

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

TONY REALI, Derivatively on Behalf of
SPRUCE POWER HOLDING CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

v.

KEVIN GRIFFIN, CHRISTOPHER M. HAYES,
JONATHAN J. LEDECKY, SARAH SCLARSIC,
THOMAS J. HYNES III, DEBORA M. FRODL,
NIHARIKA T. RAMDEV, DIMITRI N.
KAZARINOFF, DECLAN P. FLANAGAN, BRIAN
PIERN, and JAMES H.R. BRADY,

Defendants,

and

SPRUCE POWER HOLDING CORPORATION,

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00289-MN

JOHN TUCCI, Derivatively on Behalf of Nominal
Defendant XL FLEET INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

JONATHAN J. LEDECKY, JAMES BRADY, SARAH
SCLARSIC, KEVIN GRIFFIN, EFRAT EPSTEIN,
KATRINA ADAMS, DIMITRI N. KAZARINOFF,
THOMAS J. HYNES III, DEBORA M. FRODL,
DECLAN P. FLANAGAN, CHRISTOPHER HAYES,
and NIHARIKA RAMDEV,

Defendants,

and

XL FLEET INC.,

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00322-MN

**AMENDED STIPULATION AND ORDER CONSOLIDATING
AND STAYING THE DERIVATIVE ACTIONS**

Plaintiffs Tony Reali and John Tucci (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), derivatively and on behalf of Spruce Power Holding Corporation (“Spruce Power”), formerly known as XL Fleet Corp. (“XL Fleet”), and defendants Debora M. Frodl, Kevin Griffin, Christopher M. Hayes, Jonathan J. Ledecy, Sarah Sclarsic, James H.R. Brady, Dimitri N. Kazarinoff, Thomas J. Hynes III, Brian Piern, Niharika T. Ramdev, Declan P. Flanagan, Efrat Epstein, and Katrina Adams (collectively “Individual Defendants”), and with nominal defendant Spruce Power (together with Individual Defendants, “Defendants” and, together with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), hereby jointly submit this stipulation (“Stipulation”), and in support thereof state as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2023, Plaintiff Reali filed a complaint in the action captioned *Reali v. Griffin, et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-00289-MN (the “*Reali* Action”), in the right, and for the benefit, of Spruce Power against certain of the Individual Defendants asserting claims against those Individual Defendants for alleged breaches of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment, and for contribution under Sections 10(b) and 21D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), all of which is alleged to have caused substantial harm to Spruce Power;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, Plaintiff Reali served a copy of the summons and complaint in the *Reali* Action on Spruce Power, and on March 30, 2023, filed the proofs of service thereof on the docket;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, Plaintiff Tucci filed a complaint in the action captioned *Tucci v. Ledecy, et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-00322-MN (the “*Tucci* Action” and, together with the *Reali* Action, the “Derivative Actions”), in the right, and for the benefit, of an entity purportedly

named XL Fleet Inc.¹ against certain of the Individual Defendants asserting claims against those Individual Defendants for alleged breaches of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and waste, as well as violations of Sections 14(a) of the Exchange Act, all of which is alleged to have caused substantial harm to XL Fleet;

WHEREAS, the claims in the Derivative Actions are related to those in earlier-filed consolidated securities class actions pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York before the Hon. Jennifer L. Rochon, captioned *In Re XL Fleet Corp. Securities Litigation.*, Case No. 1:21-cv-2002-JLR (the “Federal Securities Action”);

WHEREAS, in April 2023, the Parties began meeting and conferring on a proposal for the Defendants to accept service of the complaints in the Derivative Actions to efficiently manage the Derivative Actions and conserve the resources of the Parties and the Court by temporarily staying the Derivative Actions in deference to certain further developments in the Federal Securities Action;

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2023, the Court issued separate Show Cause Orders in the *Real* Action (Dkt. #4) and *Tucci* Action (Dkt. #3) regarding timely service under Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or why the *Real* Action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute under Local Rule 41.1 of Civil Practice and Procedure of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware;

WHEREAS, fact discovery in the Federal Securities Action is closed and the current deadline to conclude expert discovery therein is December 11, 2023;

¹ Defendants understand that references to XL Fleet Inc. in the *Tucci* complaint are intended to refer to XL Fleet Corp.

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the Derivative Actions challenge substantially similar alleged conduct and involve similar questions of law and fact, assert claims against substantially the same Individual Defendants, and that the administration of justice would best be served by consolidating the Derivative Actions;

WHEREAS, the Parties believe that the administration of justice would be served by temporarily staying the Derivative Actions in deference to the Federal Securities Action until the conclusion of expert discovery in the Federal Securities Action;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, the Parties filed a Stipulation and [Proposed] Order Consolidating and Staying the Derivative Actions, which provided, *inter alia*, for acceptance of service by all defendants not previously served, except for defendants Niharika T. Ramdev, Declan P. Flanagan, Efrat Epstein, and Katrina Adams;

WHEREAS, the Court denied the proposed Order, and granted Plaintiffs until August 9, 2023 to serve, or secure acceptance of service for, defendants Niharika T. Ramdev, Declan P. Flanagan, Efrat Epstein, and Katrina Adams; and

WHEREAS, counsel for defendants Niharika T. Ramdev, Declan P. Flanagan, Efrat Epstein, and Katrina Adams have now indicated that they are authorized to accept service on behalf of their clients;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated by and between the undersigned that:

1. The following actions are hereby consolidated for all purposes, including pre-trial proceedings and trial, under Case No. 1:23-cv-00289-MN (the “Consolidated Action”):

Real v. Griffin, et al., 1:23-cv-00289-MN (filed March 16, 2023)

Tucci v. Leducky, et al., 1:23-cv-00322-MN (filed March 23, 2023)

2. Every pleading filed in the Consolidated Action, or in any separate action included herein, shall bear the following caption:

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3. Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe LLP and Rigrotsky Law, P.A. are hereby appointed Co-Lead Counsel in the Consolidated Action. The law firm deLeeuw Law LLC is hereby appointed Local Counsel in the Consolidated Action.

4. Plaintiffs’ counsel, Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe LLP and Rigrotsky Law, P.A., are well-qualified to serve as Co-Lead Counsel in the Consolidated Action. *See* Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe LLP firm resume (attached hereto as Exhibit A) and Rigrotsky Law, P.A. firm resume (attached hereto as Exhibit B). Counsel for Spruce Power and the Individual Defendants take no position on the qualifications or appointment of Co-Lead Counsel or Local Counsel for Plaintiffs.

5. The Consolidated Action shall be stayed until the conclusion of expert discovery in the Federal Securities Action. **The parties must move to lift the stay.**

6. Defendants hereby waive service of process and accept service of the complaints filed in the Derivative Actions as of the date of entry of this Order, without waiver of or prejudice to any rights, arguments, or defenses any Defendant may have (other than those based solely on the failure to complete service), including but not limited to defenses based on the lack of personal jurisdiction.

7. Defendants shall promptly notify Plaintiffs upon becoming aware of any related derivative actions or threatened derivative actions, including, but not limited to, Section 220 demands or litigation demands.

8. This Order shall apply to each shareholder derivative action arising out of the same, or substantially the same, transactions or events as these cases, which is subsequently filed in, removed to, reassigned to, or transferred to this Court. When a shareholder derivative action that properly belongs as part of *In re Spruce Power Corp. Derivative Litigation*, Consolidated Case No. 1:23-cv-00289-MN, is hereafter filed in the Court, removed to this Court, reassigned to the Court, or transferred here from another court, this Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the clerk of the Court the filing, removal, reassignment, or transfer of any case that might properly be consolidated as part of *In re Spruce Power Corp. Derivative Litigation*, Consolidated Case No. 1:23-cv-00289-MN, and counsel are to assist in assuring that counsel in subsequent actions receive notice of this order. Unless otherwise ordered, the terms of all orders, rulings, and decisions in the Consolidated Action shall apply to all later shareholder derivative actions involving Spruce Power and/or XL Fleet filed in this Court.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Stipulation, the stay may be lifted before the time provided by Paragraph 5 of this Stipulation by agreement among the Parties. Within thirty (30) days after the Parties agree to lift the stay pursuant to this Paragraph, the Parties shall meet and confer and submit a proposed scheduling order to the Court.

10. The Parties further agree that if the plaintiff in any related derivative action refuses to agree to a stay under similar terms, Plaintiffs may unilaterally lift the agreed stay by providing notice in writing to the undersigned Counsel for Defendants via email. Within thirty (30) days after Plaintiffs provide notice of their intention to lift the stay pursuant to this Paragraph, the Parties

shall submit to the Court a schedule for Plaintiffs to designate an operative complaint, file a consolidated complaint, and/or Defendants to file a motion to dismiss the Derivative Actions or otherwise respond to the operative complaint in the Consolidated Action.

11. The Parties agree that during the pendency of this stay, Defendants shall inform Plaintiffs promptly upon the scheduling of any mediation or settlement talks with the plaintiffs in the Federal Securities Action, and shall invite Plaintiffs to participate in any such mediation or settlement talks, subject to seeking and receiving permission from the other parties to the mediation (and, if settlement talks are part of a court-ordered settlement conference, from the Court).

12. The Parties further agree that Defendants shall inform Plaintiffs promptly upon the scheduling of any mediation or settlement talks with any other derivative plaintiffs who have asserted claims substantially similar to the claims asserted by Plaintiffs herein (or any Spruce Power shareholders who have issued litigation demands demanding that Spruce Power bring such substantially similar claims) and shall invite Plaintiffs to participate in any such mediation or settlement talks, subject to seeking and receiving permission from the other parties to the mediation (and, if settlement talks are part of a court-ordered settlement conference, from the Court).

13. The Parties agree that notwithstanding this stay of this Consolidated Action, Plaintiffs may file a consolidated complaint; however, Defendants need not answer or otherwise respond to any complaint or consolidated complaint that is filed in or consolidated with the above-captioned action during the pendency of this stay.

14. Within ten (10) days of the execution of a reasonable confidentiality agreement governing the use and disclosure of produced materials, Defendants will produce to Plaintiffs all documents previously produced pursuant to any shareholder demand for an inspection of books and records on behalf of Spruce Power and/or XL Fleet. In the event that Defendants agree to

produce, or any of them are ordered to produce by a court of competent jurisdiction, any additional documents pursuant to any shareholder demand for an inspection of books and records on behalf of Spruce Power and/or XL Fleet, Defendants shall also produce such materials to Plaintiffs here.

15. Within thirty (30) days of the completion of expert discovery in the Federal Securities Action, the Parties shall meet and confer and submit to the Court a schedule for Plaintiffs to designate an operative complaint, file a consolidated complaint, and/or Defendants to file a motion to dismiss the Consolidated Action or otherwise respond to the operative complaint.

16. In the event that Defendants agree to terms or conditions in connection with any stipulation, agreement, or motion to stay a related derivative action that are more favorable to the plaintiff(s) therein, those more favorable terms or conditions shall be deemed incorporated into this stipulation.

17. Defendants shall have no obligation to respond substantively to the complaints filed in the Derivative Actions at this time.

18. By entering into this Stipulation, the Parties do not waive any rights not specifically addressed herein, including but not limited to the right to move for a future stay.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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Dated: August 3, 2023

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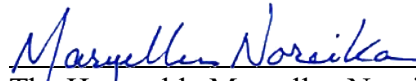
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IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of August 2023.



The Honorable Maryellen Noreika
United States District Judge

EXHIBIT A

SCHUBERT JONCKHEER & KOLBE LLP

Together with its predecessor firms, Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe LLP has been in operation for over forty years. In addition to prosecuting cases in California federal and state courts, the firm has been actively involved in securities, antitrust, unfair competition, and employment class actions throughout the United States. Schubert Jonckheer & Kolbe has served as Lead Counsel or Co-Lead Counsel in class actions and shareholder derivative actions that have produced recoveries valued at over \$850 million.

- ***Tucker v. Scrushy***, No. CV-02-5212 (AEH) (Ala. Cir., Jefferson Cty.). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action on behalf of HealthSouth Corporation alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and insider trading arising from a restatement of financial results. Plaintiffs won partial summary judgment against former Chief Executive Officer Richard Scrushy for restitution of \$47.8 million. Plaintiffs also settled HealthSouth’s claims against additional directors and officers for \$100 million and against its investment banker for an additional \$133 million. At trial against Mr. Scrushy on additional claims, Plaintiffs obtained a \$2.9 billion judgment, which was later upheld by the Alabama Supreme Court.
- ***In re Google AdWords Litigation***, No. 5:08-CV-03369-EJD (N.D. Cal.). Lead Counsel for nationwide class of advertisers alleging Google placed their ads on low-quality parked domains and error pages in violation of California’s false advertising laws. We obtained a \$22.5 million settlement on behalf of over one million class members, which was finally approved in the Northern District of California.
- ***Ciapessoni et al. v. United States***, No. 1:15-cv-00938-LAS (Fed. Cl.). Co-Counsel for nationwide class of raisin growers alleging that the federal government’s practice of setting aside a portion of their raisin crop constituted an unconstitutional taking of private property for public use in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. We obtained an \$85.8 million settlement on behalf of over 6,000 raisin growers who opted-in to the class, which was finally approved by the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.
- ***Poertner v. The Gillette Company***, No. 12-CV-803 (M.D. Fla.). Co-Lead Counsel in nationwide consumer class action alleging false and misleading advertising of certain Duracell batteries regarding the batteries’ longevity, in violation of various state laws. We obtained a settlement valued at approximately \$50 million on behalf of approximately 7.26 million class members.
- ***In re The Home Depot, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 1:15-CV-2999-TWT (N.D. Ga.). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty against certain officers and directors concerning The Home Depot 2014 data breach. We successfully resolved the litigation through settlement by causing The Home Depot to enact comprehensive corporate governance reforms and structural improvements to its data security protocols.
- ***Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Derivative Litigation***, No. 753-VCS (Del. Ch.). As co-counsel, we helped obtain a \$205 million settlement in a shareholder derivative action brought on behalf of Marsh & McLennan Companies (“MMC”). The complaint alleged

that MMC, the world's largest insurance broker, failed to adequately disclose that it was paid commissions to steer insurance business to favored companies. When the practices were revealed, MMC paid huge fines, to the detriment of its shareholders.

- ***3M Transparent Tape Cases***, No. 4:00-2810-CW (N.D. Cal.). Co-Lead Counsel in nationwide antitrust class action on behalf of purchasers of 3M transparent tape. Plaintiffs claimed that 3M maintained an unlawful monopoly in the market for invisible and transparent tape designed to restrict the availability of lower-priced comparable products to consumers and maintain supracompetitive prices for its own retail products. We obtained a settlement valued at approximately \$42 million.
- ***Bonneville Pacific Corporation Securities Litigation***, No. 2:92-C-0181-DS (D. Utah). Co-Lead Counsel in securities class action involving fraudulent financial statements by a power cogeneration company. We obtained settlements totaling \$26 million for the class, which recovered 100% of its damages, in one of the largest securities fraud cases in Utah history. We also obtained an important decision from the Utah Supreme Court holding that plaintiffs need not plead or prove reliance under the Utah Uniform Securities Act.
- ***Qwest Communications International, Inc. Derivative Litigation***, No. 02-CV-8188 (Colo. Dist. Ct., Denver). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and insider trading arising out of the telecommunications company's earnings restatement. We obtained a \$25 million settlement on the company's behalf.
- ***Pfeiffer v. Toll***, No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch.). Primary counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and insider trading arising out of missed earnings projections. We recovered a \$16.25 million settlement on the company's behalf and obtained a key legal ruling rejecting the argument that Delaware's leading insider trading precedent should be overruled. *Pfeiffer v. Toll*, 989 A.2d 683 (Del. Ch. 2010).

Current Court-Appointed Leadership Positions

- ***Nalick v. Seagate Technology LLC***, No. CGC-15-547787 (Cal. Super. Ct.). Class Counsel for class of California consumers who purchased allegedly defective hard disk drives in violation of California consumer protection and false advertising laws.
- ***Fisher v. United States***, No. 13-CV-608-MMS (Fed. Cl.). Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action on behalf of Fannie Mae alleging unconstitutional taking of private property against U.S. government based on net worth sweep of all profits.
- ***In re Myriad Genetics, Inc. Stockholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 2021-0686-SG (Del. Ch.). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty against certain of Myriad Genetics, Inc.'s officers and directors.
- ***In re Lordstown Motors Corp. Stockholder Derivative Litigation***, No. 2021-1049-LWW (Del. Ch.). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of

fiduciary duty and additional claims against certain of Lordstown Motors Corp.'s officers and directors.

- ***In re Procter & Gamble Aerosol Products Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, No. 22-md-3025 (S.D. Ohio). Member of the Settlement Class Counsel in consumer class action asserting consumer protection claims based on the sale of certain aerosol products allegedly containing the carcinogen benzene.
- ***In re RenovaCare Derivative Litigation***, No. 21-cv-20569 (D.N.J.). Co-Lead Counsel in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty against certain of RenovaCare, Inc.'s officers and directors.
- ***Debt Cleanse Group Legal Services, LLC v. GoTo Technologies USA, Inc.***, No. 22-cv-12047 (D. Mass.). Member of the Executive Committee in consumer class action asserting claims based on a data breach.
- ***Paul v. Plank***, No. RDB-18-2239 (D. Md.). Member of Executive Committee in shareholder derivative action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and related claims against certain of Under Armour, Inc.'s officers and directors.

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Robert C. Schubert received a B.S. degree from the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University in 1966, where he graduated first in his class. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1969, after which he taught law at Columbia University and Golden Gate University. He has actively practiced law at both the trial and appellate levels. He specializes in complex litigation, particularly securities and antitrust class actions and shareholder derivative suits. He is a member of the state and federal bars of California, Massachusetts, and New York. Since 1971, he has also arbitrated numerous disputes for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. He is the author of several published articles and lectures on class actions at the University of California Hastings College of the Law. Mr. Schubert was selected to Super Lawyers from 2007-2009 and 2013-2022.

Willem F. Jonckheer received his B.A. degree from Colgate University in 1990. He was awarded his J.D. degree in 1995 from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he served as an article editor on the USF Maritime Law Journal and participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Mr. Jonckheer was a law intern with the Pacific Stock Exchange, where he researched regulatory issues affecting national securities exchanges, and the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, where he worked on enforcement cases. Mr. Jonckheer was a member of the Board of Trustees of Live Oak School, an independent K-8 school in San Francisco, where he served as Chairman of the Audit Committee, and as a member of select committees on Head of School compensation and school bylaws. Mr. Jonckheer is a member of the Northern California Chapter of the Netherland-America Foundation, an organization dedicated to bilateral cultural exchange between the Netherlands and the United States. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1995.

Dustin L. Schubert received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2003. He was awarded his J.D. degree in 2007 from Vanderbilt University Law School. Mr. Schubert was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2007. He previously interned with the San Francisco Superior Court for the Hon. A. James Robertson II and for Bay Area Legal Aid. Mr. Schubert was selected to Super Lawyers Rising Stars for 2017 and to Super Lawyers for 2021-2022.

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Samhita Collur received her J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2022, where she was a member of the Moot Court team, a Note and Comment Editor for the Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ), and the Community Chair for an immigrants' rights student organization. Ms. Collur authored and published a comment titled *India's Secularism Identity Crisis Through the Lens of the Sabarimala Judgment*, 39 Wis. Int. L.J. 301 (2022). She was also awarded "Best Oral Advocate" for her performance in a first amendment moot court competition. During law school, she worked for her school's immigration clinic and interned for Justice Jill Karofsky of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Prior to law school, she worked for a nonprofit financial services provider in the Bay Area.

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ABOUT THE FIRM

Rigrodsky Law, P.A. (the “Firm”) is a law firm that focuses on the representation of investors and consumers in class action and shareholder derivative litigation involving the federal securities laws, corporate law, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and consumer fraud statutes. The Firm’s offices are located in Delaware and New York. The Firm regularly practices before state and federal courts located throughout the United States. The Firm’s attorneys have decades of litigation experience.

The Firm’s mission is to provide high quality legal services through the efforts of a team of highly skilled professionals and support staff working together and drawing upon significant expertise and experience. The Firm has achieved precedent-setting victories for victims of corporate wrongdoing and recovered millions of dollars on their behalf.

SELECT FIRM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mason-Mahon, et al. v. Flint, et al., Index No. 602052/2014 (New York Sup. Ct.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in a derivative action against past and present members of the board of directors (“Board”) of HSBC Holdings PLC, a banking corporation organized under the laws of the United Kingdom, and its various U.S. subsidiaries (“HSBC”). Plaintiffs alleged that the Board caused, and/or recklessly permitted, HSBC to violate the anti-money laundering (“AML”) and sanctions laws of the United States, as well as the banking laws of the State of New York, for more than a decade, by unlawfully processing billions in U.S. dollar transactions for narcotics traffickers and state sponsors of terrorism. As a result, in 2012, HSBC entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the Department of Justice and the New York County District Attorneys’ Office, as well as settlements with various federal and state regulators, paying \$1.92 billion in fines, forfeitures, and penalties. In addition, HSBC was required to undertake years-long AML and sanctions compliance remediation efforts. Following dismissal of the action for failure to comply with the requirements of U.K. law, Plaintiffs achieved reversal of that dismissal on appeal. *Mason-Mahon v. Flint*, 166 A.D.3d 754 (2d Dept. 2018). Following the denial of defendants’ appellate motion for reargument, or certification to the New York Court of Appeals, and additional motion practice before the trial court, plaintiffs achieved a \$72.5 million cash settlement on behalf of nominal defendant HSBC. In addition, HSBC agreed to certain corporate governance enhancements to bolster its AML and sanctions compliance policies and procedures. *Mason-Mahon v. Flint*, Index No. 602052-14 (Sup. Ct. Nassau Cnty. Oct. 19, 2020) (Transcript and Order). The \$72.5 million cash component of the settlement is believed to be the first derivative cash settlement against a foreign corporation, as well as the sixteenth largest derivative cash settlement, in the United States

In re CNX Gas Corporation Shareholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 5377-VCL (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as sole lead counsel in a class action before the Delaware Court of Chancery brought on behalf of the shareholders of CNX Gas Corporation (“CNX”) who alleged that they suffered financial injury in connection with the going-private acquisition of CNX by its controlling parent company owner, CONSOL Energy, Inc. After expedited proceedings, on May 26, 2010, the Court ruled that plaintiffs had made a sufficient showing that the action should move forward to trial. In so doing, the Court issued an important opinion clarifying and defining the rights of shareholders in the context of a going-private tender offer by a controlling shareholder. ***In re CNX Gas Corp. S’holders Litig.*, 4 A.3d 397 (Del. Ch. 2010).** The Court of Chancery subsequently approved a settlement of the action where defendants and their insurers agreed to pay \$42.73 million to stockholders. The parties reached settlement just days before the commencement of trial, after submission of pretrial briefing and extensive fact and expert discovery. The settlement, which was approved on August 23, 2013, was the largest settlement of a case challenging a merger in the Court of Chancery in 2013.

In re Schuff International Inc. Stockholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 10323-VCZ (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in a class action before the Delaware Court of Chancery brought on behalf of the shareholders of Schuff International Inc. (“Schuff” or the “Company”). After more than five years of litigation, plaintiff achieved a settlement that more than doubled the price – from \$31.50 to \$67.45 per share – that Schuff’s shareholders received in the October 2014 cash tender offer from the Company’s majority stockholder, HC2 Holdings, Inc. The \$35.95 per share price increase for the stockholders who tendered their shares – totaling nearly \$20.5 million – was a premium of more than 114% over the October 2014 tender offer price, which represented the best recovery in Delaware shareholder class action history. The settlement also provided an additional cash payment to the Company’s remaining minority stockholders of \$1,016,060, or \$3.51 per share.

In re Metrologic Instruments, Inc. Shareholders Litigation,
Docket No. L-6430-06 (N.J. Super. Ct.)

The Firm served as sole lead counsel on behalf of Metrologic, Inc. (“Metrologic” or the “Company”) shareholders. This class action arose from a transaction to cash out the Company’s minority shareholders in a merger for alleged inadequate consideration, negotiated through coercive means. Plaintiffs alleged that the board of directors unanimously approved Metrologic’s acquisition by entities owned and affiliated with Francisco Partners II, L.P., C. Harry Knowles (the Company’s founder and Chairman of the Board), and Elliott Associates, L.P. and Elliott International, L.P. (collectively, “Elliott”). C. Harry Knowles and Elliott (the “Knowles Group”) were together controlling shareholders of Metrologic. The Knowles Group entered into voting agreements to vote their 49% in favor of the deal in addition to an undisclosed group of the Company’s

directors and executive officers that agreed to vote their 1.1% in favor of the deal. Therefore, 50.1% of the shares were contractually committed to voting in favor of the transaction. Furthermore, the proxy allegedly failed to disclose that even though the Knowles Group was receiving the same consideration for their shares being cashed out, they were also receiving additional consideration for the shares that they rolled over for equity in the surviving entity. On April 17, 2009, the Court denied defendants' motion to dismiss the case. *In re Metrologic Instruments, Inc. S'holders Litig., Docket No. L-6430-06 (N.J. Super. Ct. Apr. 17, 2009) (Order)*. In 2013, plaintiffs and defendant Metrologic, in addition to the individual members of Metrologic's board of directors, reached a partial settlement in exchange for a payment of \$11.95 million, which was approved by the Court on December 16, 2013. That partial settlement excluded the parties alleged to be Metrologic's controlling stockholders. Plaintiffs continued to press claims against those remaining entities, ultimately resulting in an additional settlement providing for the creation of a \$9.75 million fund to be distributed to the class. The Court approved the second settlement on April 6, 2018.

In re Cornerstone Therapeutics, Inc. Stockholder Litigation, Consol. C.A. No. 8922-VCG (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in this class action before the Delaware Court of Chancery brought on behalf of the shareholders of Cornerstone Therapeutics, Inc. ("Cornerstone"). Plaintiffs alleged that the proposed acquisition of Cornerstone by its majority stockholder, Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A., was accomplished pursuant to an unfair process and at an unfair price. After three years of litigation, including an appeal to the Supreme Court of Delaware, and following mediation, the parties reached an agreement to settle the action, pursuant to which defendants agreed to pay \$17,881,555 to the settlement class. The Delaware Court of Chancery approved the settlement on January 26, 2017.

DavyDov v. Roberts, et al.,
C.A. No. 2021-0415-SG (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as lead counsel in this derivative action before the Delaware Court of Chancery brought on behalf of Granite Construction, Inc. Plaintiff alleged that certain directors and officers of Granite Construction, Inc. failed to exercise adequate oversight over the company, failed to implement adequate internal controls over financial reporting, and failed to implement adequate accounting processes and controls which caused material misstatements in the Company's publicly reported financial statements necessitating a restatement of more than two-years of financial statements. Following discovery and mediation, the parties reached an agreement to settle the action, pursuant to which defendants agreed to pay \$7.5 million to the Company and implement a series of corporate governance reforms. The Delaware Court of Chancery approved the settlement, which also resolved a related derivative action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, on July 12, 2022. ***DavyDov v. Roberts, et al., C.A. No. 2021-0415-SG (Del. Ch. July 12, 2022) (Transcript and Order).***

In re Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. Shareholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 5760-VCN (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in this class action before the Delaware Court of Chancery brought on behalf of the shareholders of Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. ("Prospect"). Plaintiffs alleged that the proposed acquisition of Prospect by entities sponsored by Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. was the result of an unfair process and would provide Prospect's shareholders with inadequate consideration. Following discovery and mediation, the parties reached an agreement to settle the action, pursuant to which defendants agreed to provide \$6.5 million to the settlement class. The Delaware Court of Chancery approved the settlement on January 21, 2016.

In re HSBC Bank, USA, N.A., Debit Card Overdraft Fee Litigation,
Case No. 2:13-md-02451-ADS-AKT (E.D.N.Y.)

The Firm was appointed Co-Interim Class Counsel in this multidistrict litigation pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. This action was brought on behalf of a national class of checking account customers of HSBC Bank USA, N.A. ("HSBC") who were improperly charged overdraft fees on debit card transactions as a result of HSBC's deceptive overdraft fee practices. On March 5, 2014, the District Court granted, in part, and denied, in part, defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiffs' complaint. On April 21, 2014, the District Court granted plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration of the dismissal of certain claims and reinstated those claims. Following the completion of discovery and mediation, on February 10, 2016, the parties reached an agreement to settle the claims through a parallel state action, creating a \$32 million cash settlement fund for the benefit of the class. The settlement was approved by the Court on October 18, 2016.

In re Nevsun Resources Ltd.,
Case No. 1:12-cv-01845-PGG (S.D.N.Y.)

The Firm was appointed co-lead counsel in this federal securities fraud class action brought on behalf of the shareholders of Nevsun Resources Ltd. (the “Company”) against the Company and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs alleged that, during the class period, defendants made materially false and misleading statements by overstating the gold reserves at the Company’s Bisha Mine in Eritrea, Africa. On September 27, 2013, the District Court denied, in substantial part, defendants’ motion to dismiss the complaint. Following mediation, on May 1, 2014, the parties entered into a stipulation and agreement of settlement, pursuant to which defendants agreed to create a \$5,995,000 cash settlement fund for the benefit of the class. The Court approved the settlement on February 13, 2015.

In re Mediacom Communications Corporation Shareholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 5537-VCS (Del. Ch.)

The Firm was one of the lead counsel and one of the primary negotiators of a settlement that resulted in an additional \$10 million paid to stockholders. Plaintiffs’ counsel eschewed multiple invitations to negotiate simultaneously with the special committee of Mediacom Communications Corporation’s (“Mediacom”) board of directors, and instead favored the approach of focusing their litigation efforts on increasing the consideration to stockholders only after the merger agreement had been negotiated and approved by the Mediacom board, as recommended by its special committee.

In re Fuqi International, Inc. Securities Litigation,
Case No. 1:10-cv-02515-DAB (S.D.N.Y.)

The Firm was one of plaintiffs’ counsel in this federal securities class action brought on behalf of the shareholders of Fuqi International, Inc. (the “Company”) who purchased Company shares between May 15, 2009 and March 25, 2011, inclusive, and on behalf of a subclass of all those who purchased or otherwise acquired Company common stock pursuant, or traceable, to the secondary offering on or about July 22, 2009. Plaintiffs alleged that, during the class period and in the offering materials, defendants made materially false and misleading statements concerning the adequacy of its internal financial controls, as well as its financial results. On February 18, 2016, the Court approved the settlement of claims against the Company and the individual defendants. The settlement provided for the creation of a \$7.5 million cash settlement fund for the benefit of the class. On January 8, 2018, the Court approved a \$1.1 million cash settlement in the related action, *Puerto Rico Government Judiciary Employees Retirement System, v. Marcum, LLP, Case No. 1:15-cv-01938-DAB (S.D.N.Y.)*, for claims against the Company’s class period independent auditor.

Dannis v. Nichols,
Case No. 13-CI-00452 (Ky. Cir. Ct.)

The Firm was one of the lead counsel that litigated and negotiated the settlement in this class action. Plaintiffs challenged the fairness of a proposed going-private squeeze-out merger by NTS Realty Holdings Limited Partnership's ("NTS") controlling unitholder and Chairman of the Board. The action settled for additional consideration of \$7,401,487, or more than \$1.75 per unit of NTS. The settlement was approved by the Court on April 24, 2014.

Minerva Group LP v. Keane,
Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in a class action brought on behalf of the public stockholders of Mod-Pac Corp. ("Mod-Pac" or the "Company") against members of Mod-Pac's board of directors, including the Company's controlling stockholders, for alleged breaches of fiduciary duties in connection with the controlling stockholders' offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Mod-Pac that they did not already own through an unfair process and for an unfair price. The parties reached an agreement to settle the action, which the Court approved on December 13, 2013, pursuant to which defendants agreed to pay Mod-Pac's stockholders an additional \$2.4 million, which was an increase from \$8.40 per share to \$9.25 per share.

Yang v. Focus Media Holding Limited,
Case No. 1:11-cv-09051-CM (S.D.N.Y.)

The Firm served as lead counsel in *Focus Media*, in which plaintiff alleged violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On May 13, 2014, the parties entered into a stipulation and agreement of settlement, pursuant to which defendants agreed to pay \$3,700,000 to the class to resolve the action. The Court approved the settlement on September 4, 2014.

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

The Firm was among the lead counsel in *Health Grades*, where, after an injunction hearing, the parties settled for extensive modification to the terms of the challenged transaction. These modifications included: a "Fort Howard" press release; a twenty-day extension of the challenged tender offer; the agreement of certain officers who had entered into tender and support agreements to similarly support a better deal; a twenty-two percent reduction in the termination fee; a forty percent reduction in the buyer's matching rights; the creation of an independent committee to negotiate with bidders and approve offers free from the influence of the allegedly self-interested chief executive; and the imposition of a requirement that a majority of the disinterested stockholders tender for the transaction to be consummated.

In re Lear Corp. Shareholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 2728-VCS (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as Co-Chair of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Lear Corporation ("Lear" or the "Company") in connection with its sale to American Real Estate Partners, L.P. ("AREP"). The Firm represented Classic Fund Management AG (Lear's sixth largest holder) who, along with other significant shareholders, had expressed its concern regarding the price AREP offered to acquire Lear. Despite the opposition voiced by its major institutional shareholders, Lear entered into a merger agreement with AREP following a sales process that was tilted in favor of AREP. Among other things, Lear could not terminate the merger agreement without first providing the other bidder's terms to AREP and AREP had the right to top any other offer. As a result, plaintiffs alleged that no rival bidder was likely to emerge. Moreover, plaintiffs believed that the Company's intrinsic value was more than the \$36 per share offered by AREP. The Firm obtained a preliminary injunction, which prohibited a stockholder vote on the merger until Lear made additional disclosures. ***In re Lear Corp. S'holders Litig., 926 A.2d 94 (Del. Ch. 2008)***. As a result of the Firm's efforts, Lear made substantial and remedial disclosures in its June 18, 2007 proxy supplement, which allowed stockholders to consequentially reject the merger in July 2007. In March 2008, after the shareholders rejected the proposed merger, the Court dismissed the class action as moot.

In re The Topps Company, Inc. Shareholders Litigation,
Consol. C.A. No. 2786-VCS (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of The Topps Company, Inc. ("Topps" or the "Company") in connection with its sale to Madison Dearborn Partners and Michael Eisner's The Tornante Company, LLC (collectively, "Tornante"). Plaintiffs alleged that the transaction lacked many of the hallmarks of financial fairness and that the price was unfair and achieved through a process designed to benefit Tornante, to the detriment of Topps' public shareholders. The Firm moved the Court to issue a preliminary injunction to stop the deal. In June 2007, the Court issued a landmark decision granting plaintiffs' injunction motion. ***In re The Topps Co., Inc. S'holders Litig., 926 A.2d 58 (Del. Ch. 2007)***. The Court enjoined the merger vote until after Topps granted the competing bidder The Upper Deck Company ("Upper Deck") a waiver of the standstill agreement to make a tender offer, and allowed Upper Deck to communicate with Topps' stockholders about its bid and its version of events.

Manville Personal Injury Trust v. Blankenship,
Case No. 07-C-1333 (W. Va. Cir.)

The Firm served as counsel for plaintiff in this shareholder derivative action brought on behalf of Massey Energy Company ("Massey" or the "Company") against its board of directors and certain of its officers for breach of fiduciary duties arising out of the defendants' alleged conscious failures to cause Massey to comply with applicable

environmental and worker-safety laws and regulations. Plaintiff argued that defendants caused severe injury to the Company by consciously ignoring Massey's legal obligations to comply with federal and state law, thereby exposing the Company to a substantial threat of monetary liability for violations. This litigation, filed in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, caused Massey to implement significant corporate reforms, including improvements to its corporate policies. The parties reached a settlement that, among other things, required Massey to: (i) implement limitations on the length of service of and enhanced membership and meeting attendance requirements for members of the Safety, Environmental and Public Policy Committee ("SEPPC") of the board of directors; (ii) grant the SEPPC authority to retain independent, outside consultants to assist it with its duties; (iii) require that the SEPPC recommend enhancements to the Company's safety and environmental procedures and reporting, including shareholder reporting; (iv) establish certain safety and environmental compliance oversight positions; and (v) implement enhanced employee reporting mechanisms for safety and environmental issues. In June 2008, the Circuit Court approved the settlement. *Manville Personal Injury Trust v. Blankenship, Case No. 07-C-1333 (W. Va. Cir. June 30, 2008) (Order)*.

In re Chiquita Brands International, Inc., Alien Tort Statute and Shareholder Derivative Litigation,
Case No. 08-01916-MD (S.D. Fla.)

The Firm acted as counsel for plaintiff City of Philadelphia Public Employees' Retirement System in a shareholder derivative and class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Chiquita Brands International, Inc. ("Chiquita" or the "Company"). Plaintiffs alleged that the Company repeatedly and systematically violated federal law prohibiting transactions with recognized global terrorist organizations. Plaintiffs alleged that these breaches of fiduciary duty, along with the resultant violations of federal law, had substantially injured the Company in that, among other things, the Company consented to a criminal guilty plea. After years of litigation, on October 15, 2010, the District Court entered an Order approving a settlement of the litigation. *In re Chiquita Brands Int'l, Inc., Alien Tort Statute & S'holder Derivative Litig., Case No. 08-01916-MD (S.D. Fla. Oct. 15, 2010) (Order)*. Among other things, the settlement provided substantial and important corporate governance reforms relating to the Chiquita board's oversight and management of the Company's compliance with federal law involving Chiquita's overseas business.

County of York Employees Retirement Plan v. Jung,
Index No. 651304-2010 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.)

The Firm was one of plaintiffs' counsel representing the County of York Employees Retirement Plan in this derivative action against various directors and officers of Avon Products, Inc. ("Avon"). Plaintiffs alleged that various Avon employees violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by bribing foreign officials in China. On August 3, 2016, the Court approved a settlement that provided, among other things, for Avon to adopt a

global anti-corruption policy and code of conduct, as well as implement specific Foreign Corrupt Practices Act testing.

U.F.C.W. Local 1776 & Participating Employers Pension Fund v. Devitre,
Case No. CV 10-2496 (D. Ariz.)

The Firm was one of plaintiffs' counsel representing U.F.C.W. Local 1776 & Participating Employers Pension Fund against various officers and directors of the Western Union Company (the "Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Union Financial. Plaintiff alleged that the Company's board of directors failed to appropriately oversee the Company's compliance with applicable anti-money laundering laws, regulations, and rules resulting in the Company's payment of \$94 million to resolve all potential regulatory, civil, and criminal claims. On June 14, 2002, the Court approved a settlement in which the Company agreed to require the board of directors to review all reports by an independent compliance monitor; review the Company's compliance program and policies relating to the anti-money laundering laws and regulations; and review and approve the *Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program Manual for the United States* on a quarterly basis.

PG&E San Bruno Fire Cases,
Case No. JCCP 4648-C (Cal. Super. Ct.)

The Firm, as counsel for plaintiff, brought a shareholder derivative case on behalf of the shareholders of PG&E Corporation ("PG&E") in connection with the tragic loss of life and property resulting from a San Bruno, California gas leak. After years of litigation, the Firm helped achieve a recovery of \$90 million, which constituted the seventh largest shareholder derivative settlement on record. To improve and ensure pipeline safety, plaintiffs also obtained comprehensive gas operations therapeutics with a stipulated value of \$32.05 million. The settlement also fundamentally altered how PG&E conducts its gas operations and provided extensive corporate governance reforms.

Erste-Sparinvest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft m.b.H. v. Blank,
Index No. 09/3560 (N.Y. Sup.)

The Firm was counsel for a large, European institutional investor in a shareholder derivative lawsuit brought against Lloyds Banking Group p.l.c. ("Lloyds"). The lawsuit alleged that the directors of Lloyds violated their fiduciary duties to shareholders by failing to monitor the company's compliance with federal and state banking laws in connection with alleged illegal transfers of funds in the United States on behalf of certain sovereign countries including Iran. After years of litigation and negotiations, the Firm helped achieve significant corporate governance changes to ensure that the board of directors was more actively engaged in the monitoring of Lloyds' money transfer businesses and compliance with federal and state banking rules and regulations.

In re MBNA Corp. Securities Litigation,
Case No. 05-CV-00272-GMS (D. Del.)

The Firm served as liaison counsel for lead plaintiff and the members of the class in this securities class action brought on behalf of all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired the publicly traded securities of MBNA Corp. (“MBNA” or the “Company”) during the period January 20, 2005 through April 20, 2005, inclusive (the “Class Period”). Plaintiffs alleged that: (i) MBNA deceived the market by reporting that MBNA would achieve annual earnings growth of 10%; (ii) the Company failed to disclose that increases in interest rates, which had commenced before the Class Period and continued throughout, were driving down the proper carrying value of the Company’s interest-rate only strips, such that the value of the Company’s reported assets were materially overstated; and (iii) the Company did not adjust as appropriate the assumptions and estimates used in determining the fair value of the interest-only strip receivable. As a result, on April 21, 2005, MBNA was forced to reveal that: (i) it had to take almost a \$207 million write down of its interest-only strip receivable; (ii) its first quarter income was down 93% year-over-year, including the restructuring charge; and (iii) it expected full year earnings to be significantly below the 10% growth objective. On July 6, 2007, the Court denied defendants’ motion to dismiss the amended complaint. ***Baker v. MBNA Corp., Case No. 05-cv-00272-GMS (D. Del July 6, 2007) (Mem. Op.)***. Subsequently, after substantial litigation, the parties settled the litigation resulting in the creation of a \$25 million fund to compensate injured investors. ***In re MBNA Corp. Sec. Litig., Case No. 05-cv-00272-GMS (D. Del. Oct. 6, 2009) (Order)***.

In re Molson Coors Brewing Co. Securities Litigation,
Case No. 05-CV-00294-GMS (D. Del.)

The Firm served as liaison counsel on behalf of lead plaintiffs Drywall Acoustic Lathing and Insulation Local 675 Pension Fund, Metzler Investment GmbH and the members of the class in this securities class action brought on behalf of all persons who were: (i) former shareholders of Molson Coors (“Molson Coors”) as a result of the February 9, 2005 merger of Molson with and into Coors; (ii) open market purchasers of Coors common stock from July 22, 2004 through February 9, 2005; and (iii) open market purchasers of Molson Coors common stock, from the completion of the merger through April 27, 2005, inclusive. Plaintiffs alleged that Molson Coors made false and misleading statements, including: (i) the cost saving synergies represented by Molson Coors were impossible to achieve because, among other things, Coors’ rapidly increasing distribution costs would adversely affect the potential cost saving synergies; (ii) Molson and Coors were already distributing each other’s products, further reducing the possibility of cost saving synergies; (iii) the merger would actually incur significant post-merger expenses due to the expected exodus of Coors senior executives who would be paid millions of dollars in benefits; and (iv) Molson Coors would inherit Molson’s Brazilian operations, which were an unmitigated failure that eventually necessitated a \$500 million post-merger charge and the sale of Molson’s Brazilian interests at a fraction of their cost. After extensive litigation efforts in both the United States and Canadian actions, the parties settled the lawsuits

resulting in the creation of a \$6 million fund for the payment of investor claims. *In re Molson Coors Brewing Co. Sec. Litig.*, Case No. 05-cv-00294-GMS (D. Del. May 19, 2009).

***County of York Employees Retirement Plan v. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.*,
C.A. No. 4066-VCN (Del. Ch.)**

The Firm served as lead counsel for plaintiff in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (“Merrill” or the “Company”) in connection with its sale to Bank of America Corporation (“BofA”). Plaintiff County of York Employees Retirement Plan alleged that the individual defendants hastily agreed to sell the Company over the course of a weekend without adequately informing themselves of the true value of the Company or the feasibility of securing a viable alternative transaction that would be more beneficial to shareholders than the proposed acquisition. On October 28, 2008, the Court granted, in part, plaintiff’s motion to expedite discovery and denied defendants’ motion to stay or dismiss. *Cnty. of York Emps. Ret. Plan v. Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 4066-VCN, 2008 Del. Ch. LEXIS 162 (Del. Ch. Oct. 28, 2008). Subsequently, the Firm engaged in expedited discovery. After engaging in arm’s-length negotiations, the parties reached a settlement whereby defendants made additional, substantive disclosures in their definitive proxy statement. Thereafter, the shareholders of Merrill and BofA approved the merger.

***David B. Shaev IRA v. Sidhu*,
Case No. 00983, November Term 2005 (Phila. C.C.P., Commerce Div.)**

The Firm served as co-lead counsel in this shareholder derivative and class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. (“Sovereign” or the “Company”). Sovereign completed its two-part transaction (the “Santander Transaction”) whereby Sovereign sold 19.8% of the Company to Banco Santander Central Hispano, S.A., and used the proceeds to fund its acquisition of Independence Community Bancorp. Plaintiffs alleged that Sovereign’s board of directors purposely structured the Santander Transaction to be below the 20% change in control threshold established by the New York Stock Exchange. Additionally, plaintiffs alleged the board members had improper motives of entrenchment and participated in protection of their own self interests and the improper subversion of a proxy contest launched by Sovereign’s largest shareholder, Relational Investors, LLC. Following the close of the sale in May 2006, the Firm helped negotiate a settlement of the litigation, which conferred substantial benefits on the Company and class members, including substantial corporate governance changes adopted by the Company. The Court approved the settlement. *David B. Shaev IRA v. Sidhu*, No. 00983 (Phila. C.C.P., Commerce Div. Oct. 28, 2008) (Order). The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania upheld the settlement, which had been challenged in both the trial court and the intermediate appellate court. *Shaev v. Sidhu*, Pennsylvania Docket No. 470 EAL 2010 (Pa. Dec. 21, 2010) (Order).

Helaba Invest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH v. Fialkow, C.A. No. 2683-N (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as counsel for lead plaintiff Helaba Invest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH, a European institutional investor, in this class action on behalf of the public shareholders of National Home Health Care Corp. (“National Home” or the “Company”). The litigation sought to enjoin the proposed acquisition of National Home by a consortium comprised of Angelo, Gordon & Co. and Eureka Capital Partners (“Angelo Gordon”) for inadequate consideration. The plaintiff alleged that certain defendants, who collectively held more than fifty percent of the National Home’s outstanding stock, agreed to vote in favor of the deal and that certain of these defendants would receive benefits from National Home and Angelo Gordon not shared by National Home’s minority, public shareholders. As a result of the Firm’s negotiations with defendants, the parties reached a settlement by which additional, curative disclosures were made in National Home’s amended proxy statements and after holding meetings with the Company’s special committee and board of directors, Angelo Gordon agreed to pay an additional \$1.35 per share, a financial benefit of more than \$3.76 million to National Home’s shareholders. In addition, even after the merger agreement was approved, the Firm continued to advocate on behalf of shareholders, and Angelo Gordon agreed to allow the Company to increase its next quarterly dividend, representing approximately \$260,000 in additional value. The Court approved the settlement. ***Helaba Invest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH v. Fialkow, C.A. No. 2683-N (Del. Ch. Mar. 12, 2008) (Order).***

Plymouth Co. Retirement System v. MacDermid, Inc., Case No. 2006CV9741 (Colo. Dist. Ct.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiff Plymouth County Retirement System and the class of MacDermid, Inc. (“MacDermid” or the “Company”) shareholders. This case was a class action arising from the proposed acquisition of MacDermid by Daniel H. Leevers (the Company’s Chairman and Chief Executive), Court Square Capital Partners II, L.P., and Weston Presidio V, L.P. Among other things, plaintiff alleged that the Company’s proxy did not disclose that the directors who approved the proposed transaction would receive more than \$17 million for certain options, the amount or value that certain directors would be able to invest after completion of the proposed transaction, and certain facts and assumptions underlying the fairness opinion. As a result of the Firm’s negotiations with defendants, MacDermid made additional disclosures in its definitive proxy statement, including, but not limited to, the compensation and involvement of key company insiders, information regarding competing bidders, and financial analyses by Merrill Lynch. The Court approved the settlement. ***Plymouth Co. Ret. Sys. v. MacDermid, Inc., Case No. 2006CV9741 (Colo. Dist. Ct. Dec. 10, 2007) (Order).***

***Neil L. Sclater-Booth v. SCOR S.A. and Patinex AG,*
Case No. 07-CV-3476-GEL (S.D.N.Y.)**

The Firm served as co-lead counsel for plaintiff in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Converium Holding AG (“Converium” or the “Company”) and holders of the Company’s American Depository Shares against SCOR S.A. (“SCOR”) and Patinex AG (“Patinex”) in connection with SCOR and Patinex’s acquisition of Converium. Plaintiff alleged that the acquisition was unfair to the class. As a result of the Firm’s action, SCOR agreed to settle the litigation by increasing its offer price by 7.9%, or \$259.6 million. Citing the efforts of plaintiff’s counsel, the Court approved the settlement. ***Neil L. Sclater-Booth v. SCOR S.A. and Patinex AG, Case No. 3476-GEL (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 8, 2008) (Order).***

***In re American Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. Shareholders Litigation,*
Consol. C.A. No. 1823-VCL (Del. Ch.)**

The Firm served as one of co-lead counsel in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of American Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. (“APP” or the “Company”) in connection with its acquisition of American BioScience, Inc. Plaintiffs alleged that the acquisition would have diluted the voting rights of each share of the Company, to the detriment of minority shareholders. Plaintiffs also asserted claims derivatively on behalf of the Company, which was directly harmed, among other things, when the Company’s investors fled *en masse* upon announcement of the merger, and because the merger transferred the bulk of the Company’s value to defendant Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong for allegedly inadequate consideration. In April 2006, the merger was completed and subsequently plaintiffs filed their First Consolidated Class Action Complaint in June 2006. After nearly eighteen months of arm’s-length negotiations and the production of thousands of pages of documents in response to plaintiffs’ subpoenas, the parties agreed to mediation and an agreement-in-principle to settle the action. In July 2008, the parties agreed to settle the action for \$14.3 million, to be paid by defendants, which represented approximately \$0.60 per damaged minority share for the shareholders. The Court approved the settlement. ***In re Am. Pharm. Partners, Inc. S’holders Litig., Consol. C.A. No. 1823-VCL (Del. Ch. Dec. 16, 2008) (Order).***

Schultze Asset Management LLC v. Washington Group International, Inc.,
C.A. No. 3261-VCN (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as co-lead counsel for plaintiff in this class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Washington Group International, Inc. (“Washington Group” or the “Company”) in connection with its sale to URS Corporation. Plaintiff alleged that the transaction was financially and procedurally unfair to Washington Group’s shareholders. In addition, plaintiff alleged that the Company’s definitive proxy statement was materially misleading because, among other things, it failed to explain why Washington Group used overly conservative financial projections to support the fairness opinion issued in connection with the transactions. As a result of the Firm’s negotiations with defendants, Washington Group agreed to and made additional curative disclosures in the definitive proxy statement. Specifically, the Company agreed to disclose additional information concerning the potential impact of existing contract claims asserted by the Company and their impact on the Company’s valuation, the Company’s efforts to solicit potential acquirers, and the analyses performed by Goldman Sachs, the Company’s financial advisor, in support of the merger, among other things. Additionally, Washington Group amended the merger agreement whereby it increased the amount of consideration paid to each Washington Group shareholder. The Court approved the settlement. *Schultze Asset Mgmt. LLC v. Wash. Grp. Int’l, Inc., C.A. No. 3261-VCN (Del. Ch. May 22, 2008) (Order).*

Sheetmetal Workers’ National Pension Fund v. Hill,
Case No. 07-cv-2269-RBK (D.N.J.)

The Firm served as counsel for plaintiff Sheetmetal Workers’ National Pension Fund in this shareholder derivative and class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (“Commerce” or the “Company”) in connection with two regulatory investigations of Commerce and its subsequent acquisition by PNC Bank in a merger transaction (the “Merger”). Plaintiff alleged that the members of the board of directors of Commerce violated their fiduciary duties to the Company by approving a course of conduct whereby Commerce made unsafe loans and engaged in questionable related party transactions with its officers and directors and that the price offered in the Merger was unfair. Plaintiff requested the Court to issue an injunction to stop the Merger and sought expedited discovery. After extensive discovery, the Firm helped negotiate a settlement, which resulted in a \$77 million reduction in the termination fee, and numerous additional disclosures in the definitive proxy statement. The Court approved the settlement. *Sheetmetal Workers’ Nat’l Pension Fund v. Hill, Case No. 07-cv-269 (D.N.J. May 9, 2008) (Order).*

Virgin Islands Government Employees’ Retirement System v. Alvarez,
C.A. No. 3976-VCS (Del. Ch.)

The Firm served as counsel for plaintiff in this derivative and class action brought on behalf of the public shareholders of UnionBanCal Corporation (“UnionBanCal” or the “Company”) against its board of directors and certain officers for breach of fiduciary

duties arising from the defendants' repeated and systematic failure to implement anti-money laundering procedures and policies, in violation of federal laws, including the Bank Secrecy Act. The class action claims arose in connection with a tender offer launched by Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group and Bank of Tokyo-UFJ Ltd. Plaintiff Virgin Islands Government Employees' Retirement System alleged that the merger consideration was unfair in a number of respects, including the fact that the Company's share price was substantially depressed as a result of defendants' egregious failures to comply with anti-money laundering laws and regulations. The Firm coordinated efforts with a similar litigation in California, reviewing document production, deposing key witnesses, and negotiating a settlement in which UnionBanCal agreed to and made additional material disclosures concerning the transaction. The Court approved the settlement. *V.I. Gov't Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Alvarez, C.A. No. 3976-VCS (Del. Ch. Dec. 2, 2008) (Order)*.

THE FIRM'S PROFESSIONALS

Seth D. Rigrodsky is a founding Shareholder of the Firm and has over twenty-five years of legal experience. Mr. Rigrodsky is a *magna cum laude* graduate of both Brandeis University and the Georgetown University Law Center. While at Georgetown, he served as Articles Editor of the *Georgetown Law Review*. Mr. Rigrodsky began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Andrew G.T. Moore, II of the Supreme Court of Delaware. Following his clerkship, Mr. Rigrodsky was associated with the law firms of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York, New York, and Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, where he concentrated his practice on corporate and complex business litigation. In 1994, Mr. Rigrodsky joined Morris and Morris in Wilmington, Delaware, where he became a partner in January 2000, and represented investors in numerous federal and state class and shareholder lawsuits. He joined the law firm of Milberg LLP in 2001 and founded its Delaware office. Mr. Rigrodsky co-founded the Firm in 2006. He was appointed by the Delaware Court of Chancery to the Rules Committee of the Delaware Bar. Mr. Rigrodsky is admitted to practice in the States of Delaware and New York, the United States District Courts for the District of Delaware, the Southern District of New York, and the District of Colorado, and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth Circuits.

Timothy J. MacFall is a Partner at the Firm and has more than thirty-five years of legal experience. Mr. MacFall is a *cum laude* graduate of Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and a graduate of Brooklyn Law School. Upon his graduation from law school, Mr. MacFall served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Narcotics Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office. In 1987, he joined the United States Immigration & Naturalization Service as a Trial Attorney in the Alien Criminal Apprehension Program. Mr. MacFall was subsequently cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division. In 1988, Mr. MacFall was appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the

Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. As a government attorney, Mr. MacFall tried numerous cases to verdict and argued more than a dozen cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Mr. MacFall was also a speaker at a United States Department of State Conference on pending extradition litigation and the 1986 *Supplementary Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*; has served as a lecturer at Immigration & Naturalization Service Special Agent training seminars; and assisted in the preparation of a New York City Police Department trial testimony training film. Mr. MacFall has focused his practice primarily on complex class action litigation in state and federal courts since 1992. Mr. MacFall has represented individual investors, union pension funds, and state pension funds in transactional and federal securities class actions throughout the United States. At his previous firm, Mr. MacFall served as one of the partners with day-to-day responsibility in *In re Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Securities Litigation, 04-CV-08144 (CM) (S.D.N.Y. 2009)* (\$400 million cash settlement); *In re Royal Dutch/Shell Transport Securities Litigation, No. 04-374 (D. N.J. 2008)* (minimum value to the class of U.S. shareholders of \$130 million, with a potential value of more than \$180 million, in addition to a \$350 million European settlement for which the U.S. litigation was recognized as a "substantial factor"); and *In re Cigna Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 2:02 CV 8088 (E.D. Pa. 2006)* (\$93 million cash settlement). Mr. MacFall joined the Firm in April 2009. Mr. MacFall was selected for inclusion in the *2010, 2011, and 2013-2022 New York Super Lawyers - Metro Edition* magazines for his work in securities litigation. Mr. MacFall is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of Colorado, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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