179, E.D. La., Judge Carl Barbier;

**State of Alabama, ex. rel. Troy King, Attorney General v. Transocean, Ltd., et al.,** Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-691-MHT-CSC, Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division, Judge Myron H. Thompson;

**In Re: The Attorney General's Investigation,** AGO Case No. AN2014103885, Alaska Pay-for-Delay Antitrust Investigation;

**State of Alaska v. Alpharma Branded Products Division, Inc., et al.,** Case No.: 3AN-06-12026, Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Third Judicial District at Anchorage, Judge William F. Morse;

**State of Alaska v. McKesson Corporation and First DataBank, Inc.,** Case No. 3AN-10-11348-CI, Superior Court for the State of Alaska, Third Judicial Circuit of Anchorage, Judge Peter A. Michalski;

**State of Georgia v. Purdue Pharma, et al.,** Civil Action No. 19-A-00060-2, Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Judge Tracie H. Cason;

**State of Hawaii, ex rel. v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al.,** Civil Action No. 06-1-0720-04, State of Hawaii, First Circuit, Judge Eden Elizabeth Hifo;

**State of Hawaii, ex rel. v. McKesson Corporation, et al.,** Civil Action No. 10-1-2411-11, State of Hawaii, First Circuit, Judge Gary W. B. Chang;

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LITIGATION:

**State of Kansas, ex rel. v. McKesson Corporation, et al.**, Case No. 10-cv-1491, Division 2, District Court of Wyandotte County, Kansas, Judge Constance Alvey;

**In Re: Kansas Medicaid Pharmaceutical Average Wholesale Price Litigation** filed in the District Court of Wyandotte County, Kansas, Master Docket No. MV-2008-0668, Division 7, Judge George A. Groneman;

**Commonwealth of Kentucky. v. Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc., et al.**, Civil Action No. 16-CI-00946, Franklin Circuit Court, Div. 2, Judge Thomas D. Wingate;

**State of Louisiana v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al.**, Suit No. 624, 522, Sec. 6; Parish of East Baton Rouge, Judge Donald R. Johnson;

**State of Louisiana v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al.**, Docket No. 596164, Sec. 25, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Judge Wilson Fields;

**State of Louisiana v. McKesson Corporation**, Docket No. 597634, Sec. 25, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Judge Wilson Fields;

**State of Louisiana v. Pfizer, Inc., et al.**, Docket No. 625543, Sec. 24, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Judge R. Michael Caldwell;

**State of Louisiana, ex rel. v. Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc., et al.**, Suit No. 631,586, Div. "D"; 19th JDC; Parish of East Baton Rouge, Judge Janice Clark;

**State of Louisiana, et al. v. Molina Healthcare, Inc., et al.**, filed in 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Suit No. 631612, Judge Janice Clark;

**State of Louisiana, et al. v. Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc., et al.**, filed in 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Suit No. 637447, Judge R. Michael Caldwell;

**State of Mississippi v. Actavis Pharma, Inc., et al.**, Civil Action No. 17-cv-000306, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge Patricia D. Wise;

**State of Mississippi v. Barr Laboratories, Inc., et al.**, Civil Action No. 17-cv-000304, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge J. Dewayne Thomas;

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LITIGATION:

**State of Mississippi v. Camline, L.L.C. (f/k/a PamLab, L.L.C.),** Civil Action No. 17-cv-000307, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge J. Dewayne Thomas;

**State of Mississippi v. E. Claiborne Robins Company, Inc., et al.,** Civil Action No. 17-cv-000305, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge Denise Owens;

**State of Mississippi v. Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,** Civil Action No. 17-cv-000309, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge J. Dewayne Thomas;

**State of Mississippi v. United Research Laboratories, Inc., et al.,** Civil Action No. 17-cv-000308, Hinds County Chancery Court, District 1, Judge Denise Owens;

**State of Mississippi v. CVS Health Corporation, et al.,** DeSoto County, Third Chancery District, Trial Court No. 16-cv-01392, Judge Mitchell M. Lundy, Jr.;

**In Re: Mississippi Medicaid Pharmaceutical Average Wholesale Price Litigation,** filed in the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi, Master Docket No. 09-444, Judge W. Hollis McGehee;

**State of Mississippi v. Fred's, Inc., et al.,** DeSoto County, Third Chancery District, Trial Court No. 16-cv-01389, Judge Mitchell M. Lundy, Jr.;

**State of Mississippi v. Rite Aid Corporation, et al.,** DeSoto County, Third Chancery District, Trial Court No. 16-cv-01390, Judge Percy L. Lynchard, Jr.;

**State of Mississippi v. Walgreen Co., et al.,** DeSoto County, Third Chancery District, Trial Court No. 16-cv-01391, Judge Mitchell M. Lundy, Jr.;

**State of South Carolina v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al.,** In Re: South Carolina Pharmaceutical Pricing Litigation, Master Caption Number: 2006-CP-40-4394, State of South Carolina, County of Richland, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Judge Cordell Maddox, Jr.;

**State of West Virginia v. Merck-Med-co,** Civil Action No. 02-C-2944, Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, Judge Jennifer F. Bailey;

## ATTORNEY GENERAL LITIGATION:

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**State of Utah v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.**, filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake City, Utah, Case No. 07-0915690, Judge Robert Hilder;

**State of Utah v. Actavis US, et al.**, filed in Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake City, Utah, Case No. 07-0913717, Judge Kate A. Toomey; and

**State of Utah v. Apotex Corporation, et al.**, filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake City, Utah, Case No. 08-0907678, Judge Tyrone Medley.

## Practices: Class Actions

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## PRACTICES: CLASS ACTIONS

Beasley Allen is also a leader in complex class action litigation. We have successfully brought several class actions, some transferred to multidistrict litigation filed in federal and state courts.

**Ace Tree Surgery, Inc. v. Terex Corporation, et al.**, Case No.1:16-cv-00775-SCJD (Northern District of Georgia, filed July 22, 2015);

**In Re: AT&T Inc Customer Data Security Breach Litigation**, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Judge Ada Brown, Case No. 3:24-cv-00757-E;

**Brian Fisher, et al v. FCA US, LLC**; Case No 2:23-cv-10426-MFL-EAS (Eastern District of Michigan, Filed February 17, 2023);

**Coates v. MidFirst Bank**, 2:14-cv-01079 (Northern District of Alabama, certified July 29, 2015);

**Danny Thomas, et al. v. Southern Pioneer Life Insurance Company**, No. CIV-2009-257JF, in the Circuit Court of Greene County, State of Arkansas;

**Dickman, et al. v. Banner Life Insurance Company, et al.**, Case No. 1:16-cv-00192-WMN (District of Maryland, filed January 19, 2016);

**Dolores Dillon v. MS Life Insurance Company n/k/a American Bankers Life Assurance Company of Florida**, No. 03-cv-2008-900291, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama;

**Estrada v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.**, Case No. 2:14-cv-01051-TLN-KJN (Eastern District of Alabama, filed April 28, 2014);

**In Re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation**, 3:15-md-02672 (Northern District of California, settlements approved October 25, 2016, and May 17, 2017);

**In Re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation**, Case No. 5:18-md-02827-EJD (Northern District of California, filed April 5, 2018);

**In Re: ARC Airbag Inflators Products Liability Litigation**, 22-md-03051-ELR (Northern District of Georgia);

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**In Re: Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litigation**, Case No. 1:15-mc-01404-CKK (District Court for the District of Columbia, filed October 13, 2015);

**In Re: Facebook, Inc., Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation**, Case No. 5-18-md-02827-EJD (Northern District of California, filed June 6, 2018);

**In Re: German Automotive Manufacturers Antitrust Litigation**, Case No.:17-md-02796-CRB (Northern District of California, filed October 5, 2017);

**In re: Nissan North America, Inc. Litigation**; Case 3:19-cv-00843; (Middle District of Tennessee, filed December 31, 2018);

**In Re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation**, 1:15-md-02599 (Southern District of Florida);

**In Re: The Home Depot, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation**, Case No. Case 1:14-md-02583-TWT (Northern District of Georgia, filed November 13, 2014);

**Intel Corp. CPU Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation**, Case No. 3:18-md-02828 (District of Oregon, filed April 5, 2018);

**Jason Compton et al v. General Motors, LLC**, Case No. 1:19-cv-00033-MW-GRJ (Northern District of Florida, filed February 21, 2019);

**Johnson v. General Motors LLC**; Case no. 2:22-cv-11548-DPH-APP; (Eastern District of Michigan, Filed: July 08, 2022);

**Kerkorian et al v. Nissan North America, Inc.**, Case No. 18-cv-07815-DMR (Northern District of California, filed December 31, 2018);

**Larry Clairday, et al. v. Tire Kingdom, Inc., et al.**, No. 2007-cv-020 (Southern District of Georgia);

**Lesley S. Rich, et al. v. William Penn Life Insurance Company of New York**, Case No. 1:17-cv-02026-GLR (District of Maryland, filed July 20, 2017);

**Lisa White v. FCA US, LLC**; Case No. 5:21-cv-11696-JEL-DRG (Eastern District of Michigan, filed: July 21, 2021);

## PRACTICES: CLASS ACTIONS

**Milstead v. General Motors LLC et al;** Judge Jon S. Tigar, Case No. 4:21-cv-0633 8-JST (Northern District of California (Oakland), Filed: August 17,2021);

**Raul Siqueiros v. General Motors LLC,** Case No. 3:16-cv-07244-EMC (Central District of California, filed December 19, 2016);

**Rose v. Ferrari North America, Inc., et al;** Case No: 2:21-cv-20772-JMV-CLW (District of New Jersey, Filed: December 30, 2021);

**Scott Peckerar et al. v. General Motors, LLC,** Case No. 5:18-cv-02153-DMG-SP (Central District of California, filed December 9, 2018);

**Sigfredo Rubio et al., vs. ZF-TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., et al.,** Case No. 2:19-cv-11295-LVP-RSW (Eastern District of Michigan., filed May 3, 2019);

**Thondukolam et al., vs. Corteva, Inc., et al.,** Case No. 4:19-cv-03857 (Northern District of California, filed July 3, 2019);

**Vivian Farris, et al. v. U.S. Financial Life Insurance Company,** Case No. 1:17-cv-417 (Southern District of Ohio, filed June 19, 2017);

**Walls v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.,** 3:11-cv-00673 (Western District of Kentucky, certified October 13, 2016);

**Weidman, et al. v. Ford Motor Co.,** Case No. 2:18-cv-12719 (Eastern District of Michigan, filed August 30, 2018); and

**Wimbreth Chism, et al. v. The Pantry, Inc. d/b/a Kangaroo Express,** No. 7:09-cv-02194-LSC (Northern District of Alabama).

# Qui Tam Litigation

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## QUI TAM LITIGATION

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Beasley Allen's qui tam cases involve various complex legal issues, such as violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, Medicare/Medicaid fraud, military contractor fraud, abuse of Title IV funds, federal grant fraud and government contracting malfeasance.

Beasley Allen specializes in qui tam litigation. For example, our firm settled a significant qui tam case against U.S. Investigations Services, Inc. (USIS), a private government contractor, for \$30 million in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The case is *United States ex rel. Blake Percival v. U.S. Investigations Services, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-527-WKW, (M.D. Ala.).

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***Beasley Allen is also a leader in complex  
class action litigation.***

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In another case, Beasley Allen represented one of six whistleblowers responsible for a \$39 million settlement in a False Claims Act case. The case, *United States, et al., ex rel. Jada Bozeman v. Daiichi-Sankyo Company*, Civil Action No. 14-cv-11606-FDS, alleged illegal kickbacks and off-label marketing against Daiichi-Sankyo Company, Ltd.

## Firm Resource Summary

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## FIRM RESOURCE SUMMARY

Beasley Allen's primary offices are located in Atlanta, Georgia; Mobile, Alabama; and Montgomery, Alabama, although our firm has attorneys and clients throughout the country. We have over one hundred attorneys nationwide and over double the amount of support staff. In addition to our litigation teams, Beasley Allen maintains a full-time information technology department and a marketing department, allowing our attorneys to present cases for our clients at hearings and trials with help from the latest technology. This keeps our firm at the forefront of multi-media and case management.

We advocate for better business practices, resulting in positive outcomes for clients and communities. This has led to significant benefits for Americans in the workplace, the automotive industry, healthcare, consumers and the use of daily products.

For more information on our cases, consumer safety topics and original interviews with our attorneys and clients, please visit our website, [BeasleyAllen.com](http://BeasleyAllen.com).



# EXHIBIT B





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## Overview

DiCello Levitt is focused on achieving justice for its clients. The firm's attorneys are respected for their ability to win cases and working tirelessly for human beings who deserve the firm's best, whether they be victims in major injury cases, decision-makers for public clients tasked with finding the best lawyers for their communities, or leaders of national and global corporations harmed by misconduct in significant commercial matters. Every day, DiCello Levitt puts its reputation—and its capital—on the line for its clients.

DiCello Levitt has achieved top recognition as *ALM* and *The National Law Journal's* 2023 **Plaintiffs Firm of the Year** and 2023 **Trial Innovation Firm of the Year**, in addition to its high-ranking *Chambers USA* and *Benchmark Litigation* ratings. The firm's individual practice areas have also received distinguished accolades, including being named *Law360's* **Cybersecurity Practice Group of the Year** for three years in a row and *The National Law Journal's* 2023 **Environmental Protection Law Firm of the Year**.

## Practice Areas

- Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Antitrust and Competition Litigation
- Civil and Human Rights Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Litigation
- Labor and Employment Litigation
- Mass Tort Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity
- Product Liability
- Public Client
- Securities and Financial Products Litigation
- Whistleblower Representation

## Landmark Moments

### **The Largest Consumer Data Breach Settlement in History**

DiCello Levitt Partner Amy Keller became the youngest woman ever appointed to lead a nationwide multidistrict litigation in the massive Equifax data breach, which exposed the sensitive personal information of nearly 150 million consumers. Notably, the settlement included a cash fund of up to \$505 million, a commitment from Equifax to invest \$1 billion in security changes, and a guarantee that Equifax would cover credit monitoring for every single class member.

*In re Equifax Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, MDL No. 2800 (N.D. Ga.)



### **One of the Most Significant Civil Rights Verdicts in History**

DiCello Levitt Partners Robert F. “Bobby” DiCello, Mark DiCello, and Justin Hawal achieved one of the most significant civil rights verdicts in history when a jury awarded Arnold Black \$50 million in a case against the City of East Cleveland—a verdict that has been affirmed by all state and federal courts. Arnold was the victim of brazen police misconduct where, after a routine traffic stop, officers detained, beat, and falsely imprisoned him in a storage locker for four days with no food or bathroom facilities.

*Black v. Hicks*, No. CV-14-826010 (Ohio C.P., Cuyahoga County.)

### **Pioneering Multidistrict Litigation Leadership**

DiCello Levitt Partner Diandra “Fu” Debrosse made U.S. legal history by being the first Black woman ever appointed co-lead of a multidistrict litigation. More impressively, she shattered that glass ceiling twice in less than a year. On May 27, 2022, Fu was appointed Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel in a products liability case against two of the world’s largest manufacturers of infant formula, Abbott Laboratories and Mead Johnson. The case stems from allegations by parents of premature infants who developed the deadly neonatal condition, necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), after being fed the defendants’ infant formula. Then, on March 2, 2023, Fu was appointed Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel in the multidistrict litigation against L’Oréal, Revlon, and other manufacturers of hair-straightening products marketed primarily to Black and Brown consumers after thousands of women nationwide contracted uterine, ovarian, and endometrial cancer from using these products. This litigation prompted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to plan regulatory rulemaking for early 2024 to ban chemical hair straighteners and relaxers.

*In re Abbott Laboratories, et al., Preterm Infant Nutrition Products Product Liability Litigation* MDL No. 3026 (N.D. Ill.); *In re Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060 (N.D. Ill.)

### **Class Action Jury Trial \$102 Million Verdict**

DiCello Levitt achieved this jury verdict for a class of consumers who suffered an excessive oil consumption defect in their General Motors SUVs and light trucks. After weeks of trial but less than one full day of jury deliberation, the jury awarded 100% of the damages the class suffered. Trial preparation included conducting months of in-house focus grouping in Northern California.

*Siqueiros, et al. v. General Motors LLC*, No. 16-cv-07244 (N.D. Cal)

### **The Most Significant Environmental Litigation of Our Time**

DiCello Levitt’s environmental litigation team is counsel for several states investigating and litigating claims of widespread pollution from a group of contaminants known as PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances). This group of ubiquitous and harmful contaminants has been used in countless applications, including well-known consumer goods such as Teflon and Scotchgard, thousands of industrial products, and certain firefighting foams (AFFF). DiCello Levitt’s litigation is aimed at compelling some of the largest chemical companies in the world to provide the financial resources necessary for the firm’s state clients to end the contamination caused by PFAS and AFFF and meaningfully protect public health, natural resources, and the environment.



## **Addressing One of the Largest Maritime Disasters in U.S. History**

DiCello Levitt has been retained by the City of Baltimore to launch legal action to address the catastrophic impact of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, one of the largest maritime disasters in U.S. history, with damages estimated at more than \$1 billion. Through this engagement, the City will take decisive action to hold accountable all entities responsible for the Key Bridge tragedy—including the owner, charterer, manager/operator, and manufacturer of the MV Dali, as well as any other potentially liable third parties—and to mitigate the immediate and long-term harm caused to Baltimore residents by the disaster.

## **The DiCello Levitt Trial Center**

At the DiCello Levitt Trial Center, the firm's elite trial lawyers combine extensive litigation experience with a science-based, multidisciplinary approach to understand, engage, and connect with jurors. By applying its proprietary system to understand jurors' decision-making processes, the Trial Center crafts the winning story.

The Trial Center leads high-stakes trials for DiCello Levitt's clients, wielding advanced strategies to gain an edge over adversaries who cling to traditional trial methods. The center also trains DiCello Levitt's lawyers to continuously improve their litigation strategies, trial preparation, and courtroom presentations.

### **Shaping the Future of Trial Science**

The DiCello Levitt Trial Center serves as a training solution for the firm's attorneys to sharpen their skills as they engage in significant and consequential litigation; as a research base for focus groups, mock trials, mediation, and arbitration; and as a platform for litigators to test their case with a science-informed method of trial preparation.

The Trial Center capitalizes on the latest research findings in linguistics, literacy, information processing, and cognitive neuroscience to interpret focus group feedback and craft compelling stories for trial. DiCello Levitt's trial lawyers have led thousands of focus groups in the past decade, including comprehensive studies exploring myriad issues that influence jurors.

### **Trial First**

The insights and strategy that DiCello Levitt has developed through the Trial Center have materially enhanced the firm's productivity and effectiveness. The firm's attorneys credit multiple landmark trial outcomes in recent years—including a \$102.6 million jury verdict in a class action trial against General Motors—to the Trial Center's research and testing of hundreds of mock jurors in those cases.

### **Powered by Nationally Recognized Trial Lawyers**

The Trial Center is helmed by Trial Team Leader Bobby DiCello and Trial Center Coordinator Ken Abbarno, who collaborate with other talented trial lawyers at DiCello Levitt. The Trial





Center's attorneys are among the nation's most sought-after trial lawyers because of their knowledge and experience with the decision-making behavior of contemporary jurors and the art of trial messaging.

DiCello Levitt has received repeated accolades for the Trial Center's innovative accomplishments and contributions to the advancement of trial science, including from *The National Law Journal* and the *New York Law Journal*.

DiCello Levitt has won more than **\$20 billion** for clients.

## Leading in Diversity

DiCello Levitt believes in embedding diversity, equity, and inclusion into the firm's culture. The firm empowers attorneys from diverse backgrounds to reach their full potential while promoting a sense of belonging. Authenticity in the workplace gives DiCello Levitt a real competitive advantage.

The firm proudly includes a diverse group of women attorneys, minority associates and partners, and LGBTQIA+ attorneys and staff. Senior attorneys train and mentor younger talent from minority backgrounds in a conscious effort to build the next generation of diverse leaders.

DiCello Levitt's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee is dedicated to creating a workplace that prioritizes hiring, retention, and promotion of diverse talent. Driving societal change by fostering an inclusive workplace engenders leadership opportunities internally at the firm and externally in litigation management.

Diandra "Fu" Debrosse, managing partner of DiCello Levitt's Birmingham office, made legal history with her appointment as the first Black woman on the plaintiffs' side to co-lead two multidistrict litigations. Fu is also a co-founder and president of the advocacy group Shades of Mass, which promotes the appointment of Black and Brown attorneys to leadership roles in mass tort and class action lawsuits. DiCello Levitt proudly supports the group.

Greg Ascioffa, managing partner of the firm's New York office, is a leader for the LGBTQIA+ community in the legal profession, serving as vice chair of the American Bar Association Antitrust Law Section's Diversity Advanced Committee. In addition to co-chairing the firm's DEI Committee, Greg was selected to *Crain's New York Business'* 2023 list of Notable



LGBTQIA+ Leaders and appointed to *Law360*'s 2023 Diversity & Inclusion Editorial Advisory Board.

Other notable attorneys in the firm exemplify DiCello Levitt's commitment through their active involvement in various advocacy groups and committees. Partner David Straite serves on the LGBTQ Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association. In 2023, David Straite, Amy Keller, Greg Asciolla, Eli Hare, and Grant Patterson represented five LGBTQ+ students as pro bono amicus curiae to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in a case addressing whether private religious universities may discriminate against LGBTQ+ student organizations. Their dedication, both within and outside the firm, underscores DiCello Levitt's belief that authentic DEI efforts strengthen the professional community and propel us toward a future where diversity is not just celebrated but integral to the pursuit of justice.

## DL Cares

In 2021, DiCello Levitt launched DL Cares, a charitable foundation dedicated to providing increased access to justice in the United States and around the world. DL Cares partners with nonprofits focused on increasing the availability of legal services to underserved communities through meaningful financial contributions and educational efforts.

DL Cares' first partner is Justice Defenders, a nonprofit organization that provides legal education programs to prisoners in Kenya and Uganda to create greater access to justice in their communities. DL Cares pledged a substantial, multiyear commitment to facilitate and enhance Justice Defenders' vital efforts.

## Practice Areas

### Agriculture and Biotechnology Litigation

Leveraging its deep knowledge of agricultural biotechnology and complex litigation, DiCello Levitt has built an impressive track record of successfully representing plaintiffs in nationwide commercial and class action lawsuits against large corporate conglomerates. The firm has led several of the largest biotechnology class actions in U.S. history, recovering billions of dollars in compensation for damage inflicted and to cover the effects of future damage. While securing landmark settlements on behalf of its clients, DiCello Levitt has pioneered legal strategies in the agriculture and biotechnology space, including a game-changing model to measure crop contamination damages, that has since become the modern industry standard.



## Representative Matters

### ***In re Genetically Modified Rice Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys achieved aggregate settlements exceeding \$1.1 billion for all U.S. long-grain rice farmers as Co-Lead Counsel in the biotechnology multidistrict litigation against Bayer Crop Science for its contamination of the U.S. rice supply with unapproved, genetically modified rice seed traits.

### ***In re StarLink Corn Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys obtained a record \$110 million nationwide settlement for all U.S. corn farmers as Co-Lead Counsel in the biotechnology multidistrict litigation against Aventis CropScience and Garst Seed Company for their contamination of the U.S. corn supply with genetically modified seed traits. The plaintiffs' leadership team devised an innovative damages model that is now used in every crop contamination case.

### ***In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys reached a nearly \$600 million settlement for homeowners, golf course operators, and other property owners as Co-Lead Counsel in this nationwide class action lawsuit against DuPont, alleging its turf herbicide, Imprelis, killed millions of trees and other nontargeted vegetation and that DuPont knew or should have known its dangers.

## Antitrust and Competition Litigation

DiCello Levitt's Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice Group continuously leads the most significant private antitrust litigations in the country and has done so over the last several decades. DiCello Levitt's antitrust attorneys are nationally recognized for successes in challenging global anticompetitive conduct with their singular focus on getting businesses and consumers economic justice by righting the anticompetitive wrongs in the marketplace. The practice's sophisticated client base includes small businesses, large corporations, public pension funds, health and welfare funds, municipalities and related quasi-government agencies, and individual consumers. DiCello Levitt's antitrust lawyers pursue class, competitor, and individual (opt-out) claims involving all types of anticompetitive conduct, including price-fixing and market allocation conspiracies among competitors and monopolization of markets by industry giants.

DiCello Levitt's Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice Group has repeatedly garnered national and international recognition, including Band 1 top honors from *Chambers USA*.

## Representative Matters

### ***Fusion Elite All Stars v. Varsity Brands LLC***

DiCello Levitt served as Co-Lead Counsel and obtained a \$43.5 settlement with Varsity Brands, other Varsity entities, and the U.S. All Star Federation (USASF) to resolve an antitrust class action over Varsity's monopolization of the All Star Cheer events market. In addition to





the cash payments, Varsity consented to significant relief aimed at curbing and unwinding its anticompetitive behavior.

### ***In re European Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation***

DiCello Levitt serves as Co-Lead Counsel, alleging several global financial institutions manipulated the price of European government bonds issued by sovereign European governments. To date, DiCello Levitt has achieved settlements with multiple defendants—including JP Morgan, Natixis, UniCredit, and State Street—securing \$40 million and significant cooperation with the class while DiCello Levitt continues to litigate against the remaining defendants.

### ***In re Novartis and Par Antitrust Litigation***

DiCello Levitt served as Lead Counsel for end-payors and secured a \$30 million settlement alleging that a brand and generic drug manufacturer entered into an anticompetitive pay-for-delay agreement for the antihypertensive drug Exforge.

### ***In re Opana ER Antitrust Litigation***

DiCello Levitt served as Co-Lead Counsel for end-payors and secured a \$15 million settlement midtrial, alleging that certain brand and generic drug manufacturers entered into an anticompetitive pay-for-delay agreement for the pain reliever Opana ER.

## **Civil and Human Rights Litigation**

DiCello Levitt is recognized nationally as a leader in the field of civil and human rights litigation. The Civil and Human Rights Litigation Practice Group represents people who have suffered racial, gender, and religious discrimination, police misconduct and brutality, sexual harassment and assault, human trafficking, and other violations of individuals' civil rights. DiCello Levitt's visionary advocates have litigated—and won—some of the most significant civil rights cases in modern history, including the landmark trial in *Black v. Hicks*, a case of shocking police brutality and corruption that resulted in one of the largest civil rights verdicts for a single person in American history. The firm's civil rights attorneys are dedicated to achieving justice for those whose rights have been violated, and they have the experience and expertise to take on the powerful individuals, corporations, and governmental institutions who violate those rights.

In recognition of the firm's outstanding work in high-stakes civil rights litigation, DiCello Levitt was named a finalist in *The National Law Journal's* 2023 Elite Trial Lawyers Awards in the civil rights category, and several of the firm's attorneys were awarded Public Justice's prestigious Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2021 for their successful prosecution and trial in the *Black v. Hicks* case.





## Representative Matters

### ***Jane Does 1-57 v. Peter Nygard***

DiCello Levitt represents victims of the largest individual international sex trafficking lawsuit in U.S. history, which alleges that Peter Nygard, the Nygard Companies, and his employees committed a decades-long conspiracy to rape, sexually assault, and traffic hundreds of women and girls. Due in large part to the efforts of DiCello Levitt, Peter Nygard has since been convicted in a criminal court of multiple sex crimes.

### ***Marquette Williams v. City of Canton, et al.***

DiCello Levitt represents James Williams in a civil suit against the City of Canton, Ohio, after one of its police officers shot and killed Williams, a 46-year-old Black man, through a wooden fence without warning. The lawsuit claims the city failed to properly train its officers and has an unwritten policy of “shoot first and ask questions later.”

### ***Rolle, et al. v. City of Orlando, et al.***

DiCello Levitt represents the family of Kaia Rolle, who, at just six years old, was arrested and restrained by police after administrators at her elementary school reported her to authorities. In addition to seeking damages for this traumatizing event, the family is seeking to change Florida’s laws so that children of Kaia’s age and older will no longer have to suffer similar trauma.

### ***Jada Walker, et al. v. City of Akron***

DiCello Levitt successfully represented the family of Jayland Walker in a lawsuit alleging excessive force and unconstitutional police practices against the City of Akron, Ohio, and the eight police officers who brutally shot and killed the unarmed 25-year-old in a hail of more than 90 bullets.

## Class Action Litigation

DiCello Levitt’s Class Action Litigation Practice Group leads some of the largest class actions in the U.S. and consistently delivers innovative and meaningful results for class members. The practice group has recovered billions of dollars in damages for injured class members and clients harmed by corporate entities and executives from many of the world’s most powerful corporations in a wide range of industries, including automotive manufacturers, technology companies, financial institutions, and pharmaceutical corporations.

DiCello Levitt’s attorneys have decades of experience in class actions involving product liability, antitrust, securities and financial services, environmental law, biotechnology, privacy and cybersecurity, and public clients. They have achieved landmark recoveries for classes harmed by defective products, unfair competition, faulty pharmaceuticals and medical devices, data and security breaches, and other instances of corporate misconduct. The firm’s attorneys are frequently named lead or co-lead counsel in large, consequential



multidistrict litigations, and they have repeatedly triumphed at the appellate level, including in high-profile appeals that have created new laws and are often cited as precedent.

DiCello Levitt has been honored by the leading industry rankings organizations for its success in class action litigation. In 2021, *Benchmark Litigation* named DiCello Levitt a top plaintiffs' firm nationwide—one of only 12 firms to be recognized—and the firm has received the top honor every year since. *Chambers USA* has repeatedly ranked the firm among the leading plaintiffs' litigation firms nationwide and for its outstanding work in antitrust litigation, and *The Legal 500* has ranked DiCello Levitt for its achievements in product liability, mass tort, and class action litigation.

## **Representative Matters**

### ***In re Fairlife Milk Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***

DiCello Levitt secured a \$21 million settlement in a consumer case against Coca-Cola, Fairlife, and other defendants associated with the Fairlife milk brand for deceptive labeling and marketing of certain dairy products produced using milk from cows that were allegedly treated inhumanely. The settlement—one the highest animal welfare labeling practices settlements ever—also creates an accountability program to ensure that the defendants treat their dairy cows humanely moving forward.

### ***Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. Bank of America Corp.***

DiCello Levitt attorneys served as Class Counsel and secured \$504.5 million in settlements from major dealer banks to resolve claims alleging a conspiracy to manipulate ISDAFIX, a key benchmark for valuing various interest rate derivatives.

### **NCUA Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Actions**

DiCello Levitt attorneys served as Lead Counsel in more than a dozen high-profile securities actions that the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) brought against international investment banks for alleged misrepresentations made to investors in connection with subprime-backed residential mortgage securities. Those actions were resolved through settlements totaling more than \$4.5 billion.

### ***In re Navistar MaxxForce Litigation***

DiCello Levitt secured a \$135 million settlement—a landmark result in the trucking industry—as Co-Lead Counsel for a class of truck owners and lessees in this multidistrict class action lawsuit alleging that Navistar's model year 2011–2014 vehicles were equipped with defective MaxxForce diesel engines.



## Commercial Litigation

DiCello Levitt's Commercial Litigation Practice Group has won billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for clients in commercial disputes. With a focus on bet-the-company and high-stakes litigation, DiCello Levitt's commercial litigators represent clients affected by commodities traders' market manipulation and price fixing by corporate executives, corporate ownership disputes, breaches of contract, and tortious interference claims, as well as a myriad of litigation stemming from a range of conduct leading to economic damages. The firm's driving objective is winning, measured not only by monetary compensation but also in the broad context of clients' overarching business goals. The firm works with clients to map out a successful strategy based on damages, market positioning, public relations considerations, and long-term profit and loss outlook. Leveraging the same innovative approach applied in court, the Commercial Litigation Practice Group collaborates with clients to obtain the best possible results for their businesses.

### **Representative Matters**

#### **Ownership Dispute Among the Principals of Ivani LLC**

DiCello Levitt represented three of the four owners of a technology company who were denied their contractual ownership and management rights. The key owners are now able to advance the progress of their burgeoning technology company.

#### ***Green Plains Trade Group v. Archer Daniels Midland Company***

DiCello Levitt represents one of the largest ethanol producers in the world against Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) for illegally scheming to manipulate the U.S. ethanol market as both a seller and a trader of the same commodity. The scheme made it appear as though there was an oversupply of ethanol in the markets, and ADM's commodities traders allegedly acquired large financial derivative contracts that increased in value as the price of ethanol plummeted. DiCello Levitt's client retained the firm to vindicate their rights and recover their losses stemming from ADM's conduct.

#### ***SitNet LLC v. Meta Platforms Inc.***

DiCello Levitt represents a patent holder who brought an action against Facebook's parent company, Meta Platforms Inc., alleging that Facebook knowingly infringed the plaintiff's patents for technology relating to situational networking, a critical component of targeted advertising.

#### ***Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA v. The Boeing Company***

DiCello Levitt represented Norwegian Airlines in prosecuting economic loss and equitable claims exceeding \$1 billion against The Boeing Company and Boeing Commercial Services Europe Limited in an action arising from Boeing's gross negligence, fraud, and breach of contract relating to Boeing's 737 MAX and 787 Dreamliner aircraft. The firm's attorneys secured a confidential settlement in this matter.



## Environmental Litigation

DiCello Levitt's Environmental Litigation Practice Group is recognized among the best in the United States for successfully representing people, businesses, and communities, as well as state and local governments, in lawsuits against some of the largest companies in the world for polluting the environment and endangering human health. DiCello Levitt is frequently chosen by state and local governments to lead groundbreaking environmental contamination cases and is committed to helping people who have suffered exposure to harmful pollution, whether from an acute, catastrophic event or through years of continuous air, water, and soil contamination in their towns and neighborhoods. Known for their efficiency and effectiveness in navigating the complexities of environmental, health, and safety regulations, DiCello Levitt's attorneys help environmentally conscious corporate clients protect the environment through compliance with federal laws. The firm also guides businesses in the development of safety and health programs and assists companies with air, water, and waste permitting applications.

DiCello Levitt was named *The National Law Journal's* 2023 **Environmental Protection Law Firm of the Year**.

### **Representative Matters**

#### **PFAS Litigation as Special Assistant Attorneys General**

DiCello Levitt has been retained by State Attorneys General to assist their states in multibillion-dollar fights against the manufacturers of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) for contaminating the states' air, water, and soil. The amount of contamination at issue makes these matters among the largest environmental pollution cases in U.S. history. DiCello Levitt was selected after a highly competitive process involving, at least in one state, 15 competing proposals submitted by law firms across the country.

#### **Chemtool Fire Class Action Litigation**

DiCello Levitt serves as Co-Lead Counsel in the Rockton, Illinois, community's class action against Chemtool Incorporated following a massive fire that burned for days at Chemtool's chemical plant in Rockton. The catastrophic event required the evacuation of the surrounding community and contaminated properties for miles around the plant.

#### **Union, Illinois, Toxic Exposure Cases**

DiCello Levitt represents more than a dozen residents and former residents of Union, Illinois, who have been diagnosed with devastating illnesses after being exposed to carcinogenic chlorinated solvents dumped into the village's environment by nearby factories for decades.

#### **Climate Change and Deception Litigation**

DiCello Levitt represents multiple cities and counties in lawsuits against major oil companies and their industry trade association, the American Petroleum Institute, alleging that these

industry giants promoted and profited from deceptive campaigns to discredit climate science and mislead the public about the role their products play in driving climate change. DiCello Levitt seeks to hold these companies financially accountable for the damage caused by climate change.

## Labor and Employment Litigation

DiCello Levitt's Labor and Employment Litigation Practice Group represents people harmed by the discriminatory and illegal actions of their employers. The firm investigates, litigates, and exposes systemic workplace abuses, holds companies responsible, and ensures fair practices in recruitment, hiring, promotion, and pay. DiCello Levitt's labor and employment litigators fight for employees who experience discrimination in the workplace based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion. They assist women who are denied pay equal to their male peers; pregnant women who are terminated or passed over for promotions; and workers subjected to hostile workplaces, sexual harassment, and disparate treatment. The practice group's extensive experience enables DiCello Levitt to successfully challenge arbitration agreements, noncompete agreements, and other employment contracts and to enforce workers' rights under collective bargaining agreements.

DiCello Levitt understands the risks workers face when they speak out against their employers and knows how to safeguard against retaliation. Not only do the attorneys at DiCello Levitt protect employees' positions and recover compensation for their losses, but they also fight to change the policies and practices that allow labor abuses to take place while ensuring that similar behavior does not occur in the future.

### **Representative Matters**

#### ***Angela Betancourt v. Rivian Automotive LLC***

DiCello Levitt serves as Co-Lead Counsel in a gender discrimination class action case against Rivian, a major automotive manufacturer, for allegedly permitting and fostering a hostile work environment in its Illinois facility, where women employees are subjected to pervasive sexual harassment and complaints of such harassment are routinely ignored.

#### ***Waggoner, et al. v. VSE Corp., et al.***

DiCello Levitt negotiated a seven-figure settlement on behalf of a certified collective of unionized workers based on federal contractors' failure to properly pay the firm's clients during rest breaks while working at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

### **Correctional Officers Wage and Hour Litigation**

DiCello Levitt represents state employees in Wisconsin and North Carolina, part of a certified class and collective, for the states' failure to pay wages for work performed before and after the start of their scheduled shifts.



### **Confidential Individual Settlement**

DiCello Levitt negotiated a favorable settlement for a woman who was terminated in the hospitality industry after disclosing to the company that she was pregnant.

### **Confidential Group Settlements**

DiCello Levitt has achieved numerous multimillion-dollar settlements on behalf of groups of employees and former employees of large companies, international corporations, educational institutions, and other entities who courageously stood up to racial, gender, and other forms of discrimination in all aspects of the employment relationship, from hiring to compensation, promotion, layoff, and termination.

### **Mass Tort Litigation**

DiCello Levitt's nationally recognized and award-winning attorneys leverage their extensive experience to represent plaintiffs in mass torts involving faulty medical devices, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and other illegal practices by defendants in the automotive and biotechnology sectors, among others. DiCello Levitt's Mass Tort Litigation Practice Group also leads cases seeking remediation and financial reparation from global companies responsible for environmental pollution, contamination, and endangering human health. Representing individuals, businesses and investors, municipalities, and State Attorneys General, DiCello Levitt's attorneys have recovered billions of dollars for clients across the United States and effected corporate and legislative changes that protect the safety of all consumers.

DiCello Levitt has received national acclaim for its successful leadership and resolution of mass injury cases and has consistently led the charge on some of the largest such cases in U.S. history, repeatedly getting appointed to leadership positions—including groundbreaking appointments to some of the most diverse plaintiffs' teams ever—by federal judges across the country.

### **Representative Matters**

#### ***In re Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt serves as Co-Lead Counsel representing thousands of women who have developed uterine, ovarian, and endometrial cancer from using chemical hair relaxers manufactured by L'Oréal, Revlon, and other hair relaxer manufacturers. DiCello Levitt's attorneys filed the first hair relaxer lawsuit and continue to be a leading force in this significant litigation.

#### ***Camp Lejeune Water Litigation v. United States of America***

DiCello Levitt represents thousands of military members and their families who suffered catastrophic injuries and death from the toxic water supply at Camp Lejeune.



***In re Paraquat Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee of the multidistrict litigation on behalf of thousands of farmers and other licensed applicators—who developed Parkinson's disease from using the herbicide paraquat—against defendant manufacturers Chevron and Syngenta.

***Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists (Glp-1 Ras) Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt serves on the Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee of the multidistrict litigation against drugmakers Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly, pursuing damages arising from the severe health risks allegedly caused by Ozempic and similar drugs, including intestinal obstruction, gastroparesis, and other acute gastrointestinal injuries.

***In re Tepezza Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt serves on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in the multidistrict litigation against Horizon Therapeutics and represents thousands of plaintiffs who suffered hearing impairment, including complete hearing loss, after taking the prescription drug Tepezza.

***In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt represents thousands of young plaintiffs who have suffered acute injuries because of the defendants' wrongful actions in purposely creating and marketing addictive and defective social media applications. The plaintiffs seek damages against Meta, Snap, ByteDance, and Google.

***In re Baby Food Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt represents thousands of children harmed by the defendants' baby food products that were found in a U.S. government investigation to be highly contaminated with heavy metal toxins, including arsenic, lead, cadmium, and mercury. The plaintiffs seek damages against baby food manufacturers and distributors Walmart Inc., Gerber Products Co., and four other defendants, alleging that their products are contaminated with toxic metals, causing infants to develop autism spectrum disorder and other severe health conditions.

**Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity**

DiCello Levitt's Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity Practice Group includes award-winning attorneys and skilled technologists who routinely represent consumers and public clients against some of the largest corporations in the world. DiCello Levitt represents people and businesses affected by major data breaches and wrongful use of their private information. The firm's attorneys have played leading roles in some of the largest data breach, privacy, and technology settlements in the United States, winning significant motions and creating new legal theories and damages models that have been cited in numerous cases across the country.



A first-of-its-kind group with both a dedicated data breach section and privacy section, DiCello Levitt's Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity Practice Group has been named *The National Law Journal's* Practice Group of the Year and is the only law firm to be recognized by *Law360* for three consecutive years as Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Practice Group of the Year.

## **Representative Matters**

### ***In re Facebook Internet Tracking Litigation***

DiCello Levitt achieved a substantial settlement on behalf of a class of consumers against Facebook, alleging that Facebook inappropriately collected user data even after users logged out of their accounts. The landmark case established the new precedent that personal information has financial value, and the first-of-its-kind nationwide injunction requiring deletion of the at-issue data was hailed by the press as a "watershed moment" in data privacy.

### ***In re Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litigation***

DiCello Levitt represents a class of consumers as an Executive Committee member against Google for breaching its contractual promise not to sell users' personal information by rebroadcasting data during real-time bidding auctions, exposing the data to potential ad buyers and participants surveilling the auctions with no intent to purchase ads.

### ***In re Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation***

DiCello Levitt represents a class of hundreds of millions of consumers as Co-Lead Counsel against Marriott for a data breach that exposed sensitive personal information and for failing to notify the victims in a timely manner. The district court's rulings in favor of the classes are routinely cited in cybersecurity cases.

### ***Calhoun v. Google***

DiCello Levitt is co-leading a data privacy action brought by Google Chrome users whose Personally Identifiable Information (PII) was collected without their consent while not "synched" with a Google account, in violation of contractual privacy promises. In August 2024, in a landmark opinion, a unanimous panel of the Ninth Circuit rejected Google's "consent" defenses and remanded it to the district court for trial, pending class certification. For this victory, the team was recognized as *Law360's* "Legal Lions of the Week."

## **Product Liability**

When corporations choose their profits over the safety of their customers and the public, DiCello Levitt will act. The firm's product liability attorneys rely on a scientific approach and decades of trial experience to achieve justice for its clients. DiCello Levitt represents individuals, businesses, State Attorneys General, municipalities, and other public clients in individual lawsuits, mass torts, and class actions. Taking on industry goliaths like Abbott, Syngenta, Volkswagen, General Motors, Apple, and Intel, DiCello Levitt has secured more than \$20 billion in verdicts and settlements for clients in some of the most significant and





well-known product liability cases in the country. The firm's attorneys have successfully wielded their skills on behalf of injured parties in cases involving faulty medical devices, automotive and airplane defects, and other dangerous and defective products. By aggressively pursuing and rooting out corporate malfeasance, DiCello Levitt creates positive and lasting social change—in addition to winning compensation for those already injured.

## **Representative Matters**

### ***In re General Motors LLC Ignition Switch Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys achieved a \$121.1 million settlement as a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and as Settlement Allocation Counsel for the nationwide class of vehicle owners against General Motors for damages from the defective ignition switches installed in its vehicles.

### ***Simerlein, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.***

DiCello Levitt obtained a \$40 million nationwide settlement for owners and lessees of 2011-2018 Toyota Sienna minivans with malfunctioning power sliding doors. The firm's attorneys worked with Toyota to create a program to provide needed service and reimburse out-of-pocket repairs for the power sliding doors.

### ***In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys served as counsel on a case that ended in a \$17 billion recovery against Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche for defrauding consumers who believed they were buying vehicles with "clean diesel" engines. Leadership in the case was referred to as the "class action dream team."

### ***Palmieri v. Intervet Inc. d/b/a Merck Animal Health***

DiCello Levitt represents a class of plaintiffs against Merck Animal Health for failing to adequately warn pet owners that its flea and tick medication can cause neurological side effects such as seizures.

## **Public Client**

When corporations harm the public interest through deceptive, dishonest, or dangerous business practices, DiCello Levitt assists state and local governments in recovering the public's damages, penalizing corporate wrongdoing, and enjoining future harm. DiCello Levitt's Public Client Practice Group has worked alongside government attorneys and investigators in numerous high-profile cases and has a deep understanding of the public client perspective. When DiCello Levitt works with public clients, the firm maintains an unwavering focus on what is best for them today, tomorrow, and years into the future. DiCello Levitt's attorneys approach their work as a joint venture, where they provide support through active, ongoing collaboration while drawing on their own significant legal, scientific,

and technological resources to aggressively pursue justice and bring about meaningful social change.

### Representative Matters

#### ***State of New Mexico, ex rel. Hector H. Balderas v. Volkswagen Group of America***

DiCello Levitt represented the State of New Mexico against Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche in litigation arising from the automakers' sale of vehicles with "defeat devices" that the manufacturers installed to evade emissions standards. DiCello Levitt achieved a settlement per vehicle that far exceeded the damages any other state received in related litigation.

#### ***State of New Mexico v. Takata Corporation, et al.***

DiCello Levitt obtained more than \$25 million on behalf of the State of New Mexico against Honda, Ford, and other automobile companies for the marketing and sale of vehicles with Takata airbag inflators susceptible to rupture and capable of causing death and severe injury.

#### ***State of New Mexico, ex rel. Hector H. Balderas v. Solvay Pharmaceuticals, et al.***

DiCello Levitt secured a \$24 million settlement on behalf of the State of New Mexico in an action relating to the deceptive marketing of a testosterone therapy supplement as a "cure" for aging men.

### **PFAS Litigation on Behalf of the States of Michigan and Illinois**

The States of Michigan and Illinois retained DiCello Levitt in their multibillion-dollar fights against the manufacturers of the "forever chemicals" known as PFAS for contaminating the states' air, water, and soil. The amount of contamination at issue makes these matters among the largest environmental pollution cases in U.S. history.

### **Securities and Financial Products Litigation**

DiCello Levitt's Securities and Financial Products Litigation Practice Group has worked on—and won—some of the highest-profile securities actions ever filed, including cases against Enron, AOL/Time Warner, BP, Pfizer, Petrobras, Valeant and Volkswagen, as well as the \$1 billion securities class action against Merck & Co. Inc. over alleged misrepresentations about the safety of its drug Vioxx. Many of DiCello Levitt's attorneys have worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuting financial crimes such as those arising from the residential mortgage-backed securities crisis. Collaborating with a team of e-discovery specialists, investigators, and forensic accountants with federal and state law enforcement experience, the Securities and Financial Products Litigation Practice Group is quick to grasp complex structured finance issues, from mortgage-backed and asset-backed collateralized debt obligations to credit-default swaps and credit-linked notes. When DiCello Levitt suspects financial misconduct, the firm secures serious recoveries for its clients.



DiCello Levitt was named one of the 2023 **Top Boutiques** by the *Daily Journal* in recognition of its leadership in “huge and international” securities litigation matters and legal excellence in the state of California.

## Representative Matters

### ***United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, et al. v. Syneos Health Inc., et al.***

DiCello Levitt serves as Lead Counsel in a national securities class action against Syneos Health Inc. and its former executives. The lawsuit alleges that Syneos made misleading statements about the collapse of its new business and nearly \$3 billion in uncollectable receivables and, as a result, defrauded purchasers of Syneos common stock.

## Milestone Cases

### ***In re Enron Corporation Securities Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys were among the more than 70 attorneys who led this historic action that obtained a \$7.2 billion recovery—the largest securities class action recovery in history—for investors, primarily from Wall Street’s largest banks and the company’s auditor, Arthur Andersen.

### ***AOL Time Warner Individual Actions***

DiCello Levitt attorneys devised a creative and unique strategy to pursue an institutional investor group action to recover losses resulting from the disastrous merger of AOL and Time Warner. The group action for dozens of institutional investors, including state and local pension funds and multi-employer funds, was ultimately successful in recovering \$629 million for investors.

### ***Merck & Co. Inc. Securities, Derivative & “ERISA” Litigation***

DiCello Levitt attorneys were integral members of the Co-Lead Counsel team that secured a unanimous decision from the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of shareholders with respect to the statute of limitations for securities fraud claims and that ultimately secured a settlement for more than \$1 billion on behalf of the lead plaintiffs, including the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi, and the class.

### ***In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation***

DiCello Levitt Founding Partner Adam Levitt served on the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee, recovering more than \$500 million for shareholders.

### ***In re Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. Securities Litigation***

A DiCello Levitt attorney was an integral member of the Lead Counsel team that obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement for defrauded Valeant investors, the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer.





## Whistleblower Representation

DiCello Levitt's Whistleblower Representation Practice Group represents whistleblowers across the United States and around the globe in pursuing whistleblower actions and securing awards for their role in recovering monies wrongly obtained. DiCello Levitt's attorneys bring a wealth of knowledge from their deep experience as prosecutors at the U.S. Department of Justice and other government agencies, as well as their prior work in private practice. Through its vigorous advocacy, which includes the use of analytics, comprehensive investigations, and extensive legal analysis, DiCello Levitt has successfully collaborated with the government to litigate significant whistleblower actions. With a notable track record of success on behalf of its clients, DiCello Levitt has pursued private litigation across a wide range of industries, including residential mortgage-backed securities, life sciences and medical devices, industrial manufacturing, and government procurement.

DiCello Levitt's whistleblower advocates have extensive experience representing whistleblowers in bringing claims under the federal False Claims Act and its state and local analogues, as well as various agency whistleblower programs. DiCello Levitt also represents consumers, fraud victims, whistleblowers, and government agencies against pharmaceutical companies for fraud, waste, abuse, and deceptive practices in the manufacture, marketing, and sale of drugs and devices.

### **Representative Matters**

#### ***United States of America ex rel. Gill et al. v. CVS Health Corp., et al.***

DiCello Levitt serves as Co-Counsel in representing whistleblower Michael Gill in his partially intervened lawsuit against CVS Health Corporation and its subsidiaries. Mr. Gill alleges that CVS violated the federal and state False Claims Act by fraudulently billing for and improperly retaining payments on various drug products and healthcare services.

#### **Municipal Bond Rate Rigging Cases**

DiCello Levitt represents whistleblower Edelweiss Fund LLC in a set of related lawsuits brought under state false claims acts against some of the largest banks in the nation for allegedly colluding to set inflated interest rates on municipal bonds. The first of these lawsuits, *Illinois ex rel. Edelweiss v. JP Morgan Chase, et al.*, was settled in 2023 for \$70 million.

#### ***State of Illinois ex rel. Kenny Gilman v. Fieldturf USA Inc.***

DiCello Levitt obtained a substantial settlement during the second week of a jury trial on behalf of whistleblowers in a *qui tam* action over defective athletic fields sold and installed in Illinois.

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## Awards and Recognition

### **Chambers USA**

Band 1:

Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, Illinois; Antitrust: Mainly Plaintiff, New York (2021-2024)

Ranked:

Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs, Alabama; Antitrust: Plaintiff, Nationwide; Product Liability: Plaintiffs, Nationwide (2022-2024)

Attorneys recognized: Adam Levitt, Greg Asciolla, Diandra "Fu" Debrosse, and Amy Keller

### **Benchmark Litigation**

Plaintiff Firm of the Year Finalist (2024)

Highly Recommended Firm: Top Plaintiffs (2021-2024)

Ranked: Competition/Antitrust (2023)

Attorneys recognized: Mark DiCello, Adam Levitt, Greg Asciolla, Diandra "Fu" Debrosse, Greg Gutzler, Amy Keller, and Corban Rhodes

### **Law360**

Cybersecurity and Privacy Practice Group of the Year (2020-2022)

Class Action Practice Group of the Year (2020)

Competition/Antitrust MVP: Greg Asciolla (2023)

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy MVP: David Straite (2022)

### **Lawdragon**

500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers: Mark DiCello, Adam Levitt, Ken Abbarno, Diandra "Fu" Debrosse, Bobby DiCello, and Amy Keller

500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers: Adam Levitt, Greg Asciolla, Patrick Daniels, Greg Gutzler, and David Straite



## The Legal 500

Ranked: Product Liability, Mass Tort and Class Action – Plaintiff; Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiff (2022 and 2024); Securities Litigation: Plaintiff (2024)  
Attorneys recognized: Greg Asciolla, Amy Keller, and Jonathan Crevier

## The National Law Journal

Elite Trial Lawyers Civil Rights Winner (2024)

Elite Trial Lawyers Plaintiffs Firm of the Year (2023)

Practice areas of the year: Trial Strategy Innovation, Privacy/Data Breach, and Environmental Protection (2023)

Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar: Diandra “Fu” Debrosse (2023)

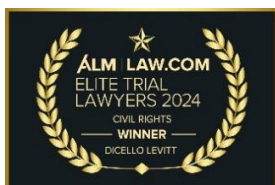
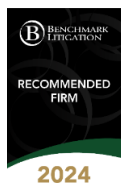
Elite Trial Lawyers: Justin Hawal and Amy Keller (2021)

Trailblazers: Mark DiCello (2020), Adam Levitt (2020), Ken Abbarno (2021), Diandra “Fu” Debrosse (2022), Greg Gutzler (2021), and David Straite (2022)

## The New York Law Journal

New York Legal Awards Innovation Winner (2023)

Distinguished Leader Award: Greg Asciolla (2023)



## Members of the Firm

DiCello Levitt’s attorneys are litigators and trial lawyers who have tried cases to verdict—successfully—across the spectrum of complex commercial litigation, financial fraud and securities litigation, public client litigation, class actions, defective drug and device cases, catastrophic injuries, and other areas of law.



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After 20 years of jury trials and serving in lead roles in some of the largest personal injury cases in Ohio and around the country, Mark DiCello co-founded DiCello Levitt to create a first-of-its-kind firm that brought together top talent in the most important areas of complex litigation.

Beginning his career as an Assistant County Prosecutor, Mark honed his trial skills, streamlining and simplifying issues presented to juries. After representing the state in criminal matters, Mark wanted to turn his attention to ensuring that victims were represented in other ways: via the private civil justice system.

Mark's clients range from individuals suffering catastrophic personal injuries to groups of plaintiffs harmed by medical devices, pharmaceutical products, chemicals, automobiles, and more. He has led headline-grabbing mass tort and product liability cases and co-led massive multidistrict litigations. Mark has been recognized by a number of different organizations, including being ranked by Super Lawyers and receiving the Crisis Management Trailblazer and Elite Boutique Trailblazer awards from *The National Law Journal*. *Lawdragon* has recognized Mark as one of the 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers, and *Benchmark Litigation* recognizes Mark as a Litigation Star in Product Liability and Personal Injury. Mark is also rated an "AV" Preeminent Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell and is a member of The Summit Council, a national group of noted trial lawyers with several multi-million-dollar jury verdicts.

Understanding that technology often evolves at a faster pace than the law, Mark frequently teaches other lawyers about how to best use new tools in discovery to counter some of the most sophisticated arguments presented by Big Tech defendants. For example, Mark is a frequent lecturer on using trial science to reach jurors, modeling damages for large-scale litigation, and leveraging technology to develop discovery in some of the most difficult, scorched-earth litigation. By developing cutting-edge techniques to represent those individuals hurt by large corporations, Mark presents their stories after a vigorous focus-group and mock-trial process, in coordination with the DiCello Levitt Trial Center.

Mark presently represents thousands of individual service members and their families who were injured at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune by exposure to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. Leading the charge to hold the government accountable for his clients' catastrophic injuries and losses, Mark employs his decades of experience in leading mass torts and complex litigation to achieve justice for those willing to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Mark continues to lead with vision and, together with co-founder Adam Levitt, has built a diverse and fearless team of lawyers focused on some of the most important litigation of our time.



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Adam Levitt is one of the nation's leading advocates for plaintiffs in complex, multidistrict, class action, public client, mass tort, and commercial litigation. Drawing on his extensive experience pursuing and obtaining justice for those who have been wronged by powerful defendants, he co-founded DiCello Levitt to create a top-tier complex issues and trial firm founded on excellence, trust, and respect.

In his decades-long career, Adam has scored numerous significant and precedent-setting victories, delivering more than \$20 billion in recoveries to clients in biotechnology, financial services, securities, insurance coverage, consumer protection, automotive defects, agricultural products, and antitrust disputes. He has been appointed to leadership positions in many historic and headline-grabbing litigations, including three of the largest biotechnology class actions in U.S. history, where he served as co-lead counsel, helped recover more than \$1.7 billion on behalf of plaintiffs, and created a crop contamination damages model that set the modern industry standard. He was also retained by multiple State Attorneys General to hold some of the world's largest chemical companies accountable for widespread environmental contamination from their "forever chemicals" known as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and was retained by the City of Baltimore to address the catastrophic impact of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, one of the largest maritime disasters in U.S. history. Additionally, as part of a leadership group characterized as a "class action dream team," Adam helped secure a \$16 billion settlement in litigation arising from Volkswagen's emissions scandal, and, in a rare class action trial, he and his fellow co-lead counsel secured a milestone \$102.6 million jury verdict against General Motors for hiding engine defects from consumers.

Adam is also a leader in the legal profession and a frequent speaker on multidistrict litigation, consumer protection, automotive litigation, biotechnology, corporate governance, securities litigation, and internet privacy. Nationally recognized as an authority on class action litigation, Adam writes a monthly class action column in *The National Law Journal*, has testified before the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee on class action practice, and chairs an annual class action litigation conference in Chicago.

As a founding partner of DiCello Levitt, Adam has cultivated a diverse roster of skilled litigators to advance the cause of justice for individuals, businesses, and public clients through class action, business-to-business, whistleblower, personal injury, civil rights, and mass tort litigation. With a long history of working with public clients, Adam and his partners understand the wants and needs of government officials and their teams, and, as experts in trial practice and jury persuasion, they consistently achieve best-in-class results for their clients.

Adam's own groundbreaking work on behalf of plaintiffs has been recognized locally and nationally in prestigious ranking directories and publications, including *Chambers USA*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *The National Law Journal*, *Crain's Chicago Business*, and *Lawdragon*.





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Toxic exposure to chemicals goes hand in hand with truck crash cases. Ken Abbarno saw that early in his career. More than 20 years ago, Ken found himself called to the scene of a major truck crash. As a young lawyer, he witnessed what really happens in the aftermath of that kind of tragedy. He saw how truck companies protect their drivers. He saw a small police department struggle with securing a crime scene and preserving evidence. He saw how people in cars don't stand a chance when a truck driver loses control. And he saw the impact that a spilled tanker can have on the environment and how toxic exposure can change lives in a matter of minutes. That experience shaped the rest of his professional career.

As a former defense lawyer, Ken was recruited by the most accomplished plaintiff-side law firms in the United States. Ken chose to join DiCello Levitt, understanding that he would have unique and unrivaled access to resources not available at any of the traditional personal injury firms. Since joining the firm, Ken has set himself apart as a leader who coordinates complex medical malpractice, birth injury, truck crash, and toxic exposure cases, all while mentoring young lawyers advancing in the trial bar and serving as the firm's General Counsel. Ken is also the Managing Partner of the firm's Cleveland office.

Over the past three decades, Ken has been recognized as a top-tier trial attorney handling cases in multiple jurisdictions across the United States. Throughout his career, Ken has been recognized by numerous industry organizations and his peers as an elite trial lawyer.

Ken is a sought-after voice in the litigation space and has published articles in several publications and presented at conferences across the United States about the intricacies of trial practice. He was recently named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers" and has also been recognized as a "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal*. Ken has also been selected to the *Ohio Super Lawyers* list every year since 2010, and he is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America®* for transportation law.



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Mark Abramowitz has demonstrated expertise in leveraging cutting-edge technology in DiCello Levitt's modern and evolving trial practice to achieve what were previously believed to be impossible results for his clients. An internet technology expert, he is a student of integrating technology into the practice of law. He has been selected to serve on national discovery review teams and is regularly consulted on cloud-based systems, discovery technology, the Internet of Things, and litigation concerning data storage and security. He has also testified before the Ohio State Legislature multiple times on data security and related issues.

Mark is a respected litigator and trial lawyer who has recouped life changing compensation for clients around the country. He has expertise and experience ranging from defective products to Internet technology disputes. Mark is recognized for breaking barriers in medical malpractice litigation through groundbreaking work in exposing electronic medical record alterations and successfully expanding states' damages caps in joint replacement surgery cases.

Mark was a member of the trial team that, in 2022, secured a \$102.6 million verdict in the class action case *Raul Siqueiros, et al. v. General Motors LLC*, Case No. 3:16-cv-07244, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Mark brings a unique voice to the Sedona Conference's Data Security and Privacy Liability working group and is one of the authors of Sedona's Biometric Privacy Primer. He has also served as a Trustee of the Ohio Association for Justice since 2014. Mark is currently Editor-in-Chief of *Ohio Trial* and is a member of *Law360's* Personal Injury Editorial Advisory Board.

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Sara Aguiñiga is a trial lawyer focused on mass torts, civil rights, and public entity litigation. With a steadfast dedication to achieving justice for her clients, Sara has helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements on behalf of plaintiffs.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Sara worked for two prominent national plaintiffs' firms, where she assumed leadership roles of teams litigating product liability cases involving pharmaceutical and agricultural products, led discovery in data privacy and other matters, and was the first point of contact for public clients. She also served as second chair in a major opioids trial against three of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the United States.

Sara earned her law degree from the American University Washington College of Law, where she was a member and managing director of the Mock Trial Honor Society and a Dean's Fellow on the Trial Advocacy Program. She has been recognized as one of the National Trial Lawyers' "Top 40 Under 40," on *Lawdragon's* 500 X list of leading next-generation lawyers, and by Best Lawyers in America as "Ones to Watch" in mass tort and class action litigation.

Sara is a single mother to two young children. She is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, competed on the Mexican national figure skating team, and serves as a mentor to law students through the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia. She also has provided pro bono representation to unaccompanied minors immigrating to the United States from Central America.



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Greg Asciolla is a partner in DiCello Levitt's New York office, where he serves as Chair of the firm's Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice, Managing Partner of the New York office, and Co-Chair of the DEI Committee. Greg focuses on representing businesses, public pension funds, and health and welfare funds in complex antitrust and commodities class actions, including price-fixing, monopolization, commodities manipulation, pay-for-delay agreements, and other anticompetitive practices. He also has successfully represented, pro bono, three Ugandan LGBTQ clients seeking asylum in the United States.

Recovering billions on behalf of his clients, Greg leads extensive investigations into potential anticompetitive conduct, often resulting in first-to-file cases. Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Greg chaired a nationally recognized antitrust practice group as a partner and oversaw significant growth in group size, leadership appointments, cases filed, investigations, and reputation. He also served as a partner in the antitrust practice group at a top ranked AmLaw100 firm. Greg began his career as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division.

Greg is regularly appointed to leadership positions in major antitrust cases in federal courts throughout the United States, including *Generic Drugs Pricing Antitrust Litigation*, *European Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, *Platinum and Palladium Antitrust Litigation*, *Surescripts Antitrust Litigation*, *Crop Inputs Antitrust Litigation*, *Opana ER Antitrust Litigation*, *Borozny v. Raytheon*, *Fusion Elite v. Varsity Brands*, and *Novartis and Par Antitrust Litigation*.

Named a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar" and "Competition/Antitrust MVP" by *Law360* as well as a leading plaintiffs' competition lawyer by *Global Competition Review* and *Chambers USA*, Greg is often recognized for his experience and involvement in high-profile cases. He has been named one of the "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon*, a "Distinguished Leader" by *New York Law Journal*, a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, and a "Leading Lawyer" and a "Next Generation Lawyer" by *The Legal 500*, with sources describing him as "very effective plaintiffs' counsel" and "always act[ing] with a good degree of professionalism."

Greg makes substantial contributions to the antitrust bar. In 2016, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section, where he currently serves as the Finance Officer. He concurrently serves as Vice Chair of the ABA's Diversity/Advanced Committee, Co-Chairman of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association, and Treasurer and Membership Director of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws. Greg is an annual invitee of the exclusive Antitrust Forum, serves as the U.S. representative to the Business & Banking Litigation Network, and is on the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute.



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Alex Barnett is a partner in DiCello Levitt's New York office and a member of the firm's Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice Group. An accomplished attorney with decades of experience in complex and class action litigation, Alex's practice focuses on advocating for consumers, public clients, and businesses injured by antitrust violations, unfair competition, and unlawful or unjust business practices.

For nearly 30 years, and with empathy for the persons and entities he represents, Alex has dedicated himself to litigation that is aimed at bringing about economic and social justice. This dedication has earned Alex a spot on *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers list every year from 2019 through 2024 and on *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Global Antitrust and Competition Lawyers in 2025. In 2019, it earned him, along with his colleagues, the American Antitrust Institute's Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice Award. And it has earned him invitations to serve as a panel speaker at conferences regarding antitrust law and class action practice.

Alex demonstrates his commitment to justice in his other endeavors as well. He is a past president of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws (COSAL), the only organization in the United States dedicated to lobbying for strong antitrust laws and effective private enforcement. He served as the vice chair of Public Justice's Food Project, which aims to address structural and institutional inequities in the food system. Prior to his litigation career, he served as the executive director of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (American Section), whose mission is the promotion of the rule of law.

Alex was on the advisory council of Rescuing Leftover Cuisine (RLC), a national nonprofit food rescue organization, operating across the United States and headquartered in New York City, that provides solutions to prevent excess wholesome cuisine from being wasted. In addition, Alex served as a volunteer for the following organizations: K.E.E.N. (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now), an organization dedicated to empowering youth with disabilities, providing them with access to recreational opportunities and helping them develop athletic skills; New York Cares, an organization that provides volunteer assistance to charities and nonprofit organizations throughout the metropolitan New York area; D.C. Cares, an organization that provides volunteer assistance to charities and nonprofit organizations throughout the Washington, D.C., area; and A Broader Image Inc., a Washington, D.C., nonprofit organization that provided internet access and other technology-based educational tools to children in inner-city schools.

Alex and his wife are active participants in the multiracial family community and have served as speakers for and supporters of various organizations dedicated to fostering understanding and acceptance of multiracial families, including LovingDay.org. They also founded a stuffed animal company and, through that entity, donated thousands of newly made stuffed animals to children in New York City's Homes for the Homeless program.

Alex is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and St. John's University School of Law.

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DiCello Levitt Partner Jamie Baskin litigates and tries complex securities and financial cases for public and private plaintiffs. Known for his work ethic and legal intellect, Jamie leverages his more than 40 years of experience and imaginative, out-of-the-box thinking to achieve extraordinary results for his clients.

Jamie has been centrally involved in the prosecution of some of the largest, most complex, and successful class action cases ever. These include *In re Enron Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Dynegy Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re Global Crossing ERISA Litigation*. He has also handled complex non-class/derivative cases for both plaintiffs and defendants, including a number of complex matters in the wake of the financial crisis. Some of these cases involved esoteric structures such as collateralized debt obligations, residential mortgage-backed securities, and structured investment vehicles.

Jamie has taken cases to trial in courtrooms across the United States on issues including, among others, federal securities claims; corporate control, governance and finance; fiduciary duty; banking; oil and gas; partnerships; real property; and electronic commerce.

Jamie and his wife, Liz, live in Austin and Santa Fe. They enjoy traveling, art, food and wine, time with friends, and having fun generally. They are both deeply committed to civil and human rights activities; Jamie is involved in ADL's Global Leadership Council and Liz is a national director of Human Rights Campaign.



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DiCello Levitt Partner Jonathan Crevier prosecutes complex antitrust class actions on behalf of businesses and consumers. He actively litigates cases against a number of the world's largest companies in antitrust matters involving price-fixing, monopolization, illegal information exchanges, exclusive dealing, tying, and other anticompetitive practices. Jonathan is heavily involved in one of the largest, most complex antitrust cases of all time, *In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation* (E.D. Pa.). He was also a member of DiCello Levitt's trial team in *In re Opana ER Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.).

As part of the firm's nationally recognized Antitrust and Competition Litigation Practice Group, Jonathan leads DiCello Levitt's antitrust investigation unit. In this capacity, Jonathan has investigated and filed several cutting-edge antitrust cases, including *In re Manufactured Home Lot Rents Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.) and *Unger v. The Walt Disney Company* (N.D. Cal.).

Prior to joining the firm, Jonathan was an associate in a nationally recognized competition and antitrust litigation group, where he represented plaintiffs in complex antitrust matters. He also previously served as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Henry Pitman, U.S.M.J., in the District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Jonathan and his wife Christine live in Denver, Colorado where they are active in their local community and school district. Outside of work, Jonathan enjoys spending time outdoors.





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Patrick W. Daniels is the co-founder and chair of the Securities and Financial Products Litigation Practice Group.

Patrick is widely recognized as a leading corporate governance and investor advocate. *Daily Journal*, the leading legal publisher in California, named him one of the 20 most influential lawyers in California under 40 years of age. Additionally, the Yale School of Management's Millstein Center for Corporate Governance and Performance awarded Patrick its "Rising Star of Corporate Governance" honor for his outstanding leadership in shareholder advocacy and activism.

Patrick is an advisor to political and financial leaders throughout the world. He counsels private and state government pension funds and fund managers in the United States, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Oman, the United Kingdom, and the European Union on issues related to corporate fraud in the U.S. securities markets and "best practices" in the corporate governance of publicly traded companies.

In advancing international standards on human rights, Patrick was a lead counsel in an international coalition of attorneys and human rights groups that won a historic settlement with major U.S. clothing retailers and manufacturers, including The Gap, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, and Calvin Klein. The settlement was on behalf of a class of over 50,000 predominantly female, Chinese garment workers on the island of Saipan in an action seeking to hold the Saipan garment industry responsible for creating a system of indentured servitude and forced labor in the island's garment factories. The coalition obtained an unprecedented agreement for supervision of working conditions in the Saipan factories by an independent nongovernmental organization as well as a substantial multimillion-dollar compensation award for the workers.

When recognizing DiCello Levitt as a Recommended Firm in the Securities Litigation: Plaintiff category, *The Legal 500* highlighted the Securities Practice Group for its "outstanding technical skills and the capacity to listen to clients and take their concerns on board." The publication also commended Patrick for his "thorough market knowledge and capacity for confidence building." In addition, Patrick has been named a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by *Lawdragon* from 2019 to 2024.





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Diandra “Fu” Debrosse is a fearless plaintiffs’ attorney who fights unapologetically for individuals and public entities injured by wrongful conduct, whether by defective medical devices, drugs, or cosmetics, environmental contamination, corporate misconduct, or civil rights abuse. Nationally recognized as a powerhouse in mass torts, class actions, products liability, discrimination, and sexual assault claims, Fu has recovered nearly \$1 billion in damages for her clients. Blending her exceptional talents in multidistrict and mass tort litigation with state-of-the-art tools, Fu uses sophisticated modeling to identify technology-based and other forms of discrimination, including environmental injustice, defective devices, and unfair insurance practices.

As the managing partner of DiCello Levitt’s Birmingham office, co-chair of the firm’s Mass Torts division, and co-chair of its Civil and Human Rights Litigation Practice Group, she holds prominent leadership positions in numerous multidistrict litigations. She is Co-Lead Counsel in the massive products liability multidistrict litigation against two of the world’s largest infant formula manufacturers, Abbott Laboratories and Mead Johnson, and in the MDL against L’Oréal and other makers of disease-causing hair relaxer products marketed primarily to Black and Latina women. Fu also holds leadership positions in several other significant MDLs, including the litigation against Chevron and Syngenta for their marketing and sale of the disease-causing herbicide paraquat, as well as the social media MDL in which the plaintiffs are seeking damages against Meta Platforms, TikTok, YouTube, and others for creating defective products that encourage addictive behavior, resulting in various emotional and physical harms, including death.

Fu also leads many systematic civil rights and sexual assault cases; represents the City of Baltimore in legal actions addressing the catastrophic of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse; and represents dozens of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland, and North Dakota counties and a number of cities and counties in Maryland, Delaware, and other jurisdictions in two separate prescription opiate MDLs.

Fu was recognized by *Forbes* as one of the top 200 attorneys in the United States in 2024, and *The National Law Journal* named her to its 2023 list of Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar. In 2022, 2023, and 2024, *Lawdragon* recognized Fu as one of the 500 Leading Consumer Lawyers. *Chambers USA* 2022 ranked the firm’s Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs team among the top five in Alabama, and the *Birmingham Business Journal* honored Fu with a Best of the Bar Award and Who’s Who in Law recognitions in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Fu is a founding member of Shades of Mass, an organization dedicated to encouraging the appointment of Black and brown attorneys in national mass tort actions. She is a board member of Public Justice and the Southern Trial Lawyers Association. Fu previously served as a hearing officer for the Alabama State Bar, held leadership roles in the American Association for Justice and the Alabama Access to Justice Commission, and acted as Alabama State Bar vice president and commissioner.

Fu is fluent in French and Haitian Creole and functional in Spanish. Her steadfast pursuit of justice is motivated in large part by her experience as a mother of two extraordinary young girls.

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Chuck Dender is an experienced litigator who has practiced at two of the country's largest law firms. With a demonstrable record of excellence and a track record of success for his clients, the foundation of Chuck's broad litigation experience was formed while defending some of the most significant commercial litigation matters in the United States over the last two-plus decades. While Chuck began his litigation career on the defense side of the table, he is a plaintiffs' attorney at heart. He now represents plaintiffs exclusively. With a background that includes membership in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chuck has personally experienced what it's like to be a plaintiff in need of outstanding legal representation.

Chuck's legal expertise is enhanced by his Master in Business Administration, with a specialization in finance and quantitative finance from the New York University Stern School of Business. This additional accreditation and education give Chuck a unique advantage when it comes to identifying issues related to financial crimes and damages, including working with economists and other expert witnesses. As proof of this point, Chuck played a key role in presenting the damages model of one of the largest financial institutions in the world after the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holding, Inc.

Chuck represents aggrieved investors (both individuals and entities) in all aspects of complex litigation against players in the financial services industry, as well as other public and private companies. He also represents whistleblowers who cooperate with government agencies in their efforts to shine the light on corporate malfeasance.

In whistleblower matters, Chuck has a keen understanding of both the types of information that government agencies are looking for and the best methods for presenting that information to the agencies so they can act and wield justice from corporate wrongdoers. Chuck has authored compelling whistleblower submissions on behalf of both corporate insiders and interested outsiders. He has the good fortune of learning this complicated dance under the tutelage of the principal architect of the Security and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Whistleblower Program. Chuck has also presented whistleblowers and supporting witnesses in front of the highest-ranking members of the SEC's Whistleblower Program during multiple-day interviews.

Chuck is experienced in a wide range of legal disciplines, with a specific focus representing clients in litigation involving the financial services industry or any matter where the calculation and presentation of damages is anything but a run-of-the-mill issue.



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Bobby DiCello's practice encompasses locally and nationally significant cases across a broad range of topics, with a focus on restoring the human dignity stolen by civil rights abuses, catastrophic injuries, defective products, and corporate misconduct.

Bobby is a force in the trial bar. He has obtained record verdicts in cases thought unwinnable, while, at the same time, leading cutting-edge research into juror decision-making in the politically polarized jury system. Bobby has successfully tried, as a first-chair trial lawyer, catastrophic injury and death cases, civil rights cases, medical malpractice cases, mass tort bellwether cases, *qui tam* cases, and financial services cases, as well as major felony prosecutions, major criminal defense actions, and a variety of other cases that have branded him as one of the nation's best modern-day trial lawyers.

Notably, ABC News tapped Bobby to analyze and comment on the most anticipated civil rights trial in recent history: the trial of Officer Derek Chauvin for George Floyd's murder in its series, *The Death of George Floyd—Derek Chauvin on Trial*. Recognizing the need for an authority on high-profile trials to provide opinions on the case to a national and international audience, ABC selected Bobby due to his immense expertise in the art of trial and his reputation as a fierce and skillful trial lawyer. Between focus group preparation for a major pharmaceutical trial and research into the psychology of modern jurors, Bobby made himself available for weeks of real-time commentary and insight into the trial process.

In 2021, Public Justice awarded Bobby its prestigious Trial Lawyer of the Year award for his work in the landmark *Black v. Hicks* police brutality and corruption case in the City of East Cleveland, Ohio. Public Justice presents this annual award to attorneys who promote the public interest by trying a precedent setting, socially significant case. Bobby tried the *Black* case to a jury that awarded Mr. Black a record \$50 million—a verdict that has since been sustained up to the U.S. Supreme Court. *The National Law Journal* has also recognized Bobby, twice, as an "agent of change" in its annual list of Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers, a rare honor.

Having taught trial lawyers across the country, Bobby is also known for his dedication to improving the art of trial practice. Bobby is routinely asked to assist lawyers from across the United States on cases. He consults on all aspects of trial preparation and motion practice, including theme building, case framing and messaging, and the creation of visuals for courtroom presentation and exhibits. He develops his approach through DiCello Levitt's Trial Center, where he leads focus groups, mock trials, and jury decision-making research. Bobby's work sets DiCello Levitt apart as a truly rare law firm: a plaintiffs' firm with an in-house focus group and mock trial practice that creates powerful presentations and—most importantly for our clients—meaningful verdicts.



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Nada Djordjevic brings justice to those who are harmed by consumer fraud, unfair business practices, data privacy breaches, deceptive insurance sales practices, and other egregious acts. With more than two decades of experience representing plaintiffs in class actions and complex commercial litigation matters, Nada zealously protects the interests of aggrieved clients throughout the United States.

Nada's clients benefit from her skilled and varied litigation practice. In addition to consumer protection cases and class actions, she has represented clients in issues related to securities fraud, ERISA violations, deceptive insurance sales practices, and qui tam cases under the False Claims Act.

Nada was recently named to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee as the Chair of Damages in the multidistrict class action litigation against Samsung Electronics related to multiple data breaches in 2022 involving more than 50 million consumers.

Nada's litigation successes include a \$25 million settlement on behalf of 800,000 people in a class action lawsuit. The action involved claims of violations of state consumer protection and deceptive practices laws against a major athletics event organizer. She also represented a multistate plaintiff class in a data breach case that resulted in one of the largest breach-related settlements in healthcare history. Nada was also part of the litigation team that negotiated settlements worth more than \$275 million for universal life insurance policyholders in two nationwide class actions alleging improper monthly policy charges.



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Dan Ferri is a litigator whose practice focuses on fraud, breach of contract, and intellectual property theft claims. He has achieved tens of millions of dollars in recoveries on behalf of individual, small business, and public clients.

This past year, Dan helped win a jury trial in a class action that, after appeal, may provide over \$100 million to purchasers of defective GM trucks and sport-utility vehicles. He also concluded a multi-year litigation on behalf of the State of New Mexico that successfully resolved claims against AbbVie for the deceptive advertising of a potentially dangerous pharmaceutical.

Dan's other recent work includes successfully representing the State of New Mexico in cases arising from Volkswagen's use of "defeat devices" to cheat emissions standards and other automakers' sales of vehicles containing dangerous Takata airbag inflators; achieving a substantial settlement for a class of consumers who purchased Toyota minivans with defective sliding doors; and successfully settling, after a bench trial, a patent infringement claim against GoDaddy.

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Dan Flynn represents governmental entities, individual consumers, and corporate clients—all with one primary goal in mind: ensuring the protection of human health and the environment. His stewardship not only ensures that polluters be held responsible for contamination and clean-up, but that corporate entities understand their responsibilities under state and federal environmental laws. As a result of his advocacy in advising corporations on compliance, Dan's clients lead their respective industries in environmental stewardship efforts under a number of rules and regulations, including the Clean Water Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Dan assists corporate entities, governmental agencies, and the public by ensuring that companies that have contaminated the environment and violated regulations take responsibility for their actions. Through contribution and cost-recovery actions, common law claims, citizen suits, enforcement actions, and proper due diligence and contract negotiation, he ensures polluters and bad actors remediate the harm they have caused.

Dan is part of the DiCello Levitt team working with several states in investigating and addressing poly- and perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination. DiCello Levitt's PFAS team, along with other Special Assistant Attorneys General and the Illinois Attorney General, most recently filed a lawsuit against 3M for PFAS contamination from its facility in Cordova, Illinois. Cases involving these "forever chemicals" will have wide-reaching implications for state governments and their residents.

Dan also represents public clients in groundbreaking litigation against the world's largest fossil fuel companies and the American Petroleum Institute, alleging that the defendants, for decades, misled and failed to warn the public about the catastrophic consequences of climate change.

Dan works with communities that have been impacted by years of exposure to polluted air, water, and soil. Recently, Dan and DiCello Levitt's environmental team joined with co-counsel in representing several residents and former residents of Union, Illinois in filing suit against companies responsible for polluting the groundwater with carcinogenic chlorinated solvents. Dan also serves as interim co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of the residents of Rockton, Illinois and surrounding communities for property damages they sustained following a catastrophic fire at a local chemical factory.

In addition to his environmental work, Dan frequently counsels clients on developing and maintaining state-of-the-art safety and health programs that ensure all employees enjoy safe and healthful workplaces. He works closely with both his clients and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to enhance employee safety and health well beyond OSHA's minimum requirements.



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Greg Gutzler is the lawyer you call in the most high-conflict cases. He is relentless and one of the few lawyers with a track record of recovering billions of dollars for his clients. Greg is a trusted resource for taking on Wall Street giants, holding global corporations accountable for their misconduct, and battling billion-dollar defendants on behalf of survivors of sexual abuse. Whether securing a record-breaking \$1 billion verdict or leading landmark human rights lawsuits, Greg brings an aggressive and strategic approach to every case. With experience on both sides of the courtroom, including leading his own boutique firm and serving as a partner at an Am Law 100 firm, he is the advocate for clients who, like him, refuse to back down.

Greg specializes in complex litigation, including complex commercial litigation, headline-making human rights and sexual abuse cases, securities actions, and whistleblower cases. Clients turn to him not just for his legal expertise but for his ability to manage high-intensity conflicts with confidence, precision, and compassion.

Greg has led more than a dozen major actions against global investment banks, securing over \$4.5 billion for investors. He has taken on contentious commercial disputes, representing businesses, hedge funds, private equity firms, and individuals in contract, valuation, and ownership conflicts, including a patent infringement case against DuPont in which he secured a \$1 billion jury verdict using innovative damages theories that set new precedents.

Greg is at the forefront of major human rights and sexual abuse cases. He serves as lead counsel in a civil suit against former fashion mogul Peter Nygard, involving the world's largest-ever sex trafficking case, which spans six countries and fifty years of abuse. He also represents survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse in the case against World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and Vince and Linda McMahon, a prominent case against music and media giant Sean "Diddy" Combs, and the wide-ranging RICO and sex trafficking case against the NXIVM cult, among other high-profile sexual abuse cases.

Outside of his legal work, Greg lends his time and energy to causes that reflect his deep sense of justice and empathy. He volunteers with his rescue dog, Sugar, at a mental health and substance abuse treatment center, offering comfort and companionship to those in recovery. Additionally, he is actively involved with Justice for Our Daughters, a nonprofit dedicated to advocating for survivors of gender-based violence and ensuring their voices are heard.



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Eli Hare is a trial attorney focusing on mass torts, civil and human rights violation cases, personal injury, environmental contamination, and employment discrimination disputes. He represents people and public entities victimized by companies that cause harm by manufacturing and selling defective products, chemicals, and medical devices. People who have had their constitutional rights trampled on by governmental institutions and those who have suffered discrimination in the workplace because of their race, gender, or sexuality also rely on Eli to provide effective, hands-on legal counsel.

Deeply involved in every stage of litigation, Eli's experience includes briefing and arguing motions, leading complex discovery, overseeing expert work, and managing the review of millions of documents produced in discovery. Eli is involved in litigation in state and federal courts across the United States, as well as before administrative bodies and in alternative dispute resolution forums.

Eli was recently appointed to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee of the *In re Future Motions Inc. Products Liability Litigation* and the Leadership Development Committee of the *In re Hair Relaxer Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Eli worked with a prominent, national plaintiffs'-side law firm, where he represented people injured by wrongful conduct, environmental contamination, and civil rights abuses. He also worked at a large defense firm, where he represented businesses, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations through all stages of litigation. Prior to beginning his legal practice, Eli served as a judicial extern to a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Justin Hawal's work spans a broad range of practice areas, with special expertise in complex catastrophic injury, civil rights abuse, mass tort, and class action litigations.

Justin's practice also encompasses police misconduct, human trafficking, and sex abuse. He currently represents dozens of women in the largest international sex trafficking lawsuit in U.S. history against Peter Nygard and his companies. Justin was integral to the consumer plaintiffs' success in the Equifax data breach multidistrict litigation, the largest consumer data breach settlement in U.S. history.

Justin was recently one of only 40 attorneys nationwide to be named a 2021 *National Law Journal* "Elite Trial Lawyers: Rising Star." Justin was also awarded *Public Justice's* 2021 "Trial Lawyer of the Year" for his work on the trial team in *Black v. Hicks*, a groundbreaking civil rights case involving shocking police misconduct and resulting in a \$50 million jury award. During law school, Justin was selected as a member of the Cleveland State Law Review and published a scholarly article regarding independent tort actions for spoliation of evidence under Ohio law. He was also an active member of the civil litigation clinic, through which he represented an asylum-seeking immigrant from Honduras fleeing gang violence.



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For nearly 20 years, Steve Jodlowski has been actively involved in a variety of cases involving securities fraud, antitrust, competition, corporate takeover, consumer fraud, and commercial litigation. Representing investors, shareholders, and policyholders, he has recovered nearly \$2 billion for clients around the world.

Steve has represented institutional and individual shareholders in corporate takeover actions and breach of fiduciary litigation in state and federal court. He has handled pre- and post-merger litigation stemming from the acquisition of publicly listed companies in the biotechnology, oil and gas, information technology, specialty retail, electrical, banking, finance, and real estate industries, among others.

In recent years, he has specialized in representing investors in a series of antitrust actions involving the manipulation of benchmark rates, including the *ISDAfix Antitrust Litigation*, which resulted in the recovery of \$504.5 million on behalf of investors, and the *SSA Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, which resulted in the recovery of \$95.5 million on behalf of investors. He served as co-lead class counsel in *Thompson v. 1-800 Contacts, Inc.*, where he helped recover \$40 million in settlements from various contact lens retailers. Steve also served on the trial team in an antitrust monopolization case against a multinational computer and software company and represented more than 100 newspaper publishers in the *Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litigation*.

*Super Lawyers* named Steve a "Rising Star" for five straight years. He was also named a finalist for Consumer Attorneys of California's Attorney of the Year Award for his work in *Negrete v. Allianz Life Insurance Co. of North America* and more recently was recognized by the American Antitrust Institute's Antitrust Enforcement Awards for the category of Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice. Based in part on his work in the ISDAfix and SSA Bonds litigation, his antitrust group was named by *Law360* as Competition Practice Group of the Year for 2019 and recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a finalist in its list of 2020 Elite Trial Lawyers in the antitrust category.



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Amy Keller has held leadership positions in a variety of complex litigations across the nation, where she successfully litigated high-profile and costly data security and consumer privacy cases. As the Managing Partner of the firm's Chicago office and the Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity practice chair, she is the youngest woman ever appointed to serve as co-lead class counsel in a nationwide class action. In the multidistrict litigation against Equifax related to its 2017 data breach, Amy represented nearly 150 million class members and helped to secure a \$1.5 billion settlement, working alongside federal and state regulators to impose important security practice changes to protect consumer data.

Amy has represented consumers against industry titans like Apple, Marriott, Electrolux, and BMW, securing victories against each. She has been appointed to leadership positions in more multidistrict litigations than any other woman in the past eight years, each case requiring sophistication in not only understanding complex legal theories, but also in presenting multifaceted strategies and damages modeling to ensure favorable results. For example, in leading a nationwide class action related to a data breach that exposed the confidential information of over 300 million individuals, Amy worked with her team to develop an argument recognized by the trial court that the loss of someone's personal information, alone, could trigger financial liability, and later secured a rare victory, certifying that case to proceed as a class action to trial. In another matter, Amy defended her team's victory all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, ensuring that consumers would be able to band together as a class when a company defrauds them for small amounts individually that are worth millions of dollars in the aggregate.

Amy is rated by *Chambers & Partners* for her work in cybersecurity litigation and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Sedona Conference's Working Group 11, which focuses on advancing the law on issues surrounding technology, privacy, artificial intelligence, and data security, and she is also on drafting teams for both Model Data Breach Notification Principles and Statutory Remedies and the California Consumer Privacy Act. Her work in cybersecurity and privacy has been recognized many times over—in both 2021 and 2022, she was honored as one of Benchmark Litigation's Top 250 Women in Litigation; in 2020 and 2021, she was named by *The National Law Journal* as one of the Elite Women in the Plaintiffs' Bar; and the practice group which she chairs has won Practice Group of the Year in 2020, 2021, and 2022 by *Law360* and in 2020 by *The National Law Journal*. Amy is also recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star," and was named a "trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal*. In 2022, Amy was named to the "40 Under 40" list for *Crain's Chicago* for her leadership in litigation roles and promoting diversity and inclusivity in the bar.

Amy proudly holds leadership positions in both the American Association for Justice and the Public Justice Foundation, organizations which both focus on access to the courts for civil litigants.



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Brian O'Mara is the managing partner of DiCello Levitt's San Diego office and a partner in the Las Vegas office. His practice focuses on investigating and prosecuting complex securities, antitrust, and consumer protection litigation in state and federal courts across the United States. Brian also leads the firm's new shareholder matters group, which evaluates new cases, advises institutional clients in connection with lead plaintiff motions, and assists them in securing appointment as lead plaintiff.

Over the past 20 years, Brian has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous shareholder, consumer protection, and antitrust actions involving companies in the financial services, technology, pharmaceutical, entertainment and gaming, and telecommunications industries, which have yielded billions of dollars in recoveries. He has helped institutional investors protect their fund investments by securing leadership positions in dozens of securities and antitrust actions and has been responsible for a number of significant trial and appellate court rulings in the securities and antitrust space.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Brian was a partner at a leading complex litigation law firm and served as chief underwriter officer for a global private equity and advisory firm specializing in litigation finance, judgment enforcement, asset recovery, and related strategies serving claimants, law firms and other professional service firms, and businesses across the globe. In this capacity, Brian was responsible for directing the firm's underwriting process for prospective investments and managing the firm's investment portfolio, which included litigation and arbitration disputes in jurisdictions around the world.

Brian has been twice recognized by the American Antitrust Institute's Antitrust Enforcement Awards for the category of Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice for his work in the ISDAfix price-fixing litigation and the EpiPen class action alleging antitrust and RICO violations. He has also been named a Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers Magazine* for the past six consecutive years and recognized as a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by *Lawdragon*.

Brian graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in economics, and he received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law, where he was the recipient of a CALI Excellence for the Future Award in securities regulation. Following graduation, Brian began his legal career serving as the law clerk to the Honorable Jerome M. Polaha in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.





## Roxana Pierce

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### EDUCATION

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, J.D.

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Roxana Pierce is the co-founder of the Securities Practice Group and an international attorney who brings a unique level of diversity and experience to her litigation practice, protecting investor rights and the rights of victims of consumer fraud, waste, and abuse.

Representing governmental and private pension funds, large institutional investors, attorneys general, international banks, asset managers, foreign governments, multi-national corporations, and sovereign wealth funds and individuals, Roxana has served clients from more than 20 states and 82 countries, with extensive experience in the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Zealous and passionate, Roxana advocates for her clients through litigation, arbitration, mediation, and in negotiations.

Roxana represents clients in consumer protection, securities, products liability, contracts, and other claims in private, group, and class actions. Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Roxana became a seasoned attorney through her experience working on cases against the world's largest pharmaceutical and automobile manufacturers as well as litigation concerning the 2008 global financial crisis. In addition, Roxana's background includes contract negotiations for hundreds of projects, including several valued at more than \$1 billion, with governmental and corporate leaders both foreign and domestic.

When recognizing DiCello Levitt as a Recommended Firm in the Securities Litigation: Plaintiff category, *The Legal 500* highlighted the Securities Practice Group for its "outstanding technical skills and the capacity to listen to clients and take their concerns on board." The publication also commended Roxana for her "outstanding skills in proactive communication." In addition, Roxana was named a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by *Lawdragon* in 2024.

Deeply committed to serving her community, Roxana serves as Director and Board member to The Invisible Hand Foundation, Inc., which provides funding to Washington, D.C. and Maryland-area residents facing hardships. For her work with that organization, Roxana was honored by the National Center for Children and Families with the Humanitarian Spirit Award for Advocacy.

Roxana studied French at the Sorbonne University in France before earning her bachelor's degree in international affairs and international relations from Pepperdine University. She is fluent in Farsi and proficient in French and Turkish. Roxana began her legal career as a paralegal with focus on corporate law, receiving her certificate from the University of San Diego. She earned her Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where she focused on international law.

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Adam Prom has contributed significantly to and led a variety of complex litigations that have resulted in settlements worth hundreds of millions of dollars, including class actions and multi-district litigations. He has represented consumers, small and large businesses, whistleblowers, and public entities in all types of cases, including those involving consumer protection, privacy, product liability and automotive defects, environmental contamination, False Claims Act *qui tam*, and business disputes. Adam's broad knowledge base and experience sets him apart and allows him to successfully traverse any practice area at the firm, all the while focusing on redressing harm caused by others' unscrupulous business practices. Notably, Adam has represented consumers and businesses against industry titans like Google, Meta, CVS, Nissan, Navistar, and Peloton. He has been listed annually since 2019 as an Illinois Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*, and he is part of the firm's Privacy, Technology, and Cybersecurity Litigation Practice Group, which *Law360* recognized as "Group of the Year" for three consecutive years, from 2020 to 2022..

In addition to monetary recoveries for their clients, Adam also pursues important injunctive relief to correct business practices moving forward. In one case, in addition to a settlement fund of \$21 million, Adam served as part of a team that obtained an agreed injunction to ensure the humane treatment of animals. In other cases involving privacy and cybersecurity, Adam and his colleagues are at the forefront of not only pursuing and obtaining large settlements but also the deletion of ill-gotten personal data and prevention of other personal intrusions.

Beyond his class action work, Adam has substantial trial experience in state and federal court, and he has successfully led and won multiple arbitrations for individual consumers and businesses, including a multi-day arbitration against a multibillion-dollar group of trusts.

Adam has demonstrated a commitment to public service and is active in multiple legal advocacy organizations, including Public Justice, the American Association for Justice, and other state and federal bar associations. Adam also serves on the Chicago Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee. He also volunteers his time to organizations that provide assistance to Africans denied due process, including prisoners and those suffering from modern day slavery, and he has been a mentor for high school students at the Legal Prep Charter Academy in Chicago.

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Corban Rhodes is a seasoned litigator who has recovered more than a billion dollars for consumers and investors in some of the country's largest and most historic cybersecurity, data privacy, and securities fraud cases. Working at the intersection of law and technology, Corban focuses on cases that involve the intentional misuse or misappropriation of consumer data and data breaches.

As co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in the *Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter, Corban helped secure a landmark \$650 million settlement in one of the first cases asserting consumers' biometric privacy rights under Illinois law. He has litigated cases of negligence or malfeasance leading to data breaches, including a class action against Yahoo for one of the largest known data breaches in history that affected nearly 3 billion consumers. Continuing his groundbreaking work at this critical moment for privacy rights and the law, he currently represents consumers in pivotal web browser privacy cases, including in *Calhoun v. Google* and *Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litigation*.

Corban also prosecutes complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors, representing both large public pension funds and individual investors. He successfully resolved dozens of cases against some of the largest Wall Street banks in the wake of the mortgage-backed securities financial crisis. His work in securities fraud cases has held companies accountable to investors for fraud and market manipulation in the banking, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing sectors in some of the largest securities class actions of the last decade.

Corban has been recognized by *Law360* as a Rising Star and as one of five attorneys on its Top Attorneys Under 40 for Consumer Protection. He was also named by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Future Star and on its New York 40 Under 40 list and by *Super Lawyers* as a New York Rising Star, and he received a Thurgood Marshall Award for his pro bono representation of a death row inmate appealing from capital punishment. He is an active member of the Sedona Conference Working Group 11 on Data Security and Privacy Liability and sits on the *Law360* Cybersecurity & Privacy Editorial Board. He is a regular speaker and writer on issues related to protecting the rights of the individual against corporate malfeasance.



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Caroline Robert is a lead partner in DiCello Levitt's Securities and Financial Products Litigation Practice Group based in San Diego. Her practice is focused on representing institutional investors in complex securities litigation matters. With a history of high-stakes victories against Wall Street banks and large corporations, she has an impressive track record of success for clients impacted by financial misdeeds or securities regulations violations.

In the wake of 2008's worldwide financial crisis, Caroline played an integral role in litigation that secured settlements on behalf of institutional investors against Wall Street banks for their part in structuring residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) that subsequently collapsed. These matters included the high-profile action brought by China Development Industrial Bank (CDIB) against Morgan Stanley to recover losses CDIB suffered as a result of its investment in the STACK 2006-1 collateralized debt obligation tied to RMBS. Caroline's experience also includes representation of international institutional investors impacted by Volkswagen and Daimler's defeat device emissions scandal in representative actions in Germany under the Capital Market Investors' Model Proceeding Act (KapMuG).

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Caroline represented clients in complex securities litigation matters and also gained experience in real estate litigation and transactions for financial institutions and other related clients.

Committed to pro bono work, Caroline has provided legal counsel through the Immigration Legal Clinic at the University of San Diego School of Law and received honor's recognition for her service. She has also provided pro bono service through the San Diego Legal Aid Society, which garnered her the State Bar of California's prestigious Wiley W. Manuel Award.

Born and raised in France, Caroline is multilingual; she is fluent in French, English, and Spanish. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of San Diego, where she double-majored in international relations and Spanish language and literature. Caroline earned her Juris Doctor at the University of San Diego School of Law and is admitted to practice law in California, New York, and the District of Columbia.



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Henry Rosen is a results-driven litigator with over three decades of experience recovering money on behalf of institutional and individual investors. A leading attorney in securities fraud class actions, he has obtained more than \$1 billion in monetary recovery for investors.

Henry has significant experience running all aspects of large, complex litigation. From ensuring his institutional and individual investor clients are prepared for depositions and court, to overseeing massive document reviews, to handling hundreds of depositions, to preparing pleadings and for oral argument before the court, Henry is a hands-on and meticulous attorney.

Some of Henry's notable representations in large complex securities fraud class actions include:

- *In re Cardinal Health, Inc. Securities Litigation*: This \$600 million settlement is the largest recovery ever in a securities fraud class action in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.
- *Jones v. Pfizer Inc.*: A \$400 million settlement was reached on the eve of trial for investors in this misclassification of revenue case.
- *In re FirstEnergy*: Recovered \$89.5 million for investors in a securities fraud class action after this Ohio utility company artificially inflated its stock price through false statements and omissions.

Henry is the lead litigator responsible for the ongoing 2016 Brazilian arbitration against Petrobras before the Bovespa panel in São Paulo, Brazil, a case brought by 24 institutional investors, including the largest sovereign wealth funds globally and public pension funds across the United States.

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Dan Schwartz works for individuals, small businesses, and public clients in complex multidistrict, commercial, public client, and class action litigations and arbitrations. An experienced litigator with deep knowledge of a wide range of matters, Dan has successfully represented clients in high stakes disputes involving, among other things, affirmative and defensive antitrust claims, fraud, the False Claims Act, consumer privacy, FLSA class and collective actions, trade secret misappropriation, the Anti-Kickback Statute, defamation, securities fraud, toxic tort, bankruptcy, the Affordable Care Act, and patent matters.

Dan has also represented clients on appeal in a number of significant cases in state and federal courts, including arguing a First Amendment matter of first impression in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. He previously worked for several major international law firms and clerked for the Honorable Carlos T. Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dan graduated *magna cum laude* from New York University School of Law and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Prior to his legal career, Dan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vassar College and earned a Master of Arts from Brandeis University. He is a proficient Russian speaker.





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Michael Shroge has dedicated his career to securing justice for individuals and families devastated by medical negligence and catastrophic injury. As a partner in DiCello Levitt's Cleveland office, Michael is a relentless advocate for victims of medical malpractice, poor nursing home care, high-stakes personal injury, and wrongful death claims. A top-tier trial lawyer with decades of experience navigating complex medical litigation, he has built a reputation for representing patients against powerful hospitals and clinics, physicians and health care workers, and other corporate health care entities that fail them.

A former elite figure skater, Michael represented the United States at the 1988 Junior World Championships and competed on the U.S. National Figure Skating Team for several years before turning his focus toward academics and the courtroom. After earning his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, he began his legal career on the defense side, working at one of Ohio's largest medical malpractice defense firms and later serving as associate general counsel at the Cleveland Clinic.

Over the years, Michael has secured significant victories for victims of medical negligence, including in a nearly decade-long case that reached the Supreme Court of Ohio, where he fought to overturn a lower court ruling and allow his client's case to proceed. His cases have spanned birth injuries, wrongful deaths caused by medication errors, and emergency room failures that led to preventable tragedies. In one particularly striking case, Michael successfully represented a widow whose husband died of a heart attack after a hospital emergency department illegally refused to treat him, securing justice for the grieving family and exposing systemic failures in hospital emergency care.

Michael's relentless pursuit of justice extends beyond the courtroom. He has been a powerful advocate in the Ohio Legislature, lobbying for laws that protect the rights of injured patients and ensure fair compensation for victims of medical malpractice. His contributions to legal reform have earned him multiple Distinguished Service Awards from the Ohio Association for Justice.

Recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer for over a decade, Michael is also a sought-after speaker on legal ethics, professionalism, and trial strategy. Outside of his practice, Michael remains active in his community, dedicating his time to local arts initiatives and youth sports programs.



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Anna Claire Skinner represents governmental entities, individual consumers, and corporate clients, with the primary purpose of the protection of human health and the environment. She has litigated cases in both administrative tribunals and state and federal court from inception through settlement and trial. She has experience with numerous environmental statutes and regulations, including the Clean Water Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Anna Claire is part of the DiCello Levitt team working with several states in investigating and addressing poly- and perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination. DiCello Levitt's PFAS team, along with other Special Assistant Attorneys General and the Illinois Attorney General, most recently filed a lawsuit against 3M for PFAS contamination from its facility in Cordova, Illinois. Cases involving these "forever chemicals" will have wide-reaching implications for state governments and their residents.

Anna Claire also represents public clients in litigation seeking to hold the world's largest fossil fuel companies accountable for decades of deception concerning climate change and the costs and other consequences that climate change is imposing on those governments. She works with communities that have been impacted by years of exposure to polluted air, water, and soil. Recently, Anna Claire and DiCello Levitt's environmental team joined with co-counsel in representing several residents and former residents of Union, Illinois in filing suit against companies responsible for polluting the groundwater with carcinogenic chlorinated solvents. Anna Claire is also part of the team leading a class action on behalf of the residents of Rockton, Illinois, and surrounding communities for property damages they sustained following a catastrophic fire at a local chemical factory.

In addition to her environmental work, Anna Claire helps clients develop and maintain safety and health programs that meet all of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) regulatory requirements and ensure all employees enjoy safe and healthful workplaces. She regularly counsels clients when compliance and litigation questions arise under OSHA.

Outside of the office, Anna Claire continues her work on environmental-related issues by serving as co-chair of the Kentucky Bar Association's Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources section. She also focuses on giving back to her community through her participation on the executive committee of the Living Arts and Science Center Board of Directors.



Peter Soldato is a tireless advocate for clients in and out of the courtroom. He began his career in the public sector, litigating cases on behalf of the government and later representing individuals against the government. He leverages this experience to protect the interests of individuals, businesses, and public entities in a wide range of disputes.

As a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College and a contributing member of DiCello Levitt's Trial Center, Peter has had repeated success using focus group analysis to distill even the most complex of cases into stories that a judge and jury can understand and apply, which has resulted in positive outcomes for clients in a wide variety of disputes.

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David is a former adjunct professor at Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business, teaching Business Law and Ethics every fall semester from 2015-2021. He has co-authored *Dobbs Ruling Means It's Time to Rethink Data Collection* in Law360 (2022), *Google and the Digital Privacy Perfect Storm* in E-Commerce Law Reports (UK) (2013), authored *Netherlands: Amsterdam Court of Appeal Approves Groundbreaking Global Settlements Under the Dutch Act on the Collective Settlement of Mass Claims*, in The International Lawyer's annual "International Legal Developments in Review" (2009), and was a contributing author for Maher M. Dabbah & K.P.E. Lasok, QC, *Merger Control Worldwide* (2005). He speaks frequently on topics related to both privacy and investor protection.

David co-chairs the firm's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, which seeks to promote diversity within the firm and the legal profession generally. In 2022, David was also appointed to the LGBTQ Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association, whose mission is to address "legal and policy issues in legal institutions and in the court system that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals."

David also co-chairs the firm's Artificial Intelligence Working Group, tasked with vetting new AI products and related contracts; coordinating firm-wide training; drafting all relevant AI policies; and leading the AI ethics subcommittee. David has presented on numerous panels addressing the law of AI.

Prior to joining the firm, David was a partner with Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, and helped launch the US offices of London-based Stewarts Law LLP before that, where he was the global head of investor protection litigation. Prior to joining the plaintiffs' bar, David was an associate with the New York office of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP.

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Before joining DiCello Levitt, Carrie served for 13 years as a trial attorney in the DOJ's Antitrust Division, including more than two years as Assistant Chief of its New York office, where she led investigations and prosecutions involving price-fixing, bid-rigging, and market allocation conspiracies. She played a pivotal role in some of the division's largest and most complex cases, including on the winning trial team in *United States v. Apple Inc.* concerning the e-books market and a landmark series of criminal prosecutions of major banks and traders engaged in foreign currency exchange market manipulation.

Carrie also played a critical role in the DOJ's criminal enforcement efforts against anticompetitive employment practices, leading the investigation and prosecution against executives of major aerospace industry companies in one of the first criminal no-poach cases. Her extensive trial experience has sharpened her ability to navigate the most intricate antitrust disputes, making her a formidable litigator in the courtroom.

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As Chair of the Firm's Consumer Products Group, John Tangren has exclusively represented plaintiffs for the past decade in multistate automotive defect class actions. In addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars he's recovered for his clients, he also obtained nearly half a million dollars in sanctions for discovery misconduct in a class action involving unintended acceleration in Ford vehicles. Most recently, John was a member of a trial team and led plaintiffs' presentation on damages in a multi-state class action involving oil consumption of trucks and sports-utility vehicles, in which the jury awarded the class \$102.6 million. The verdict—a rarity in class action litigation—is one of the highest-ever achieved for an automotive defect class action, setting the bar for litigating similar cases across the country. In another case, involving ignition switch defects, John served as Settlement Allocation Counsel in a blockbuster \$121.1 million settlement against General Motors.

John's professional accomplishments are among the most impressive in the country. He has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in product defect cases, including \$600 million for property damage caused by an herbicide, \$135 million for defective heavy truck engines, and \$45 million and \$40 million in cases involving defective SUV parts, all while setting himself apart as an expert legal writer and tactician.

John's expertise in legal writing is recognized in the community; John frequently presents to other lawyers on how to best communicate their message, present advocacy in compelling ways, and use tools and technology to streamline the process. He also presents on other topics—ranging from communications with absent class members at an annual antitrust conference, to issues related to Article III standing in the federal court system. Some of his other presentations have included a lecture to members of the Chicago Bar Association concerning the Class Action Fairness Act and its impact on litigation since its passage, the use of discovery tools and techniques for electronically-stored information, and how to avoid legal ethics violations and liability for malpractice by following established protocols and procedures.

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Before joining DiCello Levitt, Geralyn spent fifteen years in government service enforcing the antitrust laws at both the state and federal level. During her tenure at the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition, she served as lead attorney in significant matters resulting in commission victories and led investigations across a variety of industries, including healthcare, digital platforms, medical devices, consumer goods, and industrial products. At the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Geralyn investigated anticompetitive conduct and litigated cases involving pricing fixing and anticompetitive mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to her work in government, Geralyn spent ten years at an esteemed multinational law firm, representing public and private companies in antitrust matters, including mergers and acquisitions, civil antitrust litigation, and government investigations.

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Gordon's approach builds advantages into the ESI workflow at the outset of a case. When the time comes for the litigation team to marshal the ESI needed to achieve the best outcome for a client, Gordon has already created the infrastructure so that important evidence can be quickly located and presented.

Gordon's background includes working in review rooms to produce ESI for civil defendants, giving him unique insight in his current work receiving document productions on behalf of plaintiffs. Crafting search terms and leveraging predictive coding is central to Gordon's strategy for finding the smallest of needles in the largest of haystacks. He has experience in all of the major review platforms, including Relativity and Everlaw, ensuring that every case, whether ESI is managed directly by DiCello Levitt or with partner firms, can be brought to successful resolution for our clients.



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Anne Box is a strategic and results-driven trial lawyer with a deep background in securities, antitrust, and other complex litigation. She serves as senior counsel in DiCello Levitt's Securities and Financial Products Practice Group in San Diego, where she represents institutional investors and banks in cases against major financial institutions and corporations that engage in fraud and deceptive practices.

Before joining DiCello Levitt, Anne Box built an extensive litigation career spanning civil and criminal cases. As a partner at a prominent complex securities litigation firm, she represented institutional investors in high-stakes securities fraud class actions, supervising litigation teams from complaint through trial preparation and settlement negotiations. She played a key role in securing significant recoveries, including a \$7.2 billion settlement in the landmark *In re Enron Corporation Securities Litigation* and a groundbreaking case against major credit rating agencies for their role in the subprime mortgage crisis. Later, as counsel at another distinguished firm, Anne continued advocating for investors and businesses harmed by financial misconduct, litigating cases involving mortgage-backed securities fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and antitrust violations in the pharmaceutical sector.

Anne founded and operated her own law firm, where she advised corporate executives on compensation and employment matters and consulted on complex litigation. Her diverse experience also includes serving as a chief felony prosecutor in Texas, where she tried over 100 jury trials to verdict, and litigating energy disputes on behalf of major oil companies early in her career. She also served as an articles editor for the *Energy Law Journal* while in law school.

Outside of her legal practice, Anne is committed to community service. She is the president of the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library, supervising 60-plus volunteers and providing support to the San Diego Public Library branch by organizing programs, operating a bookstore, and hosting fundraising events. She also volunteers with KSDS Jazz 88.3 FM, supporting the station's fundraising efforts and community outreach programs.



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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Elton represented individuals, small companies, small financial institutions, and large corporations in business-related disputes, including general liability, workers' compensation, premises liability, and bankruptcy. He chose his current direction in representing individual clients because he wants to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable, rather than defending those with the most power.

Elton received his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law. During law school, he worked in the Civil Law Clinic, helping students and local residents in West Alabama address legal issues that local law firms would not pursue. He also served as senior editor of the *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review*.



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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Jarett was the Director of Litigation Analysis at ISS Securities Class Action Services, where he provided unbiased guidance and analysis to pension fund, asset manager, sovereign wealth, private wealth, and hedge fund clients on securities-related matters in the U.S. and abroad. In his role, Jarett also developed an opt-out monitoring service to help clients make informed decisions about whether to pursue direct action. Prior to ISS, Jarett worked for several prominent, New York-based plaintiffs' firms, where he represented institutional investors in securities fraud matters, business valuation disputes, fiduciary duty claims, and other complex commercial disputes and class actions from inception through trial.

An experienced litigator, Jarett has been an integral trial team member in high-profile bench trials in the Delaware Court of Chancery. He was also a leading member of a team named Kids in Need of Defense's 2021 Newark Pro Bono Team of the Year for its work achieving asylum for a father forcibly separated from his son.



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Prior to joining the firm, James was an insurance defense attorney, representing individuals, corporations, and local municipalities through all stages of litigation.

He has successfully argued for the dismissal of several suits, including their subsequent appeals in multiple state courts of appeal, and has successfully obtained favorable resolutions for his clients through dispositive motions, mediation, and settlement. While this experience was valuable, James joined the firm because he wanted to pivot his focus from defending insurance companies to protecting consumers and those injured by corporate malfeasance.

Outside of the office, James has focused on assisting in the development of the next generation of trial and appellate litigators by coaching the Loyola University Chicago National Health Law Moot Court Team.





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Robert put himself through Cleveland-Marshall College of Law while working as a safety director at U.S. Steel Corporation. While in law school, he was selected to join the *Cleveland-Marshall Law Review*. He began his legal career as an assistant prosecutor in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office and later become President of the Lake County Bar Association. He formed his own firm in 1978, managing it with great success over nearly 40 years until its members founded DiCello Levitt.



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Tricia McCormick represents institutional investors and individuals in securities class action cases. As a member of a team that maintains contact with clients who wish to become actively involved in securities fraud litigation, Tricia is active in all phases of the firm's lead plaintiff motion practice.

Tricia has litigated numerous cases against public companies in state and federal courts that have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors. She has been instrumental in securing appointment of clients as lead plaintiff in dozens of cases across the United States that have resulted in significant recoveries for the classes.

Before joining DiCello Levitt, Tricia worked for 25 years at a prominent complex litigation firm where she focused on securities litigation, litigated derivative actions, and helped establish the firm's lead plaintiff group.



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Ryder Thomas counsels hedge funds, pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, family offices, and large multi-class asset managers on matters related to corporate fraud, investor rights, and securities-related litigation in the U.S. securities markets and abroad.

Ryder began his career as a lawyer in the San Diego and San Francisco offices of a national law firm, where he focused on securities, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), antitrust, and consumer class action litigation. He subsequently joined a highly esteemed San Francisco complex litigation boutique, where he litigated complex financial cases on behalf of private and public companies, bankruptcy trustees, and creditors' committees as both plaintiffs' and defense counsel.

In addition to his deep legal experience, Ryder has a diverse financial background. As an investment banker in the San Francisco office of GCA Savvian (since acquired by Houlihan Lokey), he specialized in M&A and private capital transactions on behalf of high-growth technology companies. Later, as a founding member of the hedge fund coverage group at Houlihan Lokey, he worked with multi-strategy hedge funds on idea generation as well as M&A, public and private financings, complex valuations, and financial restructuring engagements across industry verticals.



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Stephanie has represented institutional investors in securities fraud litigation that has resulted in billions of dollars in collective recoveries. Before joining DiCello Levitt, Stephanie was part of a team that obtained a \$1.21 billion settlement in *In re Valeant Pharms. Int'l, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, a case that *Vanity Fair* reported as "the corporate scandal of its era" that had raised "fundamental questions about the functioning of our health-care system, the nature of modern markets, and the slippery slope of ethical rationalizations." This is the largest securities class action settlement against a pharmaceutical manufacturer and the ninth largest securities class action settlement ever. Additional prominent cases include: *In re AT&T Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$100 million recovery at trial); *In re FirstEnergy Corp. Sec. Litig.* (\$89.5 million recovery); *Rasner v. Sturm (FirstWorld Communications)*; and *In re Advanced Lighting Sec. Litig.* Stephanie also specializes in derivative litigation for breaches of fiduciary duties by corporate officers and directors. Significant litigation includes *In re OM Grp. S'holder Litig.* and *In re Chiquita S'holder Litig.* Stephanie previously represented clients that suffered losses from the historic Madoff fraud in the *Austin Capital* and *Meridian Capital* litigations, which were also successfully resolved. In addition, Stephanie is a frequent lecturer on securities fraud, shareholder litigation, and options for institutional investors seeking to recover losses caused by securities and accounting fraud.

Stephanie is a member of the Bar in California and Kentucky. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky, College of Law. In 2006, she helped campaign for her father, the late Justice Wil Schroder, who was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court and served from 2007, until his retirement in January 2013.



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Timothy R. O'Reilly is an accomplished attorney who oversees DiCello Levitt's Las Vegas office. Tim combines extensive litigation experience with a focus on complex business disputes and catastrophic personal injury matters. He has also advised clients on a broad range of transactional matters, including business and real estate transactions, gaming law, and regulatory compliance.

Tim's advocacy is defined by his commitment to achieving exceptional results, whether through strategic pretrial motions or compelling representation in bench and jury trials. His broad experience and client-centered approach make him a trusted partner in navigating high-stakes legal challenges.

Tim has also offered legal counsel in select criminal matters and administrative proceedings across Nevada, including representing professional athletes in various capacities. Committed to advancing the legal profession, Tim has served as a mentor in the State Bar of Nevada's Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) program, where he provides invaluable guidance and support to newly admitted attorneys, sharing the insights and experience that have defined his distinguished career.

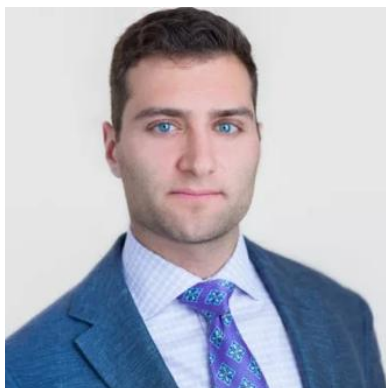
Before joining DiCello Levitt and the O'Reilly Law Group, where he serves as president, Tim worked at the Clark County District Attorney's Criminal Appeals Division, where he drafted appellate briefs for cases before the Clark County District Court, Nevada Supreme Court, and United States Supreme Court. He also served at the Nevada Attorney General's Office in the Department of Transportation, contributing to the Litigation Division's work on eminent domain and condemnation cases.

While in law school, Tim completed judicial externships with Chief Justice William A. Maupin of the Nevada Supreme Court and Chief Judge Lee Gates of the Clark County District Court. Additionally, he clerked in the DUI Division of the Clark County District Attorney's Office, where he assisted with case preparation and grand jury hearings.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Tim has established himself as a leader in the local culture and a dedicated member of the community. His journey embodies the spirit of a true Las Vegas local. While serving as the starting placekicker for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Tim earned multiple academic honors, including recognition as a UNLV Football Scholar Athlete, while pursuing his ultimate goal of attending law school at UNLV.

Today, Tim continues to grow in his professional career and business ventures while remaining deeply rooted in the Las Vegas community. His commitment to giving back to the city he will always call home has only strengthened over time.

Together with his wife, Tamara, Tim is raising their four children in Las Vegas, ensuring his legacy of connection and service continues. He is also a founding board member of Lexicon Bank, where he remains an active member of the Board of Directors. Established in 2019, Lexicon Bank serves as a community-focused financial partner for professionals, small businesses, and nonprofits across Southern Nevada.



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Justin has litigated multiple jury and bench trials to verdict, as well as multiple arbitrations to final decision. An advocate for advancing the craft of trial practice, he is a contributing member of the DiCello Levitt Trial Center, where he helps attorneys fine-tune their cases through focus groups and mock trials.

During law school, Justin was a key member of The Ohio State University's award-winning Moritz College of Law's Mock Trial Team. He also received the Michael F. Colley Award, as a top mock trial performer in the 2020 graduating class and was named Best Attorney during the 2019 Ohio Attorney General's Mock Trial Competition. Before law school, Justin graduated from the University of Dayton, *summa cum laude*, where he was elected to serve the undergraduate student body as a representative for the UD Student Government Association and was appointed to serve as the Speaker of the Student Body Senate. During his undergraduate studies, Justin worked on a successful Senate campaign and was an intern in the United States House of Representatives. Justin was also a member of UD's NCAA Division 1 FCS Football program and was named to the Pioneer Football League's All-Academic Team.





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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt as an associate, Kelsey worked as law clerk for the firm, compiling legal research and managing the evidence database for international securities litigation. While at the University of California College of Law, San Francisco, Kelsey participated in the Haiti Justice Partnership, where she interviewed asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border and contributed to a report submitted to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. She worked in-house through the Corporate Counsel Externship Program at Recology, a recycling and sustainable waste management company, and served as senior articles editor for the *UC Law Journal*. Kelsey's legal career has included a judicial externship for the Honorable Justice Joshua P. Groban at the Supreme Court of California and a legal clerkship focusing on land use and housing legislation.

Kelsey completed her law degree at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, and a Master of Law at Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas. Prior to law school, she earned a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, and a Bachelor of Arts in communication from the University of Southern California. She has worked in the human rights nonprofit sector, in digital media, and in foreign language education. Kelsey has lived in the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, and Colombia.

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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Emma practiced at an esteemed New York-based plaintiffs' firm, where she worked on plaintiff class actions in cybersecurity and data privacy, employment and labor, and civil rights law. While at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Emma served as notes editor for the *Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice*. She also interned at the Legal Aid Society's Domestic Violence Unit, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the Bronx Defenders' Family Defense Practice, and the Queens District Attorney's Office's Domestic Violence Bureau.

Emma received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, where she majored in sociology, concentrating in law, justice, and social change, and minored in creative writing and philosophy. At Michigan, Emma was also selected to perform in the wind ensemble as a flutist, and she volunteered at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center.



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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Elizabeth was the sole judicial law clerk for the Acting Presiding Judge of Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, where she assisted on more than 200 written opinions, and served as the Motion Section Pool Clerk Coordinator. While studying at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Elizabeth worked as a research assistant to professors James Thuo Gathii and Steven Ramirez and as the head law clerk for a nationally recognized, Chicago-based plaintiffs' law firm.

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Elizabeth is the vice chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee, where she coordinates and teaches CLE for Chicago attorneys seeking greater expertise on emerging environmental law issues. She is currently working toward a master's degree in public policy administration from the Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, where she studies policy-driven structures that shape the regulatory and commercial landscapes in which she practices.

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Noah has contributed to a number of cases, including multiple class actions brought against meat packing companies for alleged price fixing; a class action brought by pharmacies alleging inflated fees and conspiracy to restrain trade; and a class action against manufactured home community owners for alleged conspiracy to fix home lot rental prices.

In law school, Noah acted as a community mediator in disputes, such as parenting and neighbor conflicts. After law school, he worked as a judicial clerk for a trial court judge in Minneapolis. In this position, Noah observed and was actively involved in a large variety of cases, from inception to trial. Noah has also represented clients pro bono, including one case against the federal government regarding an incarcerated individual denied necessary healthcare.



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James Crisafulli specializes in environmental litigation and has assisted lawyers in litigating some of the largest and most groundbreaking environmental cases in the country. James constantly searches for innovative ways to push the law forward to serve his clients, and his focus on efficacy and efficiency helps clients consistently achieve meaningful results.

While in law school, James worked with a variety of firms and organizations bringing important environmental lawsuits against polluters across the United States. As a law clerk at a leading, California-based environmental litigation firm, he helped sue the largest fossil fuel companies in the world for their roles in implementing a campaign of deception concerning the impacts of fossil fuels on the climate, work that he continues with DiCello Levitt. Relatedly, James fought for the rights of youth to a healthy environment and safe climate as a law clerk at the nonprofit, public interest law firm Our Children's Trust. James also served as a law clerk in the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser, where he researched international environmental law issues and helped prepare for treaty negotiations, among other duties, and he was a legal intern at a New York-based social justice law firm, where he drafted complaints seeking redress for greenwashing and harmful agricultural practices. In these roles, James gained valuable experience not only in environmental litigation matters but also in consumer protection and public client representation.

James graduated from the George Washington University Law School at the top of his class. During his time there, he was published in two flagship law journals for his environmental law scholarship and was recognized for his contributions to the field. James also advanced to the international finals in a global environmental law moot court competition hosted by Stetson Law School and was individually recognized for his oral advocacy. James graduated in three years from Northwestern University with a degree in political science, after which he completed the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs in Los Angeles, where he is from.

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Before joining DiCello Levitt, Eaghan served as a law clerk to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard H. Bernstein, where he was exposed to some of the state's most pressing issues, including the Flint water contamination cases, where the court held that citizens of Flint had the right to sue the State of Michigan for their exposure to lead, PFAS, Legionella, and other harmful materials in state-supplied drinking water. As an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Criminal Division, Eaghan represented the public's interests in a variety of matters in Illinois state and federal courts, including arguing before the Illinois Supreme Court in *People v. Gorss*, 2022 IL 126464 (2022). After leaving public service, Eaghan joined a Chicago class action boutique, where he represented patients in antitrust lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies for their delay of generic medications that significantly lower prescription costs.

While attending the Northeastern University School of Law, Eaghan interned for Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Judge Victoria A. Roberts, and two Boston plaintiffs' law firms. Recognizing the significant role mentors played in his legal education, Eaghan now serves as a moot court judge and coach at Michigan State University College of Law.





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Éviealle Dawkins has developed deep personal perspectives on justice and responsibility that are foundational to her legal practice. As a DiCello Levitt associate, Éviealle applies her insight to litigation work on behalf of plaintiffs injured by civil or human rights abuses, environmental hazards, and other acts of corporate malfeasance. Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Éviealle honed her litigation research skills on claims ranging from consumer protection and toxic tort to data and privacy.

While attending Howard University School of Law, Éviealle held an externship with the ADR Consortium Clinic at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she participated in mediations to resolve employment discrimination claims and assisted parties through the mediation and settlement process. She also served as a summer law clerk for the Maryland Office of the Attorney General's Thurgood Marshall Clerkship Program in the Civil Rights and Legislative Affairs Divisions. As a student attorney in her law school's Fair Housing Clinic, she represented low-income families in the District of Columbia Landlord Tenant Court. A merit scholarship recipient, Éviealle was also a member of the Charles Hamilton Houston National Moot Court Team and served on the Executive Boards of the Student Bar Association and her professional membership organizations.

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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Hani practiced at two leading national securities litigation law firms and collaborated with and learned from some of the best securities fraud class action lawyers in the country. He has served on litigation teams that successfully prosecuted securities fraud class actions against corporations in the insurance, health care, and veterinary industries, securing tens of millions of dollars in settlements. He also played a critical role in the representation of institutional investors in numerous securities opt-out cases, including actions against Valeant Pharmaceuticals, American Realty Capital Properties, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Symantec Corporation, among others. Additionally, Hani has significant experience advising investors on international securities matters, including shareholder actions in Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia.

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Madeline joins Dicello Levitt from the Missouri Attorney General's Office, where she served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Section. There, Madeline defended state entities and officials in a broad range of matters, including personal injury, civil rights, class actions, and statutory claims.

While in law school, Madeline worked as a student law clerk to the Honorable Judge Duane Benton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Justice Ann Walsh Bradley of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She also served as vice president of communications for First Generation Lawyers and as a student researcher for the State Democracy Research Initiative. Madeline excelled in complex litigation and contributed a section on trends in labeling class actions to her professor's forthcoming book. After graduating in the top 10 percent of her class, Madeline employs the same dedication and rigor to her clients.

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While at Lewis & Clark Law School, Jessie focused her research on the ways that class actions and other aggregation devices enable access to the courts, achieving justice for those previously left without recourse, and effect major changes in our environmental protection efforts. After serving as a law clerk at the Natural Resources Law Section of the California Office of the Attorney General, she was elected editor of *Environmental Law Review: Ninth Circuit Review*, where she also published an article on the intersection of complex litigation and environmental law; served as president of the Public Interest Law Project, an organization aimed at empowering students to pursue opportunities in public interest law; and co-founded the Complex Litigation Symposium at Lewis & Clark, sponsored by DiCello Levitt, which explored the significance of class actions and MDLs in ensuring equal access to justice. Shortly after graduating from law school, she received a scholarship to attend the Bolch Judicial Institute at Duke Law School's Advanced MDL Certificate Program and was recently selected to join the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' Membership Diversity Enhancement Program.

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After earning a bachelor’s degree in Corporate Finance and Business Administration at the University of Akron, Niko received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law where he was recognized as a Law and Leadership Scholar. During law school, he held a judicial clerkship and later served as a certified legal intern at the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic at Case Western Reserve. Prior to becoming an Associate at DiCello Levitt, Niko worked at the firm as a law clerk. He also previously served as a legal clerk for a medical malpractice law firm where he worked on cases involving the professional negligence of healthcare providers.



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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Mitch served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Union County, Ohio, and as a law clerk for the Columbus, Ohio, city attorney prosecutor's division. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science and economics from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and earned his law degree from The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

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Believing that every person deserves equal access to the rights, benefits, and privileges afforded to them under the law, Grant practices law to seek justice for all—especially in communities that the legal justice system has historically left behind.

Prior to beginning his legal practice, Grant clerked at DiCello Levitt while in law school and served as executive editor for the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*, Vol. 46. He also worked as a judicial intern for a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, clerked at a prominent immigration firm, and served as a legislative intern in the Alabama House of Representatives.

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He has contributed to a number of notable cases, including a class action brought against drug makers alleging anticompetitive conduct to delay entry of a generic version of a drug; an ongoing multidistrict litigation against a property management software company and real estate firms for allegedly colluding to inflate rental prices; class actions brought by pharmacies alleging inflated drug prices; and a class action against local television station owners for allegedly participating in a scheme to artificially inflate ad prices.

Johnny's professional experience in law began when he served as legal intern for Rhode Island Legal Services, where he assisted in the representation of indigent clients facing prison time for failing to pay child support. He worked as a paralegal before law school, including for two years as a litigation paralegal at the New York office of one of the world's largest law firms. He also served as a law clerk, investigating and developing antitrust class actions through the entire litigation process.

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Before joining DiCello Levitt, Maggie spent 10 years as a solo practitioner, providing services to nonprofit organizations in all stages of development. She handled a variety of issues including incorporation, tax exemption, compliance, organizational structure, contracts, governance issues, and trademark registration. Additionally, she served as a court-appointed receiver in a commercial litigation involving a shareholder dispute.

Prior to going into solo practice, Maggie worked as an associate and of counsel for several small law firms, handling nonprofit and small business transactional matters, affordable housing issues including HDFC structure and conversion, real estate transactions, and civil litigation including landlord-tenant proceedings.

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While earning her law degree at the City University of New York School of Law, Maggie was a staff member of the *New York City Law Review*, editing the public interest practice and articles sections. She also served in the Community Economic Development Clinic, where she worked directly with nonprofit organizations. She interned at an organization serving individuals with HIV, assisting attorneys on issues facing the community, including landlord-tenant proceedings, bankruptcy, discrimination under the Americans With Disabilities Act, and fair hearings for denial of public benefits.

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Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Rebecca litigated complex bankruptcy matters at a distinguished international firm, representing clients across a wide variety of industries. At her previous firm, she also maintained a robust pro bono practice, advocating on behalf of asylum seekers and working towards expanding tenants' rights in the Chicago area.

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While in law school, Julia was a notes and comments editor for the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* and served as an executive board member for Chicago-Kent's Moot Court Honor Society. As a CALI Award recipient in privacy law and a Dean's List honoree, Julia's devotion to legal excellence brought her to DiCello Levitt, where she worked as a law clerk before beginning as an associate attorney.

Julia also graduated from the University of Michigan with a double major in political science and Spanish. On top of balancing a rigorous academic schedule, Julia participated in varsity athletics, where she achieved two national cheerleading championships and was a four-time U-M Athletic Academic Achievement Award recipient.

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