

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SUSAN SWETZ, individually on	:	CASE NO. 7:20-cv-04731-NSR
behalf of herself and all others similarly	:	
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Plaintiffs,	:	
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-against-	:	
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GSK Consumer Health, Inc.,	:	
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Defendant.	X	
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**DECLARATION OF DOUGLAS J. McNAMARA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’  
MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEYS’ FEES, LITIGATION COSTS AND SERVICE AWARDS**

I, Douglas J. McNamara, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner at the firm of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC (“CMST”), one of the law firms representing Plaintiffs in this Litigation.

2. CMST was appointed one of the Class Counsel in the above-captioned litigation. I submit this declaration in support of: (i) Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Settlement; and (ii) Plaintiffs’ Motion for Attorneys’ Fees, Litigation Costs and Service Awards. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth in this declaration. If called as a witness I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

3. CMST has prosecuted this Litigation solely on a contingent-fee basis and has been at risk that it would not receive any compensation for prosecuting claims against Defendant GSK Consumer Health, Inc. (“GSK”).

## **I. INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS ACTION**

4. CMST began its investigation into GSK's false advertising in September of 2020. CMST reviewed publicly available documents, purchased sales data regarding the market for Benefiber and similar products, and conferred with other counsel. After communicating with potential plaintiffs, CMST asked to and began working with the existing counsel in *Swetz* in October of 2020, and provide our class action experience and information about the industry we obtained.

5. Since its involvement in the case, CMST has actively participated in all aspects of the case, including, but not limited to: (1) case investigation; (2) drafting of an unfiled complaint and an amended complaint; (3) settlement discovery; (4) legal research; (5) drafting of motions and briefs; (6) participating in case strategy decisions; and (7) participating in mediation and settlement negotiations. These tasks required extensive legal research and attention to detail.

6. Additionally, CMST participated in regular calls with Class Counsel. During these calls, various aspects of this litigation were discussed.

## **II. MEDIATION AND SETTLEMENT**

7. Shortly after the Court's ruling on GSK's motion to dismiss in a different case (*White*), the Parties engaged in settlement discussions. This included two mediation sessions before the Hon. Judge Morton Denlow (Ret.). The first mediation occurred on January 21, 2021. Despite agreement on some basis elements of a settle, the parties were unable to resolve the case. After a few more weeks of discussions facilitated by Judge Denlow, the parties had a second mediation on February 10, 2021.

8. The matter did not resolve at mediation, however, the parties—with the assistance of Judge Denlow—continued to pursue settlement discussions for several weeks until they reached a settlement in principle. The parties then spent months working out the details in the Agreement,

which is the product of hard-fought, arm's length negotiations. On May 10, 2021, a settlement was reached between the Parties.

9. At all times, negotiations were adversarial, non-collusive, and conducted at arm's length.

### **III. CMST'S LODESTAR AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

10. This declaration generally summarizes the work performed by CMST for Plaintiffs and the settlement class members in this litigation. As demonstrated below, CMST has worked diligently to perform tasks throughout the entire course of this litigation, including case investigation, drafting a complaint, amending the existing *Swetz* complaint, discovery, settlement discussions, motions for settlement approval and assistance with settlement administration for the Class Members.

11. Before initiating any action, Class Counsel conducted a thorough investigation of the claims, both legal and factual. Specifically, CMST thoroughly investigated and researched the claims and proceedings before the Better Business Bureau's National Advertising Division, and researched the submissions, as well as purchasing and analyzing industry data to determine Defendant's market share and unit prices. This allowed Plaintiffs' Counsel to better evaluate the factual claims regarding GSK's representations on the Covered Products.

12. The attorneys from CMST, in addition to myself, who have worked on this Litigation are my associate, Julia Horwitz. I also consulted with my senior partners, Andrew Friedman and Victoria Nugent.

13. Not including the time expended in preparing the application for fees and expenses, the table below details the hours billed and the amount billed at current rates through August 1, 2021 for CMST's attorneys and paralegals:<sup>1</sup>

<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Douglas J. McNamara</b>	50.75	840	42,630
<b>Julia Horwitz</b>	30	625	18,750
<b>Victoria S. Nugent</b>	3.75	880	3,300
<b>Andrew N. Friedman</b>	5.25	1025	5,381.25
<b>Paralegal</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Jennifer Horowitz</b>	26.75	325	8,693.75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>116.5</b>		<b>78,755</b>

This summary was prepared from contemporaneous, daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by CMST.

14. The attorneys of CMST billed this case at their usual and customary hourly billing rates, which have been approved by courts presiding over similar complex class action lawsuits, and which are commensurate with the prevailing market rates attorneys of comparable experience and skill handling complex litigation. *See, e.g., In re: Dental Supplies Antitrust Litig.*, Case 16-CV-696-BMC, Transcript of Civil Cause for Fairness Hearing (E.D.N.Y. June 24, 2019) at 21:12-20. (approving fees for CMST lawyers billing \$517 - \$885 (partners), \$465 - \$555 (associates), and \$240 - \$280 (associates)); accord *LLE One, LLC v. Facebook Inc.*, No 4:16-cv-06232-JSW, ECF No. 211 at 2-3 (N.D. Cal. Jun. 26, 2020); *Reynolds v. Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc. et al.*, Case 1:18-CV-423-CCE-LPA, Memo. Opinion and Order, ECF 92 (M.D.N.C. Jan. 8, 2020).

<sup>1</sup> If the Court requests, CMST can provide more detailed time entries describing the work of these attorneys and paralegals, as well as CMST's expenses.

15. During this Action, CMST incurred \$3,755.62 in unreimbursed expenses. These expenses were reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with the prosecution of this litigation. These expenses are reflected in the books and records of CMST and are a true and accurate summary of the expenses for this case. The chart below details the expenses incurred by category:

CATEGORY	EXPENSE AMOUNT
Telephone, Conference Calls and Facsimile	6.93
Market Research	3,400.00
Legal Research (Lexis)	39.50
Legal Research (Westlaw)	309.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,755.62</b>

#### IV. CMST HAS A LONG HISTORY REPRESENTING CONSUMERS

16. CMST has a lengthy history of representing consumers, employees, businesses and other clients in class action and other commercial litigation. A true and correct copy of the abbreviated CMST Firm Resume (for consumer cases) is attached as Exhibit A.

17. Cohen Milstein is one of the largest plaintiff-side litigation firms in the country. Cohen Milstein has been recognized as a “class-action powerhouse,”<sup>2</sup> achieving results across a wide range of practice areas, and is considered one of “America’s 25 Most Influential Law Firms.”<sup>3</sup> Cohen Milstein’s Consumer Practice Group has also been recognized as a leader in the field – by courts, peers, and the legal press – for work on a wide range of consumer issues, ranging from safe drinking water, toxic or defective products, and false and deceptive advertising. The group is

<sup>2</sup> *Here Comes Treble*, Forbes (Aug. 27, 2003), [https://www.forbes.com/2003/08/27/cz\\_mf\\_0827antitrust.html#7df201226fc2](https://www.forbes.com/2003/08/27/cz_mf_0827antitrust.html#7df201226fc2).

<sup>3</sup> *America’s Most Influential Law Firms: The Forum 2018*, National Law Journal & The Trial Lawyer Magazine, <https://www.thetriallawyer magazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2018-the-forum.pdf> (accessed Apr. 9, 2020).

“known for notching big wins for plaintiffs,”<sup>4</sup> and has been recognized as a Group of the Year by Law360 for several years running.<sup>5</sup> Members of the Consumer Practice Group served in leadership positions in many consumer protection cases that achieved excellent results for the class, including: *In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, No. 5:15-md-2617-LHK (N.D. Cal.) (co-lead counsel, in case resulting in the then-largest data breach settlement in U.S. history); and *In Re: Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Prods. Mktg., Sales Practices and Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 15-md-2627-AJT-MSN (E.D. Va.) (co-lead counsel, in a case resulting in \$36 million settlement involving toxic flooring); and *Khoday v. Symantec Corp.*, No. 11-cv-00180-JRT-TNL (D. Minn.) (sole lead, in a case where defendant failed to disclose that a product was available for free, resulting in a \$60 million settlement).

18. I am the main attorney on this matter for CMST. I have over 20 years of experience in complex litigation, MDLs, and class actions. This includes *In Re: Lumber Liquidators*, where the defendant sold flooring that contained toxic levels of formaldehyde. I assisted Co-Lead Counsel and Cohen Milstein Chair Steven Toll by leading offensive discovery efforts, drafting pleadings, and working with experts. Consumer counsel secured a \$36 million settlement within 2 ½ years based on false statements made by a lumber retailer concerning its formaldehyde emissions. In *Khoday v. Symantec Corp.*, I served as the lead attorney and represented a class of purchasers of a product that the defendant Symantec failed to disclose could be obtained for free. I oversaw

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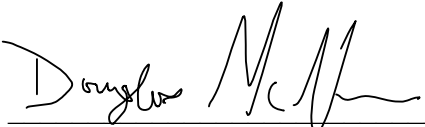
<sup>4</sup> Shayna Posses, *Consumer Protection Group of the Year: Cohen Milstein*, Law360 (Jan. 25, 2019), <https://www.law360.com/articles/1117702/consumer-protection-group-of-the-year-cohen-milstein>.

<sup>5</sup> See *id.*; Joyce Hanson, *Consumer Protection Group of the Year: Cohen Milstein*, Law360 (Jan. 17, 2020), <https://www.law360.com/articles/1233361/consumer-protection-group-of-the-year-cohen-milstein>; *Law360 Names Practice Groups of the Year*, Law360 (Jan. 15, 2018), <https://www.law360.com/articles/998948>; Nathan Hale, *Class Action Group of the Year: Cohen Milstein*, Law360 (Jan. 20, 2017), <https://www.law360.com/articles/883221/class-action-group-of-the-year-cohen-milstein>.

discovery, deposed witnesses, retained and defended experts, and helped to negotiate a \$60 million settlement that gave participating class members back more than 100 cents on the dollar for their out-of-pocket losses. Additionally, I served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and was co-chair of the expert committee in *In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation*, No. 18-md-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.), where a \$500 million settlement was approved. I am currently on the PSC for one track of plaintiffs in *In re American Medical Collection Agency, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, No. 19-md-2904-MCA-MAH (D.N.J.), a case involving the breach of sensitive medical and other personal information where motions to dismiss are currently pending, and activity is low. I was recently appointed to a co-lead position in *In re MGM Resorts International Data Breach Litigation*, No. 20-cv-376-JAD-NJK (D. Nev.), a data breach exposing the personally identifiable identification of more than 10.6 million guests. I have also taught as an adjunct professor at George Washington University School of Law and have authored articles in *Pace Law Review* and *Law360* on class action issues,<sup>6</sup> and spoken at professional gatherings on class action practice.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: August 2, 2021

  
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Douglas J. McNamara

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<sup>6</sup> Douglas McNamara et al., *Reexamining the Seventh Amendment Argument Against Issue Certification*, 34 Pace L. Rev. 1041 (2014); Douglas McNamara, *When Conjoint Analysis Is Not Enough For A Damage Model*, Law360 (Dec. 11, 2019), <https://www.law360.com/articles/1226744>; Douglas McNamara, *Carriuolo v. GM and the Future of the Overcharge Theory*, Law360 (June 2, 2016), <https://www.cohenmilstein.com/sites/default/files/media.9100.pdf>.

# **Exhibit A**



# COHENMILSTEIN

## COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC

For decades, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC has represented individuals, small businesses, institutional investors, and employees in many of the major class action cases litigated in the United States for violations of the antitrust, securities, consumer protection, civil rights/discrimination, ERISA, employment, and human rights laws. Cohen Milstein is also at the forefront of numerous innovative legal actions that are expanding the quality and availability of legal recourse for aggrieved individuals and businesses both domestic and international. Over its history, Cohen Milstein has obtained many landmark judgments and settlements for individuals and businesses in the United States and abroad. The firm's most significant successes include:

- In re Alphabet Shareholder Derivative Litigation No. 19CV341522 (Sup. Ct. Cal., Santa Clara Cnty.): Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represented Northern California Pipe Trades Pension Plan and Teamsters Local 272 Labor Management Pension Fund in this shareholder derivative action seeking to hold Alphabet's leadership accountable for a "culture of concealment," which involved covering up pervasive gender discrimination and sexual harassment and approving secretive, multi-million dollar payouts to high-level executives credibly accused of serious sexual misconduct against junior employees. In November 2020, the Court granted final approval of a historic settlement, which includes a \$310 million funding commitment and sweeping reforms to eliminate practices that silence victims and implement new measures to improve workplace equity and board oversight.
- In re Flint Water Cases No. 16-cv-10444 (E.D. Mich.): In January 2021, the Court granted preliminary approval of a \$641.25 million settlement between Flint residents and businesses and multiple governmental defendants, including the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and individual defendants, including former Governor Rick Snyder, in this environmental toxic tort class action, affecting over 90,000 Flint residents and businesses. Litigation will continue against other defendants, including two private engineering firms, Veolia North America and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam (LAN), both charged with professional negligence, and separate litigation against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will also continue. Cohen Milstein's is Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in this litigation.
- Wynn Resorts, Ltd. Derivative Litigation No. A-18-770013-B (Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., Clark Cnty., Nev.): Cohen Milstein represented New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds as Lead Counsel in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd., arising out of their failure to hold Steve Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of female employees. In March 2020, the Court granted final approval of a \$90 million settlement in the form of cash payments and landmark corporate governance reforms, placing it among the largest, most comprehensive derivative settlements in history.
- National Association of the Deaf v. Harvard & MIT (D. Mass.): In February 2020 and June 2020, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel successfully settled the second of two groundbreaking class actions on behalf and deaf and hearing-impaired individuals. The landmark settlements are historic because they require two of the most lauded academic research institutions in the world to include closed captioning on all content, including videos and podcasts, available to the public online, establishing a precedent for academia and business worldwide.
- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation No. CSG 14-538451 (Sup. Ct., San Fran. Cnty., Cal.): Cohen Milstein is part of a small team of firms representing a certified class of self-funded employers and union trust funds against Sutter Health, a large hospital chain in Northern California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive contracting agreements. In October 2019, on the eve of trial, the case settled for \$575 million and comprehensive injunctive relief, subject to approval by the Court.

- In Re Equifax, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation No. 1:17-md-2800-TWT (N.D. Ga.): On December 19, 2019 the court granted final approval a landmark \$1.5 billion settlement concluding this data breach class action affecting more than 147 million people in the U.S. The settlement consists of a record-breaking \$425 million in monetary and injunctive benefits and requires Equifax to spend \$1 billion to upgrade its security and technology. Cohen Milstein was on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.
- New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund v. Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC et al. No. 1:08-cv-05310-DAB-HBP (S.D.N.Y.): On March 8, 2019, the Honorable Deborah A. Batts granted final approval to a \$165 million all-cash settlement, bringing this lawsuit, the last of 11 MBS class actions Cohen Milstein successfully handled, to conclusion. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in this certified MBS class action.
- In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation No. 3:14-md-02521 (N.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs allege that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case settled on the eve of trial and on September 20, 2018, plaintiffs obtained final approval of a \$104.75 million settlement – more than 40% of plaintiffs' best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).
- In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation No. 2:13-md-02437 (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel for a class of direct purchasers of drywall against drywall manufacturers for price-fixing. The court approved settlements that total more than \$190 million. The court commented that it had sided with plaintiffs because of counsel's "outstanding work," and that plaintiffs' counsel had a "sophisticated and highly professional approach." It complemented the attorneys as "highly skilled" and noted that their performance on class action issues was "imaginative." It also stated, "Few cases with no government action, or investigation, result in class settlements as large as this one."
- In re Anthem Data Breach Litigation No. 15-MD-02617-LHK (N.D. Cal.): On August 16, 2018, the Honorable Lucy H. Koh in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to a \$115 million settlement – the largest data breach settlement in U.S. history – ending claims that Anthem Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit managed health care companies, put 78.8 million customers' personal information, including social security numbers and health date, at risk in a 2015 data breach. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel.
- Relvas v. The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al. No. 1:14-cv-01752-RCL (D.D.C.): On February 28, 2018 U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth, for the District of Columbia, ordered the Republic of Iran to pay \$920 million to 80 families of soldiers and other military service members who were killed or injured in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The Beirut Marine Barracks bombing, which killed 241 American servicemembers and injured numerous others, was the deadliest state-sponsored terrorist attack against United States citizens before September 11, 2001.
- Moody's Litigation: Represented the co-lead state Mississippi and represented New Jersey in the \$864 million consumer fraud settlement achieved in January 2017 by 22 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Moody's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and Moody's Analytics, Inc. Together with the S&P settlement, these cases against the nation's two largest credit rating agencies produced key industry reforms that provide greater transparency for consumers and that divested the credit rating agencies of more than \$2.2 billion for their conduct contributing to the national housing crisis and the Great Recession.
- S&P Litigation: Represented co-lead state Mississippi in the \$1.375 billion-dollar consumer fraud settlement achieved in 2015 by 20 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Standard & Poor's. Together with the Moody's settlement, these cases against the nation's two largest credit rating agencies produced key industry

reforms that provide greater transparency for consumers and that divested the credit rating agencies of more than \$2.2 billion for their conduct contributing to the national housing crisis and the Great Recession.

- In re BP Securities Litigation No. 4:10-MD-02185 (S.D. Tex.): Cohen Milstein represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund as co-lead plaintiff in a securities class action filed in 2010, alleging that BP injured investors by intentionally downplaying the severity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and preventing investors from learning the magnitude of the disaster. After successfully arguing for class certification to the district court, Cohen Milstein presented plaintiffs' defense of that court's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which affirmed the class. The case settled for \$175 million a few weeks before trial was set to begin.
- Providence Health Services Church Plan Litigation No. 2:14-cv-01720-JCC (W.D. Wash.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel to a class of defined benefit participants of Providence's health & Service Case Balance Retirement Plan who alleged that fiduciaries underfunded the pension plan because they improperly operated it under the ERISA "church plan" exemption. In March 2017, the court granted final approval of a \$315.9 million settlement, one of the largest settlements of its kind, and requires Providence to continue making minimum plan contributions that aim to fully fund the plan by 2029.
- Bon Secours Health System Church Litigation No. 1:16-cv-01079-RDB (D. Md.): Cohen Milstein served as lead counsel to a class of defined benefit participants of seven Bon Secours Health System Inc. pension plans which improperly operated under the "church plan" exemption of ERISA. In May 2017, the court granted final approval of a settlement of over \$102 million, one of the largest settlements of its kind.
- In re Animation Workers Litigation No. 5:14-cv-04062 (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers who alleged that Pixar, Lucasfilm, DreamWorks, Disney and other studios conspired to suppress their pay primarily through no poach agreements. The court granted final approval of \$168.95 million in settlements. To our knowledge, this is the most successful no-poach class action, achieving an average recovery per class member of nearly \$17,000.
- Mincey v. Honda Motor Company, et al. No. 22787197 (Circ. Ct. Duval Cty, Fla.): On July 15, 2016, Cohen Milstein resolved a closely watched lawsuit against the Japanese company and airbag maker, Takata, involving the injury and eventual death of a woman whose car was involved in a minor accident in 2014. The confidential resolution was announced moments before a critical hearing in which a judge in Jacksonville, Fla., could have considered allowing punitive damages and for the company's chief executive, Shigehisa Takada, to submit a civil deposition.
- HEMT MBS Litigation No. 1:08-cv-05653 (S.D.N.Y.): On May 10, 2016, U.S. District Judge Paul A. Crotty finally approved a \$110 million settlement in the mortgage-backed securities class action brought by investors against Credit Suisse AG and its affiliates. This settlement ends claims brought by the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors who claimed that the offering documents for the mortgage-backed securities at issue violated the Securities Act as they contained false and misleading misstatements concerning compliance with underwriting standards.
- In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation (Polyether Polyol Cases) MDL No. 1616 (D. Kan.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of chemicals used to make many everyday products, from mattress foam to carpet cushion, who were overcharged as a result of a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy. On February 25, 2016, Cohen Milstein reached an agreement with The Dow Chemical Company to settle the case against Dow for \$835 million. Combined with earlier settlements obtained from Bayer, Huntsman, and BASF, the Dow settlement pushed the total settlements in the case to \$974 million. The settlement was approved on July 29, 2016.

- United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth, No. 03-12366 (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in this False Claims Act whistleblower case against pharmaceutical giant Wyeth (subsequently acquired by Pfizer), in which the whistleblowers alleged that Wyeth defrauded Medicaid, the joint federal/state healthcare program for the poor, when it reported falsely inflated prices for its acid suppression drug Protonix from 2001 through 2006 for Medicaid rebate purposes. Weeks before trial, in February 2016, in one of the largest qui tam settlements in U.S. history, Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million to the U.S. government and the over 35 intervening states.
- RALI MBS Litigation No. 08-8781 (S.D.N.Y.): On July 31, 2015, Judge Katherine Failla gave final approval to a \$235 million settlement with underwriters Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co., and UBS Securities LLC. She also approved a plan for distribution to investors of those funds as well as the previously approved \$100 million settlement with RALI, its affiliates, and the individual Defendants that was reached in in 2013. This global settlement marks an end to a long and complicated class action over MBS offerings that RALI and certain of its affiliates issued and sold to the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors from 2006 through 2007. The case took seven years of intense litigation to resolve.
- In re: Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation No. 08-08093 (S.D.N.Y.): On May 27, 2015, U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain finally approved a class action settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., which agreed to pay \$500 million and up to an additional \$5 million in litigation-related expenses to resolve claims arising from the sale of \$27.2 billion of mortgage-backed securities issued by Bear Stearns & Co. during 2006 and 2007 in 22 separate public offerings.
- Harborview MBS Litigation No. 08-5093 (S.D.N.Y.): In February 2014, Cohen Milstein reached a settlement with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) in the Harborview MBS Litigation, resolving claims that RBS duped investors into buying securities backed by shoddy home loans. The \$275 million settlement is the fifth largest class action settlement in a federal MBS case. This case is one of eight significant MBS actions that Cohen Milstein has been named lead or co-lead counsel by courts and one of three that were nearly thrown out by the court, only to be revived in 2012.
- In Re Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation No. 11-md-02293 (S.D.N.Y.): In August 2014, a New York federal judge approved a \$400 million antitrust settlement in the hotly contested ebooks price-fixing suit against Apple Inc. Combined with \$166 million in previous settlements with five defendant publishing companies, the final settlement totaled more than \$560 million. The settlement resolves damages claims brought by a class of ebook purchasers and attorneys general from 33 U.S. states and territories.
- Countrywide MBS Litigation No. 2:10-cv-00302 (C.D. Cal.): In April 2013, plaintiffs in the landmark mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class action litigation against Countrywide Financial Corporation and others, led by Lead Plaintiff, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), agreed to a \$500 million settlement. It is the nation's largest MBS-federal securities class action settlement. The settlement was approved in December 2013 and brings to a close the consolidated class action lawsuit brought in 2010 by multiple retirement funds against Countrywide and other defendants for securities violations involving the packaging and sale of MBS. The settlement is also one of the largest (top 20) class action securities settlements of all time.
- In re Beacon Associates Litigation No. 09-cv-0777 (S.D.N.Y.): Class action settlement of \$219 million for trustees and participants in ERISA-covered employee benefit plans whose assets were lost through investments made on their behalf by Beacon Associates LLC I & II in the investment schemes of Bernard Madoff.
- In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation No. 09 C 7666 (N.D. Ill.): After four years of litigation, in October of 2013, CSL Limited, CSL Behring LLC, CSL Plasma, Inc. (collectively, "CSL"), and the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association ("PPTA") agreed to pay \$64 million dollars to settle a lawsuit brought by the University

of Utah Hospital and other health care providers alleging that CSL, the PPTA, and Baxter agreed between 2003-2009 to restrict the supply of immunoglobulin and albumin and thereby increase the prices of those therapies. Two months later, Baxter International Inc. and Baxter Healthcare Corp. (collectively “Baxter”) agreed to pay an additional \$64 million to settle these claims – bringing the total recovery to the class to \$128 million.

- Keepseagle v. Vilsack Civil Action No. 1:99CV03119 (D.D.C.): A class of Native American farmers and ranchers allege that they have been systematically denied the same opportunities to obtain farm loans and loan servicing that have been routinely afforded white farmers by the USDA. A class was certified in 2001 by Judge Emmet Sullivan, District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the D.C. Circuit declined USDA’s request to review that decision. On October 19, 2010, the case reached a historic settlement, with the USDA agreeing to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers and forgive up to \$80 million worth of outstanding farm loan debt.
- In re Parmalat Securities Litigation No. 1:04-md-1653 (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein, as co-lead counsel, successfully negotiated several settlements totaling approximately \$90 million, including two settlements with Parmalat’s outside auditors. Judge Lewis A. Kaplan remarked that plaintiffs’ counsel “did a wonderful job here for the class and were in all respects totally professional and totally prepared. I wish I had counsel this good in front of me in every case.” Parmalat’s bankruptcy filing was the biggest corporate bankruptcy in Europe, and in December 2003, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a suit charging Parmalat with “one of the largest and most brazen corporate financial frauds in history.” During the litigation, the company subsequently emerged from bankruptcy, as a result we added “New Parmalat” as a defendant because of the egregious fraud committed by the now-bankrupt old Parmalat. New Parmalat strenuously objected and Judge Kaplan of the Southern District of New York ruled in the class plaintiffs’ favor, a ruling which was affirmed on appeal. This innovative approach of adding New Parmalat enabled the class to obtain an important additional source of compensation, as we subsequently settled with New Parmalat for shares worth approximately \$26 million.
- Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. No. C-01-2252 (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in this sex discrimination case. In 2004, the U.S. District Court certified a nationwide class action lawsuit for all female employees of Wal-Mart who worked in U.S. stores anytime after December 26, 1998. This was the largest civil rights class action ever certified against a private employer, including approximately 1.5 million current and former female employees. That ruling was appealed, and while affirmed by the Ninth Circuit, was reversed by the Supreme Court in June 2011. Cohen Milstein argued the case for the plaintiffs-respondents in the Supreme Court. Since then, the *Dukes* action has been amended to address only the Wal-Mart regions that include stores in California, and other regional class cases have been or are soon to be filed. This litigation to resolve the merits of the claims – whether Wal-Mart discriminates against its female retail employees in pay and promotions – continues.
- Rubin v. MF Global, Ltd. No. 08-CV-02233 (S.D.N.Y.): Acting as co-lead counsel in this class action, the Firm represented the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund which was one of the co-lead plaintiffs in the case. In September 2010, as a result of Plaintiffs’ decision to appeal, the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals vacated in part the lower court’s dismissal of the case and remanded the case for further proceedings. In overturning the District Court decision, the Second Circuit issued a decision which differentiated between a forecast or a forward-looking statement accompanied by cautionary language -- which the Appellate Court said would be insulated from liability under the bespeaks caution doctrine -- from a factual statement, or non-forward-looking statement, for which liability may exist. Importantly, the Second Circuit accepted Plaintiffs’ position that where a statement is mixed, the court can sever the forward-looking aspect of the statement from the non-forward-looking aspect. The Court further stated that statements or omissions as to existing operations (and present intentions as to future operations) are not protected by the bespeaks caution doctrine. Mediation followed this decision and resulted in a settlement comprised of \$90 million in cash.

- Hughes v. Huron Consulting Group No. 09-CV-04734 (N.D. Ill.): Cohen Milstein represented lead plaintiffs the Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System ("APERS") in this case against Huron Consulting Group, founded by former Arthur Anderson personnel following its collapse in the wake of the Enron scandal. In August 2010, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety and upheld plaintiffs' allegations that defendants intentionally improperly accounted for acquisition-related payments, which allowed plaintiffs to move forward with discovery. The case was settled for \$40 million, comprised of \$27 million in cash and 474,547 shares in Huron common stock, with an aggregate value at the time of final approval in 2011 of approximately \$13 million.
- In re Lucent Technologies Securities Litigation No. 00-621 (D.N.J.): A settlement in this massive securities fraud class action was reached in late March 2003. The class portion of the settlement amounts to over \$500 million in cash, stock and warrants and ranks as the second largest securities class action settlement ever completed. Cohen Milstein represented one of the co-lead plaintiffs in this action, a private mutual fund.
- Nate Pease, et al. v. Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., et al. No. 00-015 (Knox County Superior Court, Me.): In 2004, a state court jury from Maine found three blueberry processing companies liable for participating in a four-year price-fixing and non-solicitation conspiracy that artificially lowered the prices defendants paid to approximately 800 growers for wild blueberries. The jury ordered defendants Cherryfield Foods, Inc., Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., and Allen's Blueberry Freezer, Inc. to pay \$18.68 million in damages, the amount which the growers would have been paid absent the defendants' conspiracy. After a mandatory trebling of this damage figure under Maine antitrust law, the total amount of the verdict for the plaintiffs is just over \$56 million. The firm served as co-lead counsel.
- In re StarLink Corn Products, Liability Litigation MDL No. 1403 (N.D. Ill.): Cohen Milstein successfully represented U.S. corn farmers in a national class action against Aventis CropScience USA Holding and Garst Seed Company, the manufacturer and primary distributor of StarLink corn seeds. StarLink is a genetically modified corn variety that the United States government permitted for sale as animal feed and for industrial purposes, but never approved for human consumption. However, StarLink was found in corn products sold in grocery stores across the country and was traced to widespread contamination of the U.S. commodity corn supply. The Firm, as co-lead counsel, achieved a final settlement providing more than \$110 million for U.S. corn farmers, which was approved by a federal district court in April 2003. This settlement was the first successful resolution of tort claims brought by farmers against the manufacturers of genetically modified seeds.
- Snyder v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company No. 97/0633 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Onondaga Cty.): Cohen Milstein served as one of plaintiffs' principal counsel in this case on behalf of persons who held life insurance policies issued by Nationwide through its captive agency force. The action alleged consumer fraud and misrepresentations. Plaintiffs obtained a settlement valued at more than \$85 million. The judge praised the efforts of Cohen Milstein and its co-counsel for having done "a very, very good job for all the people." He complimented "not only the manner" in which the result was arrived at, but also the "time ... in which it was done."
- Oncology & Radiation Associates, P.A. v. Bristol Myers Squibb Co., et al. No. 1:01CV02313 (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein has been co-lead counsel in this case since its inception in 2001. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb unlawfully monopolized the United States market for paclitaxel, a cancer drug discovered and developed by the United States government, which Bristol sells under the brand name Taxol. Bristol's scheme included a conspiracy with American BioScience, Inc., a generic manufacturer, to block generic competition. Cohen Milstein's investigation and prosecution of this litigation on behalf of direct purchasers of Taxol led to a settlement of \$65,815,000 that was finally approved by U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on August 14, 2003 and preceded numerous Taxol-related litigations brought by the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General offices.

- Kruman v. Christie’s International PLC, et al. No. 01-7309 (S.D.N.Y.): A \$40 million settlement on behalf of all persons who bought or sold items through Christie’s or Sotheby’s auction houses in non-internet actions was approved in this action. Cohen Milstein served as one of three leading counsel on behalf of foreign plaintiffs. The Court noted that approval of the settlement was particularly appropriate, given the significant obstacles that faced plaintiffs and plaintiffs’ counsel in the litigation. The settlement marked the first time that claims on behalf of foreign plaintiffs under U.S. antitrust laws have been resolved in a U.S. court, a milestone in U.S. antitrust jurisprudence.
- Roberts v. Texaco, Inc. 94-Civ. 2015 (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represented a class of African-American employees in this landmark litigation that resulted in the then-largest race discrimination settlement in history (\$176 million in cash, salary increases and equitable relief). The Court hailed the work of class counsel for, *inter alia*, “framing an imaginative settlement, that may well have important ameliorative impact not only at Texaco but in the corporate context as a whole ...”.
- Trotter v. Perdue Farms, Inc. No. 99-893 (D. Del.): This suit on behalf of hourly workers at Perdue’s chicken processing facilities – which employ approximately 15,000 people – forced Perdue to pay employees for time spent “donning and doffing,” that is, obtaining, putting on, sanitizing and removing protective equipment that they must use both for their own safety and to comply with USDA regulations for the safety of the food supply. The suit alleged that Perdue’s practice of not counting donning and doffing time as hours worked violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and state law. In a separate settlement with the Department of Labor, Perdue agreed to change its pay practices. In addition, Perdue is required to issue retroactive credit under one of its retirement plans for “donning and doffing” work if the credit would improve employees’ or former employees’ eligibility for pension benefits. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel.



## Awards & Recognition

### 2021

- In 2021, Daily Business Review recognized Theodore J. Leopold Recognized as a **“2021 Distinguished Leader.”**
- In 2021, Law360 recognized Julie Goldsmith Reiser as a **“Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar.”**
- In 2021, *The National Law Journal* and *The Trial Lawyer* named Betsy A. Miller and Steven J. Toll among **“America’s 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers.”**
- In 2021, Lawdragon named Agnieszka Fryszman Named to the **“Lawdragon Global Litigation 500.”**
- In 2021, Lawdragon recognized 12 Cohen Milstein lawyers among the **“500 Leading Lawyers in America.”**
- In 2021, Lawdragon inducted Steven J. Toll into the **“Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame.”**

### 2020

- In 2020, *Crain’s New York Business* recognized Laura H. Posner among New York’s **“Notable Women in Law.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* recognized Cohen Milstein as a **“Class Action Group of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* recognized Cohen Milstein as a **“Environmental Group of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* recognized Cohen Milstein as a **“Life Sciences Group of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* recognized Cohen Milstein as a **“Securities Group of the Year.”**
- In 2020, Cumberland School of Law named Theodore J. Leopold its **“2020 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* named Cohen Milstein among their **2021 “Best Law Firms”** nationally in ERISA Litigation, Employee Benefits Law, and Labor & Employment Litigation; for Washington, DC in Civil Rights Law, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, Employment Law – Individuals, Labor Law – Union, Litigation – ERISA, and Litigation – Labor & Employment; and for West Palm Beach, FL in Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice Law – Plaintiffs, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs for West Palm Beach, FL.
- In 2020, *Super Lawyers* recognized five Cohen Milstein attorneys as **“2020 New York – Metro Super Lawyers.”**
- In 2020, Benchmark Litigation recognized Cohen Milstein as a 2021 **“Top Plaintiffs Firm.”**
- In 2020, *Law360’s* Glass Ceiling Report named Cohen Milstein among **“The Best Law Firms for Female Attorneys.”**
- In 2020, Lawdragon named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **“500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers”** list.
- In 2020, the Human Trafficking Legal Center named Agnieszka M. Fryszman **“Human Trafficking Advocate of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Crain’s Chicago Business* named Carol V. Gilden one of its **“Notable Women in Law.”**
- In 2020, *Palm Beach Illustrated* named six Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **“Top Lawyers”** list.
- In 2020, *The National Law Journal* named Shaylyn Cochran a **“Washington D.C. Trailblazer.”**
- In 2020, Lawdragon named 15 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **“500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers”** list.
- In 2020, *The Best Lawyers in America* named 15 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2021 **“Best Lawyers in America”** list.
- In 2020, *The Best Lawyers in America* named Stephan A. LeClainche **“Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year – West Palm Beach, FL.”**
- In 2020, American Lawyer Media and The National Trial Lawyers named Cohen Milstein **“Antitrust Law Firm of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Florida Trend* named Poorad Razavi a **“Legal Elite”** in the Civil Trial section.
- In 2020, *Law360* named Jamie Bowers a **“Rising Star – Benefits.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* named Emmy L. Levens a **“Rising Star – Class Actions.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* named Shaylyn Cochran a **“Rising Star – Employment.”**

- In 2020, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a **“Top-Tier”** firm in Labor and Employment: Labor and Employment Disputes (including Collective Actions): Plaintiff.
- In 2020, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a **“Leading Practice”** in Antitrust, Products Liability, and Securities Litigation.
- In 2020, *Florida Super Lawyers* recognized Nicholas C. Johnson, Leslie M. Kroeger, Stephan A. LeClainche, Theodore J. Leopold as **“Super Lawyers”** in the area of Personal Injury Law (Plaintiff); Adam J. Langino recognized as a **“Rising Star”** in Personal Injury Products: Plaintiff.
- In 2020, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein’s Daniel A. Small a **“Law360 Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar”** for his decades of successful work in antitrust litigation.
- In 2020, *The National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein’s John Sheehan a **“2020 Plaintiffs’ Trailblazer”** in Environmental Law.
- In 2020, *Daily Business Review* named Cohen Milstein’s Leslie M. Kroeger a **“2020 DBR Distinguished Leader.”**
- In 2020, *Super Lawyers* recognized 17 Cohen Milstein attorneys as **“2020 Washington, DC Super Lawyers”** and seven Cohen Milstein attorneys as **“2020 Washington, DC Rising Stars.”**
- In 2020, *Chambers USA* recognized Cohen Milstein as a leading firm in the **“Antitrust: Plaintiffs – Nationwide”** category.
- In 2020, Lawdragon recognized eight Cohen Milstein lawyers in the **“2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers”** list.
- In 2020, Lawdragon recognized 12 Cohen Milstein lawyers in the **“2020 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America”** list.
- In 2020, American Lawyer Media and The National Trial Lawyers named Cohen Milstein **“Antitrust Law Firm of the Year.”**
- In 2020, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein **“Practice Group of the Year – Benefits”** for the firm’s work in 2019.
- In 2020, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein **“Practice Group of the Year – Consumer Protection”** for the firm’s work in 2019.

## 2019

- In 2019, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein’s Sharon K. Robertson **“Life Sciences – MVP”** for her cutting-edge “pay for delay” antitrust class actions in the Life Sciences industry.
- In 2019, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein’s Karen L. Handorf a 2019 **“Benefits – MVP”** for her exemplary work in ERISA litigation.
- In 2019, Lawdragon named Cohen Milstein’s Agnieszka Fryszman and Steve Toll to **“Lawdragon Legends,”** a list recognizing 30 of the “nation’s elite lawyers” who have been named to the Lawdragon 500 for at least ten years.
- In 2019, ALM and *The National Trial Lawyers* named seven of Cohen Milstein’s practice areas to its **“Elite Trial Lawyer – Finalist”** list and recognized Karen L. Handorf Recognized as one of its **“Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar”** (2020).
- In 2019, the Seven Hills School awarded Cohen Milstein’s Kalpana Kotagal with the **“Norma Martin Goodall Distinguished Alumni Award.”**
- In 2019, the *Chicago Business Journal* named Cohen Milstein’s Carol V. Gilden a 2019 **“Woman of Influence.”**
- In 2019, the American Antitrust Institute honored Cohen Milstein’s Jessica Weiner with an **“Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement Award.”**
- In 2019, Lawdragon named 15 Cohen Milstein lawyers to its 2019 **“500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers”** list.
- In 2019, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein’s Mary Bortscheller a **“Rising Star.”**
- In 2019, *The Best Lawyers in America* named 12 Cohen Milstein attorneys to its 2020 **“Best Lawyers in America”** list.
- In 2019, *The Best Lawyers in America* named Cohen Milstein’s Karen L. Handorf as **“ERISA Litigation Lawyer of the Year – Washington, DC.”**

- In 2019, *The Best Lawyers in America* named Cohen Milstein's Stephan A. LeClainche "**Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year – West Palm Beach, FL.**"
- In 2019, Public Justice Foundation named Cohen Milstein one of five finalists for the "**Trial Lawyer of the Year Award.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Environmental Toxic Tort practice was named a winner of The National Law Journal's "**Elite Trial Lawyers**" Award, and Cohen Milstein's Agnieszka Fryszman and Sharon Robertson were named winners of *The National Law Journal's* "**Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar**" Award.
- In 2019, six of Cohen Milstein lawyers were named among the "**Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Carol V. Gilden received Lawyer Monthly Magazine's "**Women in Law Award.**"
- In 2019, four of Cohen Milstein partners were named to Benchmark Litigation's "**40 & Under Hot List.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Christine E. Webber received the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs' "**Roderic V.O. Boggs Award.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Nicholas C. Johnson and Poorad Razavi were named to Florida Trend's "**Legal Elite.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Nicholas C. Johnson was appointed to serve on the **AAJ Board of Governors.**
- In 2019, *The National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein an "**Elite Trial Lawyer**" finalist in five practice areas and named Agnieszka Fryszman and Sharon Robertson "**Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar.**"
- In 2019, *Law360's* 2019 Glass Ceiling Report named Cohen Milstein among "**The Best Law Firms for Female Attorneys.**"
- In 2019, *The Legal 500* recognized Cohen Milstein's Antitrust, Civil Rights & Employment, Products Liability, and Securities Litigation practices as "**Leading Practices,**" and named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys among their "**Leading Lawyers,**" "**Next Generation Lawyers,**" and "**Rising Stars.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein was named to *The National Law Journal's* "**Pro Bono Hot List.**"
- In 2019, 21 Cohen Milstein attorneys were recognized as "**Super Lawyers,**" and nine Cohen Milstein attorneys were recognized as "**Rising Stars.**"
- In 2019, Cohen Milstein's Takisha D. Richardson was named a **Florida Bar Association's Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy Fellow.**
- In 2019, six of Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment Litigation lawyers were named among the "**Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers 2019.**"
- In 2019, the *Daily Business Review* honored Cohen Milstein with three Professional Excellence Awards, including Theodore J. Leopold, **DBR's 2019 "Distinguished Leaders" award**, Nicolas C. Johnson, **DBR's 2019 "On the Rise" award**, and the firm's Sexual Abuse, Sex Trafficking, and Domestic Violence Litigation team, **DBR's 2019 "Innovative Practice Areas" award.**
- In 2019, four Cohen Milstein lawyers received "**The Burton Awards' Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award - Law Firm.**"
- In 2019, nine Cohen Milstein lawyers were named among the "**Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.**"

## 2018

- In 2018, *The National Law Journal* and *Trial Lawyer Magazine*, named Steven J. Toll and Betsy A. Miller among "**America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers.**"
- In 2018, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein "**Practice Group of the Year**" in two categories: Consumer Protection and Environmental.

- In 2018, *Law360* named three partners MVP in the respective practices, including: Theodore J. Leopold as **Law360's Environmental MVP**, Andrew N. Friedman as **Law360's Cybersecurity and Privacy MVP**, and Kalpana Kotagal as **Law360's Employment MVP**.
- In 2018, *The National Law Journal* named Cohen Milstein winner of "**Elite Trial Lawyer of the Year**" in four categories, including Consumer Protection, Counterterrorism, Immigration, and Financial Products, and finalist in five other categories, including Antitrust, Civil Rights, Disability Rights, Employment Rights, and Racial Discrimination.
- In 2018, *The National Law Journal* named Kalpana Kotagal, Betsy A. Miller, and G. Julie Reiser – "**Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar.**"
- In 2018 the *Daily Business Review* named Stephan A. LeClainche and Diana L. Martin as one of its "**Most Effective Lawyers**" for Medical Malpractice and Pro Bono, respectively.
- In 2018, A Better Balance presented Kalpana Kotagal with "**A Better Balance: The Work & Family Legal Center's Distinguished Public Service Award.**"
- In 2018, the American Antitrust Institute honored Sharon K. Robertson with its "**Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement Award.**"
- In 2018, the NAACP honored Cohen Milstein with its "**Foot Soldier in the Sand Award,**" in recognition of the firm's outstanding commitment to providing pro bono legal services.
- In 2018, *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized eleven Cohen Milstein attorneys as among the **Best Lawyers in America (2019)**, in their respective areas of law.
- In 2018, *The Best Lawyers in America* singled out and named Joseph M. Sellers "**The Best Lawyers in America 2019, Labor Law Lawyer of the Year – Washington, D.C.**"
- In 2018, *The Best Lawyers in America* singled out and named Milstein's Leslie M. Kroeger "**The Best Lawyers in America 2019, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions "Lawyer of the Year – West Palm Beach, FL."**
- In 2018, *Palm Beach Illustrated* named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to its "**Top Lawyers**" List."
- In 2018, *Benchmark Litigation* named four Cohen Milstein attorneys to its "**40 & Under Hot List.**"
- In 2018, *Florida Trend* named five Cohen Milstein attorneys to its list of "**Florida's Legal Elite.**"
- In 2018, *Lawdragon 500* named five Cohen Milstein attorneys to "**Leading Plaintiff Employment Lawyers.**"
- In 2018, *Crain's* named Carol V. Gilden one of Chicago's "**Notable Women Lawyers.**"
- In 2018, Harvard Law School named Kalpana Kotagal a "**Wasserstein Fellow.**"
- In 2018, *Chambers USA Women in Law* honored Kalpana Kotagal with its "**Outstanding Contribution to the Community in Advancing Diversity Award.**"
- In 2018, the *New York Law Journal* named Sharon K. Robertson to its list of "**New York Rising Stars.**"
- In 2018, *The Legal 500: Guide to the US Legal Profession* listed Cohen Milstein's **Antitrust, Employment Disputes, and Securities Litigation** practices among its "**Leading Practices.**"
- In 2018, the *Daily Business Review* named Leslie M. Kroeger a "**Distinguished Leader.**"
- In 2018, *Law360* named Steven J. Toll a 2018 "**Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar.**"
- In 2018, Leslie M. Kroeger was sworn-in as President-Elect to the Florida Justice Association.
- In 2018, *Lawdragon* named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to the 2018 "**Lawdragon 500,**" an annual list of the **500 Leading Lawyers in America.**
- In 2018, Theodore J. Leopold was recognized as an "**Energy and Environmental Trailblazer**" by *The National Law Journal*.
- In 2018, *Super Lawyers* recognized 20 Cohen Milstein attorneys as "**2018 Super Lawyers**" and 12 Cohen Milstein attorneys as "**Super Lawyer Rising Stars.**"

2017

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- In 2017, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein a **“Practice Group of the Year: Privacy.”**
- In 2017, Steven J. Toll was named a *Law360* **“MVP – Class Action.”**
- In 2017, the *Daily Business Review* named Theodore J. Leopold a **“Most Effective Lawyer of 2017: Class Action.”**
- In 2017, Joel Laitman, Christopher Lometti, Betsy Miller, and Victoria Nugent were named *The National Law Journal’s* **“Plaintiffs’ Lawyers Trailblazers.”**
- In 2017, *The Best Lawyers in America* recognized seven Cohen Milstein partners as among the **“Best Lawyers in America”** for their respective practices of law.
- In 2017, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein partners, S. Douglas Bunch and Kalpana Kotagal as **“Rising Stars.”**
- In 2017, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a **Leading Firm** in **“Antitrust: Civil Litigation / Class Actions”** and **“Dispute Resolution: Securities Litigation – Plaintiff.”**
- In 2017, *The Legal 500* named Richard A. Koffman to its **“Legal 500 Hall of Fame.”**
- In 2017, *Legal 500* named Sharon K. Robertson and Brent W. Johnson as **“Legal 500 Next Generation Lawyer”** in the area of Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions.
- In 2017, *Super Lawyers* named Brent W. Johnson as a **“Rising Star”** and a **“Top Rated Antitrust Litigation Attorney in Washington, DC.”**
- In 2017, *Super Lawyers* named Leslie M. Kroeger, Stephan A. Le Clainche, and Theodore J. Leopold **“Florida Super Lawyers”** and Nicholas C. Johnson and Adam J. Langino **“Florida Rising Stars.”**
- In 2017, the Coalition for Independent Living Options Inc. presented Michael Dolce a Special Acknowledgment Award for his **“Commitment to Ending Sex Crimes against People with Disabilities.”**
- In 2017, Adam J. Langino was elected American Association for Justice’s Newsletter Chair for the Product Liability Section.
- In 2017, *Florida Trend* named Manuel J. Dominguez a **“Legal Elite.”**
- In 2017, Nicholas C. Johnson was elected President of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association.
- In 2017, Leslie M. Kroeger was elected Treasurer to the Florida Justice Association.
- In 2017, *South Florida Legal Guide* named Theodore J. Leopold as a **“Top Lawyer,”** and Diana L. Martin and Adam Langino a **“Top Up and Comer.”**

## 2016

- In 2016, *Law360* selected Cohen Milstein as a **“Competition Practice Group of the Year”** and a **“Class Action Practice Group of the Year.”**
- In 2016, Women in Wealth Awards selects Carol V. Gilden Selected as **“Best in Securities Litigation Law - Illinois & Excellence Award for Investor Protection Law.”**
- In 2016, Richard A. Koffman was named a *Law360* **“MVP – Competition Law.”**
- In 2016, Martha Geer was selected as a **“North Carolina Leaders in the Law Honoree.”**
- In 2016, the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs named Cohen Milstein a recipient of its **“Outstanding Achievement Award.”**
- In 2016, for the eighth consecutive year, Cohen Milstein was recognized by *The Legal 500* as one of the leading plaintiff class action antitrust firms in the United States.
- In 2016, Agnieszka Fryszman, Joel Laitman, Chris Lometti, Kit Pierson, Joe Sellers and Steve Toll were named to the **2016 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.**
- In 2016, *Law360* named Julie Goldsmith Reiser one of the **“25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law.”**
- In 2016, Cohen Milstein is named to *The National Law Journal’s* **“Plaintiffs Hot List”** for the fifth time in six years.
- In 2016, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein as one of the top firms for female attorneys.

## 2015

- In 2015, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein as the sole plaintiffs firm to be selected in two "**Practice Groups of the Year**" categories and one of only five class action firms recognized.
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein was named an "**Elite Trial Lawyer Firm**" by *The National Law Journal* for the second year in a row.
- In 2015, Steven J. Toll named a *Law360* "**MVP – Securities Law.**"
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein was selected as a "**Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm**" by *Law360* for the third year in a row.
- In 2015, Richard Koffman was named, for the fifth consecutive year, in *The Legal 500* "**Leading Lawyers**" in "**Litigation - Mass Tort and Class Action: Plaintiff Representation – Antitrust.**"
- In 2015, Theodore J. Leopold, Leslie M. Kroeger, and Stephan A. LeClainche were selected as "**Florida Super Lawyers**" and Adam J. Langino was selected as a "**Florida Rising Star.**"
- In 2015, Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll and Christine E. Webber were selected as "**Washington DC Super Lawyers.**"
- In 2015, Monya Bunch, S. Douglas Bunch, Johanna Hickman, Kalpana Kotagal, and Emmy Levens were selected as "**Washington DC Rising Stars**" by *Super Lawyers*.
- In 2015, for the fourth time in five years, Cohen Milstein was selected to *The National Law Journal* "**Plaintiffs' Hot List.**"
- In 2015, Carol V. Gilden was selected as "**Pension Funds Litigation Attorney of the Year in Illinois**" for the second year in a row by the Corporate INTL Legal Awards.

## 2014

- In 2014, Cohen Milstein's Antitrust Practice was selected as a "**Practice Group of the Year**" by *Law360*.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein Partner Kit Pierson was selected as an "**Antitrust MVP**" by *Law360*.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was named a "**Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm**" by *Law360* for the second year in a row. In 2014, Cohen Milstein was selected as an **Elite Trial Lawyer** firm by *The National Law Journal*.
- Cohen Milstein Partners Steven J. Toll, Joseph M. Sellers, Kit A. Pierson, and Agnieszka M. Fryszman Selected to the **2014 Lawdragon 500**.
- Released in 2015, Joseph M. Sellers, Theodore J. Leopold, and Leslie M. Kroeger listed in "**Best Lawyers in America.**"
- Released in 2014, the 2013 SCAS 50 Report on Total Securities Class Action Settlements ranked Cohen Milstein as a top firm.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein's Theodore J. Leopold was named among the "**Top 100**" **Florida Super Lawyers**, Leslie M. Kroeger was named to the "**Florida Super Lawyers,**" and Diana L. Martin was named a "**Florida Rising Star.**"
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Leslie M. Kroeger and Adam J. Langino were recognized in **Florida Trend's** "**Florida Legal Elite.**" Kroeger is recognized as Legal Elite and Langino is listed as an Up-and-Comer.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was selected to the selected to the **National Law Journal's Midsize Hot List**.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was recognized as a "**Highly Recommended Washington, DC Litigation Firm**" by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a **Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500** for the sixth year in a row.
- In 2014, Partner Richard Koffman was named, for the fourth consecutive year, in the Legal 500 United States "**Leading Lawyers**" list under the category of "Litigation - Mass Tort and Class Action: Plaintiff Representation - Antitrust".
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Agnieszka Fryszman, Julie Goldsmith Reiser, Joseph Sellers, Daniel Sommers, and Steven Toll were recognized as **Local Litigation Stars** by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.

- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys R. Joseph Barton, Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll and Christine E. Webber were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Monya Bunch, S. Douglas Bunch, Jeffrey Dubner, Johanna Hickman, Joshua Kolsky, Kalpana Kotagal, Emmy Levens, and Michelle Yau were selected as **Washington DC Rising Stars** by Super Lawyers.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as the Illinois Pension Fund Attorney of the Year.
- In 2014, Best Lawyers named Cohen Milstein Partner Joseph Sellers D.C. Litigation - Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year.

## 2013

- In 2013, for the third-year in a row, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein was named a "**Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm**" by Law360.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500 for the fifth year in a row.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein attorneys Joseph Barton, Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie G. Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll, and Christine E. Webber were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein attorney Michelle Yau was selected as **Washington DC Rising Stars** by Super Lawyers. In 2013, Cohen Milstein Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as a **2013 Illinois Super Lawyer**. She has been selected every year since 2005.

## 2012

- In 2012, for the second-year in a row, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was the recipient of the Judith M. Conti Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award from the Employment Justice Center.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was recognized as a "Highly Recommended Washington, DC Litigation Firm" by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a top firm by the 2011 SCAS Report on Total Securities Class Action Settlements.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500 for the fourth year in a row.
- In 2012, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Sellers was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- In 2012, Partner Steven J. Toll was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Toll was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- In 2012, Partner Daniel S. Sommers was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Sommers was also selected for this prestigious award in 2011.
- In 2012, Partner Christine E. Webber was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Ms. Webber was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007.
- In 2012, Partner Agnieszka M. Fryszman was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. In 2012, Partner Kit A. Pierson was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**.
- In 2012, Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as an **Illinois Super Lawyer**. Ms. Gilden was also selected for this prestigious award in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

## 2011

- In 2011, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2011, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as a "**Visionary**" by *The National Law Journal*.
- In 2011, Partner J. Douglas Richards, Of Counsel Joel Laitman, and Of Counsel Christopher Lometti were selected as **New York - Metro Super Lawyers**.
- In 2011, Partner Joseph M. Sellers and the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* team were selected as a finalist for the **2011**

- **Trial Lawyer of the Year Award** from the Public Justice Foundation.
- In 2011, **Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States** by the Legal 500 for the third year in a row.
- In 2011, Partners Steven Toll, Joseph Sellers, and Daniel Sommers were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**. Partner J. Douglas Richards, Of Counsel Joel Laitman and Christopher Lometti were selected as **New York - Metro Super Lawyers**. Partner Carol Gildea was selected as an **Illinois Super Lawyer**.
- In 2011, Cohen Milstein was a recipient of The *National Law Journal's* **Pro Bono Award**. The Firm was named one of the "six firms that best reflect the pro bono tradition."

## 2010

- In 2010, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as one of "**The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers**" by *The National Law Journal*.
- In 2010, Partner Steven J. Toll was named one of Law360's "**Most Admired Attorneys**". In 2010, Partner Andrew N. Friedman was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**.
- In 2010, Partner Agnieszka M. Fryszman was selected as a finalist for the **Trial Lawyer of the Year Award** from the Public Justice Foundation.
- In 2010, Partners Joseph M. Sellers and Agnieszka M. Fryszman were both selected as one of the **Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America**.
- In 2010, Cohen Milstein was once again ranked as a **Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States** by the Legal 500.



## Attorney Profiles – Executive Committee

### Steven J. Toll

Steven J. Toll is Managing Partner at Cohen Milstein, a member of the Executive Committee, and Co-Chair of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. In this role, Mr. Toll guides the firm's mediation efforts and strategy, and has been lead or principal counsel on some of the most high-profile stock fraud lawsuits in the past 30 years, arguing important matters before the highest courts in the land.

Mr. Toll has built a distinguished career and reputation as a fierce advocate of the rights of shareholders and has guided mediation efforts on the firm's largest and most important matters (both securities fraud and other consumer type cases), a role in which he has earned the trust of mediators, as well as the respect of defense counsel. Mr. Toll has been involved in settling some of the most important mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class-action lawsuits in the aftermath of the financial crisis, including: Countrywide Financial Corp., which settled for \$500 million in 2013; Residential Accredited Loans Inc. (RALI), which settled for \$335 million in 2014; Harborview MBS, which settled for \$275 million, also in 2014; and Novastar MBS, which settled for \$165 million in 2019. He also negotiated a \$90 million settlement of a suit against MF Global.

Among Mr. Toll's important cases is the Harman class action suit, where Mr. Toll argued and won an important ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The Circuit Court reinstated the suit against electronics maker Harman International Industries; the ruling is significant in that it places limits on the protection allowed by the safe harbor rule for forward-looking statements. A \$28.25 million settlement was achieved in this action in 2017.

Mr. Toll was also co-lead counsel in the BP Securities class action securities fraud lawsuit that arose from the devastating Deepwater oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the certification of the class of investors alleged to have been injured by BP's misrepresenting the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, and thus minimizing the extent of the cost and financial impact to BP of the clean-up and resulting damages. In February 2017, the court granted final approval to a \$175 million settlement reached between BP and lead plaintiffs for the "post-explosion" class.

Mr. Toll was co-lead counsel in the consumer class action suit against Lumber Liquidators, a lawsuit that alleges the nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015. In October 2018, the court granted final approval to a settlement of \$36 million between Lumber Liquidators and plaintiffs.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Toll has received numerous industry recognitions for his work. Most recently, in 2019, The National Law Journal and The Trial Lawyer named him one of "America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers," in 2018, Mr. Toll was named Law360's "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," as well as a Legal 500 "Leading Lawyer – Securities Litigation." In 2017, he was named Law360's "MVP – Class Actions," in 2015, he was named Law360's "MVP – Securities," and since 2014, he has been perennially named to the Lawdragon 500, which recognizes the 500 leading lawyers in America. He is also annually recognized as a Super Lawyer in Securities Litigation and Class Action/Mass Torts.

Mr. Toll writes and speaks extensively on securities litigation and investor protection issues. His articles have appeared in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation and Cohen Milstein's Shareholder Advocate.

Mr. Toll has provided a great deal of pro bono legal work during a career at Cohen Milstein that spans more than three decades. In addition, he has been an active supporter of Children's Hospital National Medical Center for decades, setting up an endowment in his daughter's name to help the Hospital's leukemia patients and their families (his daughter passed

away from leukemia in 1987), plus more recently establishing regular programs for music and laughter for the children during their hospital stays.

Mr. Toll is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, earning a B.S., cum laude, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Special Project Editor of *The Tax Lawyer*.

### **Joseph M. Sellers**

Joseph M. Sellers is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, Chair of the firm's Executive Committee and Chair of the Civil Rights & Employment Practice Group, a practice he founded. In a career spanning nearly four decades, Mr. Sellers has represented victims of discrimination and other illegal employment practices individually and through class actions. He brings to his practice a deep commitment and broad background in fighting discrimination in all its forms. That experience includes decades of representing clients in litigation to enforce their civil rights, participating in drafting and efforts to pass landmark civil rights legislation, testifying before Congress on various civil rights issues, training government lawyers on the trial of civil rights cases, teaching civil rights law at various law schools and lecturing extensively on civil rights and employment matters.

Mr. Sellers, who joined the firm in 1997, has been practicing civil rights law for more than 35 years, during which time he has represented individuals and classes of people who have been victims of civil rights violations or denied other rights in the workplace. He has tried to judgment before courts and juries several civil rights class actions and a number of individual cases and has argued more than 30 appeals in the federal and state appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court. He has served as class counsel, and typically lead counsel, in more than 75 civil rights and employment class actions.

His clients have included persons denied the rights and opportunities of employment because of race, national origin, religion, age, disability and sex, including sexual orientation and identity. He has represented victims of race discrimination in the denial of equal access to credit, in the rates charged for insurance and in the equal access to health clubs, retail stores, restaurants and other public places. He has challenged housing discrimination on the basis of race and the denial of housing and public accommodations to people with disabilities.

Some of the noteworthy matters he has handled include: *Walmart v. Dukes* (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of class of women who alleged sex discrimination in pay and promotions in case establishing new rules governing class certification; *Randolph v. Greentree Financial* (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of consumer challenging enforcement of arbitration agreement in case establishing rules governing the enforceability of arbitration agreements; *Beck v. Boeing Company* (W.D. Wash.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of more than 28,000 women employees alleging sex discrimination in pay and overtime decisions; *Conway, et al. v. Deutsch* (E.D. Va.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of female covert case officers at the CIA alleging sex discrimination in promotions and job assignments; *Johnson, et al. v. Freeh* (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of African-American FBI special agents alleging racial discrimination in promotion and job assignments; *Keepseagle v. Veneman* (D.D.C.), lead counsel on behalf of class of Native American farmers and ranchers alleging denial of equal access to credit by USDA; *Neal v. Director, D.C. Dept. of Corrections* (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel in which he tried first sexual harassment class action to a jury, on behalf of a class of women correctional employees and women and men subject to retaliation; *Doe v. D.C. Fire Department* (D.D.C.), in which he established after trial that an applicant with HIV could properly serve as a firefighter; *Floyd-Mayers v. American Cab Co.* (D.D.C.), in which he represented persons who alleged they were denied taxi service because of their race and the race of the residents at the location to which they asked to be driven; and *Trotter, et al. v. Perdue Farms* (D. Del.), lead counsel on behalf of chicken processing workers alleging violations of federal wage and hour and employee benefits law.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sellers served for over 15 years as the Director of the Employment Discrimination Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, an organization providing pro bono representation in a broad range of civil rights and related poverty issues. He was a member of the transition teams of Obama/Biden in 2008 and Clinton/Gore in 1992 and 1993, and served as a Co-Chair of the Special Committee on Race and

Ethnicity of the D.C. Circuit Task Force on Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias to which he was appointed by the judges of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sellers has also been active in legislative matters. He helped to draft and worked for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009. He has testified more than 20 times before Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives on various civil rights and employment matters.

A teacher and mentor, Mr. Sellers has trained lawyers at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice on the trial of civil rights cases, and was an Adjunct Professor at the Washington College of Law at American University, where he taught Employment Discrimination law, and at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught Professional Responsibility. In addition, he has lectured extensively throughout the country on various civil rights and employment topics.

Mr. Sellers has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Washington and as one of the top plaintiffs' employment lawyers in the U.S. In 2010, The National Law Journal named him one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers," in 2011 The Legal Times named him a "Legal Visionary," and in 2012 the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs awarded him the Wiley Branton Award for leadership in civil rights. He is a professionally trained mediator and has served as the President of the Washington Council of Lawyers.

Mr. Sellers received his B.A. in American History and Literature from Brown University, and earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Law, where he served as Research Editor of the Case Western Reserve Law Review.

#### **Benjamin D. Brown**

is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and Co-Chair of the firm's Antitrust practice group. Mr. Brown is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Brown, who previously served in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, brings to his role extensive experience leading complex litigation, particularly antitrust class actions.

Mr. Brown has been appointed by federal courts to serve as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in numerous important matters, such as *In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.); *Carlin, et al. v. DairyAmerica, Inc.* (E.D. Cal.); and *Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation* (D. Nev.). He has led cases through trial and argued appeals and stands ready to take cases through to the finish line.

Mr. Brown is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School, where he teaches Complex Litigation, a course that explores the policy and procedures implicated by aggregated, high stakes, multi-party litigation, especially class actions.

Mr. Brown is also a leader in the area of takings cases, claims that are brought under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution for the unconstitutional taking of property without compensation. He also represents individuals or groups in litigations and confidential arbitrations involving complex commercial disputes, particularly those involving regulated markets.

Currently, Mr. Brown is litigating a number of large, complex antitrust and price manipulation lawsuits, where he plays a prominent role and leads all aspects of the litigation, from deciding on the claims to be brought, the strategy to be pursued and charting the course of the case. Notable matters include:

- *Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation* (D. Nev.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC – commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or "UFC"

– has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied the defendant’s motion to dismiss the case in September 2015 and discovery is ongoing. Mr. Brown is co-lead in this class action.

- Allen, et al. v. Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (D. Vt.): Cohen Milstein served co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit on behalf of Northeast dairy farmers against Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and Dean Foods Company charging a conspiracy to reduce competition for raw milk and that DFA monopolized the milk market in the Northeast, forcing dairy farmers to market their milk through DFA or its affiliate Dairy Marketing Services (DMS). Final, approved settlements total \$80 million.
- DairyAmerica Litigation (E.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as court-appointed lead counsel to a putative class of dairy farmers who alleged that defendants fraudulently misreported nonfat dry milk prices to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, resulting in artificially depressed raw milk prices and unfairly depriving American dairy farmers of tens-of-millions-of-dollars. In May 2019, the Court granted final approval of a \$40 million settlement – 90% of what the USDA Inspector General’s independent analysis estimated damages to be. Mr. Brown directed all aspect of this class action.

Mr. Brown is also currently litigating a number of takings lawsuits, including the following notable matters:

- Ideker Farms, et al. v. United States of America (Fed. Cl.): Cohen Milstein represents Ideker Farms and more than 400 other plaintiffs located in six states along the Missouri River in a landmark mass action lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims alleging that the federal government took land and flooding easements over lands owned by farmers without any compensation in violation of the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment. Mr. Brown has helped lead the litigation team, including during a months-long liability trial in 2017, during which he directed and cross-examined numerous witnesses, including six experts. In March 2018, the Court ruled largely in favor of plaintiffs on liability and cause of flooding claims. Bellwether trials continue. The Court will next determine the extent of the losses due to the taking.
- Big Oak Farms, Inc., et al. v. United States of America (Fed. Cl.): Cohen Milstein represents over 100 farmers along the Mississippi River in a Fifth Amendment takings case alleging that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intentionally flooded plaintiffs’ land without providing just compensation. Mr. Brown has been directing and leading all aspects of the litigation.

Mr. Brown joined Cohen Milstein in 2005, following four years as a trial attorney with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. At the Department of Justice, Mr. Brown led and assisted in numerous investigations, litigations and trials involving antitrust activity and mergers. Mr. Brown also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where he prosecuted criminal cases. Prior to serving in the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Brown was in private practice with one of Washington’s most prestigious defense firms, where he counseled defendants in antitrust litigation matters. This experience has provided him with insights into defense strategies and has earned him the respect of defendants’ counsel.

The Legal 500 has recognized Mr. Brown as one of the nation’s leading class action antitrust attorneys. Mr. Brown is also recognized in *Who’s Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Competition*, and he has been listed as one of Washington D.C.’s "Leading Star" Plaintiffs’ Litigators by Benchmark Litigation, recognizing his writing, his depositions and his arguments in court. He is a frequent panelist at legal industry gatherings and is a recognized expert on antitrust litigation whose opinions on the newest developments and trends in antitrust litigation are often quoted in the media. Mr. Brown is a contributing author of the ABA’s *Antitrust Class Actions Handbook* and served as a state editor for the ABA’s *Survey of State Class Action Law*. He authored several chapters on private antitrust recovery actions for the *Global Competition Review’s Antitrust Review of the Americas*, and co-authored with fellow partner Douglas Richards, “Predominance of Common Questions – Common Mistakes in Applying the Class Action Standard,” *Rutgers Law Journal* (Vol. 41).

Mr. Brown is currently serving on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at Loyola University Chicago’s School of Law.

Mr. Brown attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in Philosophy, and earned his J.D., from Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. He served as Law Clerk to the Hon. Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia has honored Mr. Brown for his outstanding commitment to pro bono litigation.

### **Victoria S. Nugent**

Victoria S. Nugent is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the Consumer Protection practice group and immediate past Co-Chair of the Public Client practice group. Ms. Nugent is also a member of the firm’s Executive Committee.

Ms. Nugent is a highly regarded consumer protection litigator, having overseen significant consumer fraud investigations and litigation on behalf of the state Attorneys General of Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, and Vermont – as well as class actions brought on behalf of consumers under the laws of numerous states. Ms. Nugent is named among Lawdragon’s “500 Leading Lawyers in America” (2019 – 2021), as well as Lawdragon’s “500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers” (2020), and The National Law Journal’s “Plaintiffs’ Lawyers Trailblazers” (2017).

Most recently, Ms. Nugent has been representing restaurant owners, retailers, and other small businesses across the United States in litigation against their insurance companies for failing to honor their business interruption claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These cases are being litigated in state and federal courts as class actions and individual cases.

While working in the Public Client Practice Group, Ms. Nugent represented state Attorneys General in civil law enforcement investigations and litigation involving consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and other areas of enforcement that protect government interests and vulnerable communities. These included:

- **Deceptive and Unfair Opioid Marketing and Distribution:** Representing the states of Indiana, New Jersey, and Vermont in consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance claims against opioid manufacturers and distributors.
- **Deceptive and Irresponsible Lending:** Representing the state of Nevada in investigations into the conduct of Deutsche Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland, two of the investment banks that encouraged and enabled the predatory lending practices of retail lenders. Ms. Nugent helped develop the State’s legal theories and claims and handled numerous aspects of these investigations.
- **Improper Foreclosures:** Representing the states of Arizona and Nevada in litigation against Bank of America for deceptive conduct in connection with servicing approximately 500,000 mortgages, resulting in financial payments to consumers and the states, commitments to mortgage modifications and other equitable relief valued at nearly \$1 billion.

During her earlier years in the Consumer Practice Group, Ms. Nugent was involved in precedent-setting matters:

- **In re StarLink Corn Product Liability Litigation (N.D. Ill.):** Ms. Nugent represented farmers suing Aventis CropScience after an unapproved variety of genetically modified corn was detected in the U.S. corn supply and drove down prices for all U.S. corn exports. More than \$100 million was recovered for the class in a landmark settlement.
- **Negative Option Marketing Litigation:** In 2009 and 2010, Ms. Nugent filed suit on behalf of consumers challenging the post-transaction marketing practices (also sometimes called “negative option marketing”) and in two significant rulings persuaded federal courts in California and Washington that these practices ran afoul of state consumer protection laws.

In addition to trial court work, Ms. Nugent has argued cases before the high courts of Georgia, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia, as well as the federal D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2000, Ms. Nugent worked for seven years at Public Citizen, a national consumer advocacy organization. There, she worked on many legislative and regulatory campaigns addressing issues that ranged from automobile safety to international trade policy. After graduating from law school in 1998, Ms. Nugent received a two-year fellowship sponsored by the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL/Equal Justice Works). As a NAPIL Fellow, she worked at Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, where she helped develop and prosecute impact litigation in the areas of arbitration, banking, credit, and insurance. Since 2018, Ms. Nugent has been a member of Public Justice's Board of Directors.

Ms. Nugent is on the Board of Directors of Public Justice Foundation, the Nation's foremost consumer litigation and advocacy organization. Ms. Nugent served on the D.C. Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct from 2012 to 2019. Since 2019, she has been a member of the Bar's Legal Ethics Committee.

Ms. Nugent received her B.A. from Wesleyan University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

### **Sharon K. Robertson**

Sharon Robertson is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice group. Ms. Robertson is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Ms. Robertson has been repeatedly recognized for her success in leading complex, multi-district antitrust litigation. In 2020, Chambers ranked Ms. Robertson "Band 2 in Antitrust: Plaintiff – New York and USA – Nationwide" while Lawdragon included her on its "500 Leading Lawyers in America" list. In 2019, The National Law Journal named her as one of nine "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar," an award that recognizes female lawyers who "have consistently excelled in high-stakes matters on behalf of plaintiffs over the course of their careers." In the same year, Law360 named Ms. Robertson a "Life Sciences-MVP" for her "hard-earned successes" and "record-breaking deals." In 2018, the American Antitrust Institute honored her with its prestigious "Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement by a Young Lawyer" award for her role in securing one of the largest recoveries on behalf of end-payors in a federal generic suppression case in over a decade. Similarly, for three consecutive years, The Legal 500 has repeatedly selected her as a "Next Generation Lawyer" (2017 -2020), an honor bestowed upon only 10 lawyers under 40 years old across the country, who are positioned to become leaders in their respective fields. Likewise, The New York Law Journal recognized her as a Rising Star (2018) – one of only twenty individuals selected to receive this honor. In addition, Benchmark Litigation selected Ms. Robertson for inclusion on its "40 & Under Hot List" for three consecutive years (2018-2020) and Law360 named her as one of five "Rising Stars" (2018) in the field of competition law whose "professional accomplishments belie their age," as did Super Lawyers (2014-2016, 2019-2020). Ms. Robertson has also been recognized by Law360 as one of a few female litigators to secure leadership roles in high-profile MDLs, such as In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (March 16, 2017).

Ms. Robertson is spearheading the firm's efforts in cutting-edge and industry-defining pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust lawsuits, which allege that the defendant brand manufacturer entered into non-competition agreements with generic manufacturers in order to delay entry of lower-priced generic products. Ms. Robertson also heads up the firm's generic price-fixing cases, which allege that certain generic drug manufacturers conspired to inflate the prices of generic drug products. These cases come on the heels of a government investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice alleging similar conduct, which, while ongoing, has already resulted in indictments and guilty pleas.

In addition to leading complex MDLs, Ms. Robertson is an accomplished trial lawyer. She served as a trial team member in two of the largest antitrust cases tried to verdict, including In re Urethanes Antitrust Litigation, where the jury returned a \$400 million verdict, which was trebled by the Court, as required by antitrust law, to \$1.06 billion, resulting in the largest price-fixing verdict in U.S. history, as well as In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation, the first pharmaceutical antitrust case to go to trial following the Supreme Court's landmark decision in FTC v. Actavis, 570 U.S. 756 (2013).

Ms. Robertson represents End-Payor Plaintiffs in the following pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust cases in which the firm serves as Co-Lead Counsel:

- In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.): Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer, the manufacturer of the cholesterol drug Lipitor, the best-selling drug in pharmaceutical history, conspired with Ranbaxy, the generic manufacturer, to delay its introduction of a generic Lipitor product. On August 21, 2017, the Third Circuit handed a sweeping victory to Plaintiffs, reviving their antitrust claims. This case was ranked by Law360 as “The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far” (July 7, 2017).
- In re Tracleer Antitrust Litigation (D. Md.): Plaintiffs allege that Defendant Actelion engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold samples of its life-saving pulmonary arterial hypertension medication from would-be rivals, under the guise of the REMS program, which conduct ultimately delayed generic competition.

In addition, Ms. Robertson co-chairs the executive committee in In re Humira Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Ill.) and serves as a member of the executive committee in similar pay-for-delay cases in which Cohen Milstein plays a significant role, including: In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Suboxone Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.) and In re ACTOS Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.). She also represents End-Payor Plaintiffs in In re Zytiga Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.).

Ms. Robertson represents direct purchaser plaintiffs in a number of cases as well, including: In re Zetia Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Va.), In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re Sensipar (Cinacalcet Hydrochloride Tablets) Antitrust Litigation (D. Del.), In re Intuniv Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.) and In re Ranbaxy Fraud Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.).

Ms. Robertson has successfully litigated the following notable matters:

- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of polyether polyols. Ms. Robertson played a leading role in helping obtain settlements with several defendants for \$139 million and was a member of the trial team that obtained a \$400 million jury verdict (trebled to more than \$1 billion), which was affirmed on appeal by the 10th Circuit. The case against Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while Dow’s petition for certiorari was pending before the Supreme Court, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million – nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Class in a suit alleging that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case settled on the eve of trial and on September 20, 2018, Plaintiffs obtained final approval of a \$104.75 million settlement – more than 40% of Plaintiffs’ best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as “The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far” (July 7, 2017).
- In re Loestrin Antitrust Litigation (D.R.I.): Cohen Milstein served as Co-Lead Counsel for the End-Payor Plaintiffs in a case alleging that Warner Chilcott PLC entered into agreements to delay the introduction of a generic version of the contraceptive drug Loestrin and thereafter engaged in a “product hop” to further impede generic entry. The case settled on the last business day before trial for \$63.5 million – representing one of the largest settlements in a federal generic suppression case in over a decade. On September 1, 2020, the settlements received final approval.
- In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation (D. Conn.): Cohen Milstein served as an executive committee member on behalf of the End-Payor Plaintiffs and alleged that Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim and Teva Pharmaceutical engaged in anticompetitive conduct that delayed the availability of a less-expensive generic versions of Aggrenox. The case settled for \$54 million.
- In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein served as a member of the executive committee and Ms. Robertson played a significant role in coordinating discovery on behalf of the End-Payor Plaintiffs. The case, which settled mid-trial, resulted in a \$43 million recovery for the Class.

- In re Blood Reagents Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Plaintiffs alleged that the two leading producers of blood reagents, Ortho–Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. and Immucor, Inc., conspired to raise prices on traditional blood reagents. In September 2012, Immucor reached a settlement with Plaintiffs. On July 19, 2017 the Court denied in part Ortho’s Motion for Summary Judgement. Ms. Robertson was slated to serve as one of four lead trial counsel in the case, which was set for trial in June of 2018 but ultimately settled for a total recovery of \$41.5 million.
- In re Wellbutrin SR Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Cohen Milstein represented the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs in this case alleging that Defendant GSK filed and then continued “sham” patent infringement lawsuits against two manufacturers of generic drugs, Eon and Impax, to delay competition to GSK’s blockbuster antidepressant, Wellbutrin SR. The case settled before trial for \$49 million.
- Albany and Detroit Nurses Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented registered nurses employed by hospitals in Albany and Detroit in class actions alleging a wage-fixing conspiracy. Ms. Robertson obtained settlements with five Albany Defendants totaling over \$14 million. In the Detroit case, Ms. Robertson helped obtain \$98 million in settlements with eight Defendants.
- Indonesian Villagers Litigation: Ms. Robertson represented Indonesian villagers in a lawsuit against Exxon Mobil over torture and extrajudicial killings allegedly committed by the Defendant’s security forces (a unit of the Indonesian military).

Ms. Robertson co-chairs the firm’s Professional Development and Mentoring Committee and serves on the firm’s Diversity Committee. She is also an active member of the Executive Committee for the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association.

While attending law school, Ms. Robertson was an intern in the Litigation Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Additionally, while in law school, Ms. Robertson was selected as an Alexander Fellow and spent a semester serving as a full-time Judicial Intern to the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Robertson graduated from State University of New York at Binghamton, magna cum laude with a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Law. She earned her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she served as Notes Editor of the Cardozo Public Law, Policy and Ethics Journal.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Robertson worked on the campaign committee of Councilman John Liu, the first Asian American to be elected to New York City’s City Council.



## Attorney Profiles – Partners

### Andrew N. Friedman

Andrew N. Friedman is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and the immediate past Co-Chair of the firm’s Consumer Protection practice group.

Practicing in the class action field since 1985, Mr. Friedman is a nationally recognized leader in the area of complex, multi-state class action lawsuits against manufacturers and consumer service providers, such as banks, insurers, credit card companies, and others, who is ready to take litigation all the way through trial.

In 2018, Mr. Friedman was named Law360’s “MVP – Data Privacy and Security,” an award recognizing only five lawyers in the United States in this emergent area of law. In addition, under his leadership, Cohen Milstein’s Consumer Protection practice has received numerous industry awards, including Law360’s “Practice Group of the Year – Consumer Protection” (2018, 2019) and The National Law Journal’s “Elite Trial Lawyers – Consumer” award (2018), as well as Law360’s “Practice Group of the Year – Privacy” (2017).

Over the years, Mr. Friedman has been court-appointed Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in numerous high-profile and often precedent-setting class actions, bringing relief to millions of consumers and recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in class actions, including:

- In re Anthem Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Friedman was Co-Lead Counsel in a data breach class action involving the theft of personal identification and health information of more than 78 million customers of Anthem, the second largest health insurance company in the nation. The lawsuit involved novel claims and cutting-edge damage theories, resulting in a \$115 million settlement – at the time, the largest data breach settlement in history.
- In re Equifax, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (N.D. Ga.): Mr. Friedman was a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee and was Co-Chair of the Expert Committee in this data privacy breach class action against Equifax, a leading credit-reporting company that safeguards some of the most sensitive financial and personal information of over 147 million individuals across the United States, for its failure to inform the public of a massive data breach and theft of client data. On December 19, 2019 the court granted final approval of a landmark \$1.5 billion settlement, consisting of a record-breaking \$425 million in monetary and injunctive benefits and requiring Equifax to spend \$1 billion to upgrade its security and technology.
- Symantec, Corp. and Digital River, Inc. (D. Minn.): Mr. Friedman also litigated a lawsuit against a four-year long nationwide class action battle related to the marketing of a re-download service in conjunction with the sale of Norton software. The case settled in a \$60 million all-cash deal one month before the case was about to go to trial – one of the most significant consumer settlements in years.
- Nationwide (N.D.N.Y.) and Country Life (Cook Cty. Ill. Cir. Ct.): Mr. Friedman was one of the principal counsel in cases against two of the largest insurance companies in which plaintiffs asserted sales marketing abuses in the marketing of so-called “vanishing premium policies,” where insurance agents sold insurance policies to unsuspecting consumers promising that after a relatively short time the dividends generated from the policy would be so high as to be able to fully pay the premiums. In fact, the calculations of the policies were based on unrealistic interest rate projections and, therefore, the premiums never “vanished.” Nationwide resulted in a settlement valued at between \$85 million and \$103 million, while a settlement with Country Life made \$44 million in benefits available to policyholders.
- Keithly v. Intelius, Inc. (W.D. Wash.): Mr. Friedman was Co-Lead Counsel, where he negotiated two nationwide settlements with Intelius, Inc., relating to negative option programs and improper post-transaction marketing. The combined settlements made \$12 million in cash available to the Class.
- Home Depot Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Ga.): Mr. Friedman was a member of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, representing financial institutions and headed the expert committee. This class action lawsuit arose out of the

Home Depot data breach, a cyber-attack that affected hundreds of financial institutions and more than 40 million consumers who used their debit and credit cards to patronize Home Depot. On September 22, 2017, the court granted final approval of a \$25 million settlement.

- HCA Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Mr. Friedman was one of the principal counsel in the a state-wide consumer class action in Florida federal court. Plaintiffs alleged that post-car accident emergency room patients were billed inflated fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by law, covered in part by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, the court granted final approval of an injunctive relief settlement of \$220 million.

Mr. Friedman has also litigated important consumer product lawsuits, including one against Thomson Consumer Electronics, which resulted in a settlement that made up to \$100 million available for persons who paid for unreimbursed repairs to defective televisions. In addition, Mr. Friedman was one of the principal counsel in the Dex-Cool Litigation, a nationwide lawsuit alleging that General Motors sold millions of cars with defective coolant that gummed up and caused corrosion to engines. GM settled ahead of trial, offering relief of cash payments of up to \$800 per repair.

Prior to his Co-Chairing the Consumer Protection group, Mr. Friedman was a member of Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, litigating many important matters, including Globalstar Securities Litigation in which he served as one of the lead trial counsel. The case settled for \$20 million during the second week of the trial. In addition, Mr. Friedman served as Co-Lead or principal counsel in Norman Frank et al. v. David L. Paul (a recovery of over \$18 million); In re Jiffy Lube Securities Litigation (D. Md.) (a recovery of over \$12 million); and In re Immunex Securities Litigation (W.D. Wash.) (a recovery of \$14 million).

Currently, Mr. Friedman is litigating such notable matters as:

- In re: Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (D. Md.): On April 29, 2019, the court appointed Mr. Friedman Consumer Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel to oversee a putative nationwide class action related to the data breach of personal information of nearly 400 million customers of Starwood-branded hotels, subsequently acquired by Marriott in 2016, making it one of the largest data breaches in U.S. history.
- Facebook 2018 Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On February 14, 2019, the court appointed Mr. Friedman Co-Interim Class Counsel in a putative nationwide class action against Facebook for breach of personal data. According to Facebook, the data breach was the result of a software vulnerability that existed for over a year (July 2017 – September 2018). On November 15, 2020, the court preliminarily approved an injunctive relief settlement, which will require Facebook to adopt, implement, and/or maintain a detailed set of security commitments for the next five years.
- COVID-19 Business Interruption Insurance Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents restaurants, retailers, and other small businesses across the United States in litigation against their property and casualty insurance providers for failing to cover their COVID-19-related business interruption losses.

Mr. Friedman is a noted speaker who has appeared on numerous panels for legal education seminars and institutional investor conferences on the issues of consumer and securities class actions. In 2011, Lawdragon named him one of the Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers. His work has been cited in the media and he was profiled in the April 14, 2000, Washington Business Journal.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Friedman served as an attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Friedman attended Tufts University, graduating magna cum laude and was elected Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in Psychology. He earned his J.D. from the National Law Center, George Washington University.

## Geoffrey Graber

Geoffrey Graber is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice, where he specializes in representing consumers in complex class action litigation involving issues of false advertising, fraud, data privacy theft and other forms of unfair business practices at the hands of banks, insurance, health care companies, and other consumer providers.

Mr. Graber also represents whistleblowers in qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and whistleblower programs under the U.S. Securities Exchange (SEC), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). Often these lawsuits involve Foreign Corrupt Practices Act allegations.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Graber had a distinguished career at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), serving as Deputy Associate Attorney General and Director of the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group at the DOJ, where he oversaw the DOJ's nationwide investigation into the packaging and sale of mortgage-backed securities (MBS), leading up to the financial crisis. He supervised more than 100 DOJ prosecutors, lawyers, investigators and analysts and worked closely with senior officials from the SEC, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspector General's Office for the Federal Finance Agency and more than 10 state attorneys general offices.

The DOJ investigations overseen by Mr. Graber ultimately recovered more than \$36 billion. These recoveries include the record-breaking \$16.65 billion settlement reached in August 2014 with Bank of America – the largest settlement with a single entity in U.S. history – as well as settlements with Citigroup (\$7 billion) and JP Morgan (\$13 billion).

Earlier in his tenure at the DOJ, Mr. Graber served as Counsel in the Civil Division, where he proposed and then led the three-year investigation (2004 – 2007) of Standard & Poor's (S&P) and its ratings of structured finance products. Mr. Graber oversaw the investigation and supervised a team of more than 50 prosecutors, DOJ lawyers, investigators and analysts. The investigation, which made groundbreaking use of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), resulted in the largest enforcement action filed by the United States concerning the financial crisis (*United States v. Standard & Poor's*). As a result of his successful work on S&P, Mr. Graber earned the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

In 2014, while at the DOJ, Mr. Graber also received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his work relating to the \$13 billion settlement with JP Morgan – including, at the time, the largest FIRREA penalty recovered by the DOJ.

Mr. Graber's distinguished background and experience has proven invaluable to clients. He is currently litigating the following high-profile matters:

- *Singer, et al. v. Facebook* (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Graber serves as lead counsel representing a putative class of advertisers who claim that Facebook's key advertising metrics (Potential Reach and Estimated Daily Reach) are false and misleading due to systemic inflation of Facebook's user base.
- *Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters)* (E.D.N.Y.): Mr. Graber represents a putative class of purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers to purchase LensCrafters higher-priced prescription lens products.
- *LLE One, LLC v. Facebook* (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Graber serves on the co-lead counsel team representing a class of advertising purchasers who claim Facebook breached its implied duty to perform with reasonable care and violated California's Unfair Competition Law by intentionally miscalculating and inflating metrics related to its video advertisement and monitoring services. If not for these miscalculations, plaintiffs claim, they would not have

purchased more video advertisements and at a higher price than they otherwise would have paid. On June 12, 2019, the parties announced that they had reached a class-wide settlement, which is set for preliminary approval in November 2019.

Mr. Graber's recent successes include:

- In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a certified class action involving the 2015 cyberattack and massive data breach of Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit managed health care companies, which resulted in the theft of personal identification and health information of 78.8 million insureds. On August 16, 2018 the Court granted final approval to a \$115 million settlement in this class action – the largest data breach settlement in U.S. history. Mr. Graber was involved in all aspects of the litigation.

Before joining the DOJ, Mr. Graber was an associate at a top-tier defense law firm, where he defended Fortune 500 companies and their officers and directors in securities and derivative suits, consumer class actions and government investigations. Mr. Graber also devoted substantial time to pro bono representation of indigent individuals and families in civil rights actions against local law enforcement.

Mr. Graber received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Vassar College, and earned his law degree from the University of Southern California Law School, where he served as the Managing Articles Editor on Southern California Law Review.

### **Theodore J. Leopold**

Theodore J. Leopold is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the firm's Complex Tort Litigation and Consumer Protection practice groups. Mr. Leopold is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Leopold's practice is devoted solely to trial work, with a focus on complex product liability, environmental toxic torts, managed care abuse, consumer class actions, and catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation. Mr. Leopold has tried cases throughout the country and has recovered multi-million-dollar verdicts, including jury verdicts in the eight-figure and nine-figure amounts.

In his role, Mr. Leopold litigates high-stakes, complex lawsuits on behalf of consumer safety issues, particularly as it relates to product defects, automobile safety and managed care matters. In 2010, he obtained a \$131 million jury verdict against the Ford Motor Company, the ninth-largest verdict against an automobile company in U.S. history.

Mr. Leopold is court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel in two high-profile putative environmental toxic tort class actions, including In re Flint Water Cases and the Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Class Action Litigation. Mr. Leopold also serves as lead counsel in the LensCrafters, Polaris ATV, and General Motors Litigation class actions.

Currently, Mr. Leopold is litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Flint Water Cases (E.D. Mich.): On July 26, 2017, Mr. Leopold was court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to consolidate and oversee a group of toxic tort class actions filed on behalf of Flint, Michigan residents and businesses harmed by exposure to toxic levels of lead and other contaminants in the city's drinking water.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): On January 4, 2018, Mr. Leopold was court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to consolidate and oversee a series of five putative environmental toxic tort class actions filed against E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company and The Chemours Company for knowingly discharging

PFAS, such as GenX, and other “forever chemicals” into the Cape Fear River, one of North Carolina’s principal drinking water sources.

- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): On September 26, 2019, Mr. Leopold was court-appointed Lead Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee to consolidate and oversee consumer class actions filed on behalf of thousands of GM vehicle owners across 30 states against GM related to defective eight-speed automatic transmissions in vehicles manufactured between 2015 and 2019.
- Edwards v. Tesla (Sup. Ct. Cal., Alameda Cnty.): On June 25, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed a product liability lawsuit against Tesla, Inc. on behalf of Kristian and Jason Edwards. Ms. Edwards sustained catastrophic injuries as a result of the failure of the airbags to deploy in her Tesla Model 3 during an accident.
- Edenville and Sanford Dam Failure Litigation (Mich. Ct. of Claims; Cir. Ct., Cty. Saginaw, Mich.): On June 24, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed two separate property damage lawsuits against Michigan State Government agencies, including the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy and Michigan Department of Natural Resources for blatantly mismanaging and failing to properly maintain the Edenville and Sandford dams, which catastrophically failed on May 19, 2020. Cohen Milstein is representing more than 300 residents and businesses in Midland County and Saginaw County, Michigan and the surrounding areas, including, Arenac, Gladwin, and Iosco counties.
- Reed, et al. v USA (E.D. Tenn.): Mr. Leopold is representing plaintiffs in a wrongful death and property damage mass action against the U.S. Department of Interior and National Park Service for the negligence of its employees to perform their duties during The Chimney Tops 2 Fire in Tennessee, which originated in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and ultimately damaged or destroyed 2,500 homes, buildings and other structures, and killed more than 12 people.
- Bernardo, et al. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al. (S.D. Fla.): On February 20, 2020, Mr. Leopold filed a false advertising, medical monitoring, and personal injury class action against Pfizer, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim, Sanofi, and other pharmaceutical companies on behalf of multiple plaintiffs and putative class members across the United States who, as a result of taking Zantac (ranitidine), may have been afflicted with cancer or may now be subjected to an increased risk of developing cancer.
- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation (State Crts.: Tenn., S.C.): Mr. Leopold represents the families of Hannah Eimers, Lauren Beuttel, Jacob Davison, Charlotte Blankenship and Wilbert Byrd, who were allegedly killed by defective Lindsay X-LITE guardrails, against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, and selling defective public roadway guardrails.
- Johannessohn, et al. v. Polaris Industries (D. Minn.): On July 31, 2017, Mr. Leopold, lead counsel, filed a class action suit against Polaris Industries, the manufacturer of the Sportsman all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), alleging the ATVs have a design defect that makes them dangerous to drive.
- Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters) (E.D.N.Y.): Mr. Leopold, as lead counsel, is representing a putative class of purchasers of LensCrafters’ Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being “five times more accurate” in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers to purchase LensCrafter’s higher-priced prescription lens products.
- Doe v. Chiquita Brands International (S.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold is representing families of banana workers and others killed or tortured by the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, a foreign terrorist organization designated by the United States, which was allegedly receiving financial support and firearms and ammunition from Chiquita, a U.S. corporation with operations throughout Colombia.

Examples of some of Mr. Leopold’s litigation successes are:

- HCA Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that HCA hospitals billed inflated fees for emergency room radiology services provided to people involved in automobile accidents and who received care that was covered by their Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, Cohen Milstein secured final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement on behalf of the class.

- *Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al* (D.D.C.): Mr. Leopold represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and their families who suffered physical and mental injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. The bellwether trial on behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. In July 2017, Mr. Leopold successfully settled the case.
- *Mincey v. Takata* (Cir. Ct., Duval Cty., Fla.): Mr. Leopold was the lead attorney in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey, a Florida woman who was paralyzed when the driver's side airbag in her car deployed too aggressively during a vehicle collision. The injuries Ms. Mincey sustained in the accident ultimately led to her death. In groundbreaking litigation at the forefront of what would become a Department of Justice investigation and the largest defective product recall in automobile history, Ms. Mincey alleged that the airbag system in her car, manufactured by Takata Corporation, was defective and that Takata knowingly hid the defect from consumers. On July 15, 2016, immediately before a hearing was to be held on Plaintiff's motions to depose the CEO of Takata and to amend the complaint to plead a claim for punitive damages, Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case.
- *Caterpillar Product Liability Litigation* (D.N.J.): Mr. Leopold was co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. Mr. Leopold developed the case and led all aspects of the litigation, which he successfully resolved in September 2016 for \$60 million.
- *Cole v. Ford* (Cir. Ct., Jasper Cty., Miss.): Mr. Leopold was co-trial attorney for the family of former New York Mets infielder Brian Cole who was killed when the Ford Explorer he was driving rolled over, ejecting him from the vehicle. The lawsuit charged that the seat belt in the Explorer was defective in that it failed to keep Mr. Cole in his seat. Following two hung juries, eleven of the 12 jury members, in the third trial, agreed on the verdict and found for the Cole family in the amount of \$131 million.
- *Quinlan v. Toyota* (S.D. Fla.): Mr. Leopold was lead counsel in a product liability case against Toyota Motor Company after Bret Quinlan was paralyzed when his Toyota Camry suddenly and without warning began accelerating and failed to respond to the brakes. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case prior to trial.
- *Chippis v. Humana* (Cir. Ct., Palm Beach Cty., Fla.): Mr. Leopold tried one of the first managed care abuse cases in the country after Humana wrongfully denied physical and occupational therapy for a 6-year-old child with cerebral palsy. The jury returned the largest punitive damage award on behalf of an individual in Florida history, and this seminal case was featured in the movie *Damaged Care*.
- *Carrier v. Trinity* (Cit. Ct., Sullivan Cty., Tenn): Mr. Leopold represented the Carrier family in this wrongful death matter. The death occurred as a result of the guardrail safety device failing. Instead of protecting the driver, the guardrail intruded into the passenger compartment of the vehicle and impaled the driver, causing her death. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case in October 2016.
- Mr. Leopold is the past president of Public Justice Foundation, one of the nation's preeminent litigation and advocacy organizations that fights for consumer justice through precedent-setting and socially significant individual and class action litigation.

Mr. Leopold is also frequently recognized by peers as being among the best in his area of practice. He was named to Lawdragon's 2020 list of "500 Leading Lawyers in America," and Lawdragon's 2020 and 2019 "500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers" lists. In 2019, he was named Daily Business Review's "Distinguished Leader" and Best Lawyers in America: 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs, West Palm Beach, Florida. In 2018, Mr. Leopold was named a "Law360 MVP: Environmental," recognizing the top five practitioners in the United States from both the Defense and Plaintiffs' Bar in this area of law. Other recent recognitions include: The National Law Journal: "2018 Energy and Environmental Trailblazer"; Daily Business Review's "Most Effective Lawyer of 2017: Class Action"; In addition, he was nominated for "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Public Justice Foundation for his ground-breaking litigation involving the managed care industry, and his work has been featured in the National Law Journal's "Top Verdicts of the Year." He is also consistently recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the fields of Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs, as well as Super Lawyers and Palm Beach Illustrated.

Mr. Leopold lectures frequently at professional gatherings on such issues as personal injury, product liability, class action litigation, trial tactics and consumer justice. He is also author and co-author of several legal publications, including Florida Insurance Law and Practice (Thomson/West). Additionally, he has earned the Florida Bar Civil Trial Certification, the highest level of recognition by the Florida Bar for competency and experience within civil trial law.

Mr. Leopold is a graduate of the University of Miami, where he received a B.A. He earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University.

### **Douglas J. McNamara**

Douglas J. McNamara is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group. In this role, Mr. McNamara specializes in litigating complex, multi-state class action lawsuits against manufacturers and consumer service providers, such as banks, insurers, credit card companies and others. He has helped litigate precedent-setting cases, involving issues of preemption, choice of law, and class certification. He is a hands-on litigator who takes pleasure in the details, facts, and documents of each case. Mr. McNamara is a highly regarded speaker who has presented at several forums on such topics as federal preemption, class certification and civil litigation, and is the author of scholarly articles focusing on emerging legal issues.

Mr. McNamara has worked on numerous cases involving dangerous pharmaceuticals and medical devices, light cigarettes, defective consumer products, and environmental torts. Mr. McNamara is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation (N.D. Cal.): On January 9, 2018, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel, filed a putative nationwide class action against Apple Inc., on behalf of owners of Apple's iPhone SE, 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, 7, and 7 Plus, for unfair and deceptive business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200 and making material misrepresentations and failing to disclose material information related to Apple's iOS software operating system updates for Apple iPhones. Mr. McNamara was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and is Co-Chair of the Expert Committee.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation (E.D.N.C.): On January 4, 2018, Cohen Milstein was appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel in a consolidated toxic tort class action filed against DuPont and Chemours, alleging that for more than four decades the companies polluted the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina with a chemical called GenX, contaminating the water supply of five counties, and misrepresented their conduct to state and federal regulators.
- In re: Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (D. Md.): In April 2019, Cohen Milstein was appointed Consumer Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel to oversee a class action related to the data breach that compromised the personal data of nearly 400 million customers, making it one of the largest data breaches in U.S. history.
- Johannesson, et al. v. Polaris (D. Minn.): In October 2016, Cohen Milstein filed a class action on behalf of purchasers of Polaris Sportsman four-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for violating state consumer protection and warranty laws related to a design defect of its exhaust system. The exhaust system gets so hot that it can burn riders and melt the ATV's components.
- BK Trucking Co., et al. v. PACCAR, Inc. et al. (D.N.J.): On August 20, 2015, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel filed a putative class action against PACCAR, the third-largest manufacturer of medium- and heavy-duty trucks in the world, and its subsidiaries, Kenworth Truck Company and Peterbilt Motors for breach of warranty and other products liability and unfair business practices related to the manufacture and sale of its 2010 PACCAR MX-13 diesel engines, which include a specially designed and defective emissions control unit, which causes engine power loss and shut downs, impeding commerce.

Some of Mr. McNamara's recent successes include:

- *Herrera v. JFK Medical Center and HCA, Inc.* (M.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in a class action, alleging that emergency room patients were billed unreasonably high fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement.
- *Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Products Liability Litigation* (E.D. Va.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a consumer class action lawsuit, alleging the nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015. On October 9, 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$36 million settlement. Mr. McNamara was involved in all aspects of the litigation, including discovery, writing and arguing pleadings, and settlement.
- *Khoday et al. v. Symantec Corp. et al.* (D. Minn.): Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a nationwide class action involving the marketing to consumers of a re-download service in conjunction with the sale of Norton software. In April 2016, the case settled in a \$60 million all-cash deal a month before it was to go to trial – one of the most significant consumer settlements in years. Mr. McNamara was involved in all aspects of the case, from managing the litigation to overseeing a staff of contract attorneys to settlement discussions.
- *Caterpillar Engine Product Liability Litigation* (D.N.J.): Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel on behalf of 22 trucking and transportation companies in 18 states in a class action lawsuit against Caterpillar alleging that the MY2007 CAT engine, designed to meet the EPA's tougher Clean Air Act emissions standards, was defective, causing power loss and shutdowns that prevented or impeded vehicles from transporting goods or passengers. Caterpillar sought to dismiss the case claiming EPA approval of the engine preempted any state law claims. Mr. McNamara was the architect of the successful opposition to the motion, and he was involved in all aspects of the litigation. On September 20, 2016, the Court granted final approval of the \$60 million settlement.

Mr. McNamara also is actively involved in the firm's high-profile pro bono litigation, including:

- *NAACP v. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States* (D.D.C.): Cohen Milstein is representing the NAACP and two unions in a lawsuit against President Donald J. Trump, Department of Homeland Security and other U.S. immigration enforcement agencies and their efforts to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2001, Mr. McNamara was a litigation associate at an international defense firm, specializing in pharmaceutical and product liability cases. He started his career at New York City's Legal Aid Society, defending indigent criminal defendants at trial and on appeal.

He has been the lead author on three law review articles: "Buckley, Imbler and Stare Decisis: The Present Predicament of Prosecutorial Immunity and An End to Its Absolute Means," 59 *Albany Law Review*, 1135 (1996); "Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct: Applying New York's Gender-Specific Sexual Misconduct Law to Minors," 14 *Touro Law Review*, 477 (Winter 1998), and most recently, Douglas McNamara, et al, "Reexamining the Seventh Amendment Argument Against Issue Certification," 34 *Pace Law Review*, 1041 (2014). He has also taught a course on environmental and toxic torts as an adjunct at George Washington University School of Law.

Mr. McNamara graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Albany, and he earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

**Victoria S. Nugent**



Victoria S. Nugent is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the Consumer Protection practice group and immediate past Co-Chair of the Public Client practice group. Ms. Nugent is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Ms. Nugent is a highly regarded consumer protection litigator, having overseen significant consumer fraud investigations and litigation on behalf of the state Attorneys General of Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, and Vermont – as well as class actions brought on behalf of consumers under the laws of numerous states. Ms. Nugent is named among Lawdragon's "500 Leading Lawyers in America" (2019 – 2021), as well as Lawdragon's "500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers" (2020), and The National Law Journal's "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers" (2017).

Most recently, Ms. Nugent has been representing restaurant owners, retailers, and other small businesses across the United States in litigation against their insurance companies for failing to honor their business interruption claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These cases are being litigated in state and federal courts as class actions and individual cases.

While working in the Public Client Practice Group, Ms. Nugent represented state Attorneys General in civil law enforcement investigations and litigation involving consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and other areas of enforcement that protect government interests and vulnerable communities. These included:

- Deceptive and Unfair Opioid Marketing and Distribution: Representing the states of Indiana, New Jersey, and Vermont in consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance claims against opioid manufacturers and distributors.
- Deceptive and Irresponsible Lending: Representing the state of Nevada in investigations into the conduct of Deutsche Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland, two of the investment banks that encouraged and enabled the predatory lending practices of retail lenders. Ms. Nugent helped develop the State's legal theories and claims and handled numerous aspects of these investigations.
- Improper Foreclosures: Representing the states of Arizona and Nevada in litigation against Bank of America for deceptive conduct in connection with servicing approximately 500,000 mortgages, resulting in financial payments to consumers and the states, commitments to mortgage modifications and other equitable relief valued at nearly \$1 billion.

During her earlier years in the Consumer Practice Group, Ms. Nugent was involved in precedent-setting matters:

- In re StarLink Corn Product Liability Litigation (N.D. Ill.): Ms. Nugent represented farmers suing Aventis CropScience after an unapproved variety of genetically modified corn was detected in the U.S. corn supply and drove down prices for all U.S. corn exports. More than \$100 million was recovered for the class in a landmark settlement.
- Negative Option Marketing Litigation: In 2009 and 2010, Ms. Nugent filed suit on behalf of consumers challenging the post-transaction marketing practices (also sometimes called "negative option marketing") and in two significant rulings persuaded federal courts in California and Washington that these practices ran afoul of state consumer protection laws.

In addition to trial court work, Ms. Nugent has argued cases before the high courts of Georgia, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia, as well as the federal D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2000, Ms. Nugent worked for seven years at Public Citizen, a national consumer advocacy organization. There, she worked on many legislative and regulatory campaigns addressing issues that ranged from automobile safety to international trade policy. After graduating from law school in 1998, Ms. Nugent received a two-year fellowship sponsored by the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL/Equal Justice Works). As a NAPIL Fellow, she worked at Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, where she helped develop and prosecute impact litigation in the areas of arbitration, banking, credit, and insurance. Since 2018, Ms. Nugent has been a member of Public Justice's Board of Directors.

Ms. Nugent is on the Board of Directors of Public Justice Foundation, the Nation's foremost consumer litigation and advocacy organization. Ms. Nugent served on the D.C. Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct from 2012 to 2019. Since 2019, she has been a member of the Bar's Legal Ethics Committee.

Ms. Nugent received her B.A. from Wesleyan University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

## Attorney Profiles – Of Counsel & Associates

### Julia Horwitz

Julia Horwitz is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm’s Consumer Protection practice. In this role, Ms. Horwitz focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been deceived and harmed by large corporations.

- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee, overseeing this consolidated consumer class action filed against GM in over 30 states. Plaintiffs allege that GM’s eight-speed automatic transmissions (GM 8L90 and the 8L45) manufactured between 2015 and 2019 were defective. Ms. Horwitz is lead associate in this litigation, overseeing all discovery and co-counsel communications.
- DZ Reserve et al. v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of advertisers who claim that one of Facebook’s key advertising metric (Potential Reach) is inflated and misleading.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Horwitz served as a law clerk for the Honorable Mary Ellen Coster Williams at the United States Court of Federal Claims. She worked at the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C. from 2012-2015, first as an Open Government Coordinator and Counsel, and then as the Director of the Consumer Privacy Project.

Ms. Horwitz has authored and edited several legal treatises, including “Privacy in the Modern Age: The Search for Solutions,” Co-editor, New Press, April 28, 2015; and Rotenberg, McCall, Horwitz, “The Open Government Clinic: Teaching the Basics of Lawyering,” INDIANA LAW REVIEW, Vol. 48 No. 1, October 2014.

Ms. Horwitz also was an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School Fall Semester 2013.

Ms. Horwitz attended Brown University, graduating with a B.A. in English, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, in 2008. She earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2012. During law school, Ms. Horwitz was a staff member on the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic Employment Discrimination Project.

### Brian E. Johnson

Brian E. Johnson is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Consumer Protection practice group, where he assists in the development of potential cases and provides support in all aspects of current litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Johnson was an Associate at a Missouri-based law firm where he represented consumers in financial lawsuits involving the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Following law school, Mr. Johnson served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Margaret L. Sauer and the Honorable Janette K. Rodecap, 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Missouri State University, where he received a dual B.A., magna cum laude, in History and German in 2005. He earned his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School in 2012. Mr. Johnson also studied at Webster University in Vienna, Austria, earning a M.A. in International Relations in 2007.

## **Eric A. Kafka**

Eric A. Kafka is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group.

Mr. Kafka is a tireless advocate for consumers. Since joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Kafka has represented plaintiffs in a wide range of consumer class actions, including product liability, false advertising, and data breach class actions.

Mr. Kafka is also an active member of the Plaintiffs' Bar. He is a member of both the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and Public Justice. Mr. Kafka serves on Public Justice's Class Action Preservation Committee.

Currently, Mr. Kafka is litigating the following notable matters:

- LLE One, LLC v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of advertising purchasers, who claim that Facebook intentionally inflated key metrics regarding their paid video advertisements' performance. Plaintiffs allege that the inflated metrics caused them to buy more video advertisements and to pay a higher price than they otherwise would have paid.
- Johannessohn, et al. v. Polaris (D. Minn.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of purchasers of Polaris Sportsman four-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) who allege that their Sportsman ATV's have a defect where it emits excess exhaust heat, which can burn riders and melt ATV components. Plaintiffs allege that Polaris violated state consumer protection laws by failing to disclose the exhaust heat defect.
- Singer, et al. v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of advertisers who claim that Facebook's key advertising metrics (Potential Reach and Estimated Daily Reach) are inflated and misleading.
- In re: Marriott International Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation (D. Md.): In April 2019, the Court appointed Cohen Milstein the Consumer Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel to oversee a class action related to the data breach that compromised the personal data of nearly 400 million customers, making it one of the largest data breaches in U.S. history.

Mr. Kafka was actively involved in the following concluded matters:

- In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a putative class of 78.8 million insureds, whose personal data and health information was stolen as a result of a massive data breach of Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit health care companies. In August 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$115 million settlement – the largest data breach settlement in history.
- HCA Litigation (M.D. Fla.): Cohen Milstein was Lead Counsel in a class action, alleging that emergency room patients were billed unreasonably high fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance. In December 2018, the Court granted final approval of a \$220 million injunctive relief settlement.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Kafka worked on multiple political campaigns, including President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Mr. Kafka earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his B.A. from Yale University.

## **Karina G. Puttieva**

Karina G. Puttieva is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice. Ms. Puttieva's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been misled, deceived or harmed by large corporations.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Puttieva was a litigation associate at a highly regarded national defense firm, where she focused on consumer data privacy issues, government investigations and criminal litigation, and civil litigation in the areas of antitrust, consumer fraud, and misappropriation of intellectual property.

Ms. Puttieva is currently litigating the following matters:

- Facebook 2018 Data Breach Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is Co-Interim Class Counsel in a nationwide personal data breach class action against Facebook. According to Facebook, the data breach was the result of a software vulnerability that existed for over a year between 2017 – 2018.
- DZ Reserve et al. v. Facebook (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of advertisers who claim that Facebook's key advertising metrics (Potential Reach and Estimated Daily Reach) are inflated and misleading.
- General Motors Litigation (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel and Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, overseeing this consolidated consumer class action filed against GM in over 30 states. Plaintiffs allege that GM's eight-speed automatic transmissions (GM 8L90 and the 8L45) manufactured between 2015 and 2019 were defective.
- COVID-19 Business Interruption Insurance Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents restaurants and small businesses across the United States in litigation against their property and casualty insurance providers for failing to cover their COVID-19-related business interruption claims.

Ms. Puttieva earned her B.A., magna cum laude, from Haverford College and her J.D. from University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where she was the Submissions Editor and Associate Editor of the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law.

While attending law school, Ms. Puttieva was a judicial extern for the Honorable Christina A. Snyder of United States District Court for the Central District of California and she was a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California.

Prior to law school, Ms. Puttieva worked as a victim/witness coordinator at the Family Violence/Sexual Assault Unit of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

### **Paul Stephan**

Paul Stephan is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice. Mr. Stephan's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been misled, deceived or harmed by large corporations.

Mr. Stephan is involved in the following high-profile litigation:

- In re MGM Resorts International Data Breach Litigation (D. Nev.): On February 1, 2021, the court appointed Cohen Milstein as Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in this consolidated data breach class action against MGM Resorts related to the July 2019 data breach of personal information of between 10.6 million and 142 million MGM customers.
- COVID-19 Business Interruption Insurance Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents restaurants and small businesses across the United States in litigation against their property and casualty insurance providers for failing to cover their COVID-19-related business interruption losses.

- *Ariza v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters)* (E.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein represents purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers to purchase LensCrafters higher-priced prescription lens products.
- *Edenville and Sanford Dam Failure Litigation* (Mich. Claims Ct.; Saginaw Circ. Ct.): Cohen Milstein represents residents and businesses in Midland and Saginaw County, MI in two property damage lawsuits against Michigan government agencies for their mismanagement of the Edenville and Sandford dams, the subsequent failure of the dams, and the resultant catastrophic flooding.
- *Reed, et al. v. USA* (E.D. Tenn.): Cohen Milstein represents plaintiffs in a wrongful death and property damage mass action against the U.S. Department of Interior and National Park Service for employee negligence related to the handling of the Chimney Tops 2 Fire in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which destroyed more than 2,500 homes and buildings, and killed 14 people in 2016.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Stephan was a law clerk for the Honorable Anne E. Thompson of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Stephan is the author of an article on arbitration that is forthcoming in the *University of Memphis Law Review*.

Mr. Stephan earned his B.A., *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. Mr. Stephan received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, from University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Comments Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

While attending law school, Mr. Stephan was also a law clerk for the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Office of General Counsel.