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Wesleyan University

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Temple University Beasley School of Law

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USDC, Southern District of New York

USDC, Eastern District of New York

Matthew L. Mustokoff is a nationally recognized securities litigator. He has argued and tried numerous high-profile cases in federal courts throughout the country in fields as diverse as securities fraud, corporate takeovers, antitrust, and unfair trade practices.

Matt is currently litigating several nationwide securities cases on behalf of U.S. and overseas investors. Matt serves as lead counsel for shareholders in *Sjunde AP-Fonden v. The Goldman Sachs Group* (S.D.N.Y.), a fraud suit implicating Goldman Sachs' pivotal role in the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) money laundering scandal, one of the largest financial frauds involving a Wall Street firm in recent memory. He also leads the firm's team in *In re Nvidia Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), a fraud case alleging that Nvidia misled the market about its reliance on highly volatile cryptocurrency mining sales prior to the crypto crash of 2018. Matt spearheaded the investigation and preparation of the complaint against Nvidia which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court when it dismissed Nvidia's appeal as improvidently granted.

Matt recently led the team that secured a \$239 million recovery in *In re Celgene Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.), involving allegations that drugmaker Celgene fraudulently concealed clinical problems with a developmental drug. He also served as lead counsel for plaintiffs in *In re Allergan Generic Drug Pricing Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.), arising out of the industrywide price-fixing scheme in the generic drug market.

USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
USDC, Eastern District of Arkansas  
USDC, Western District of Arkansas  
USCA, Second Circuit  
USCA, Third Circuit  
USCA, Eighth Circuit  
USCA, Ninth Circuit  
USCA, Eleventh Circuit  
USCA, Federal Circuit

The \$130 million recovery marked the first settlement of a federal securities case alleging concealment of the conspiracy which is believed to be the largest pharmaceutical cartel in U.S. history.

Matt played a major role in prosecuting *In re Citigroup Bond Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), involving allegations that Citigroup concealed its exposure to subprime mortgage debt on the eve of the 2008 financial crisis. The \$730 million settlement marks the second largest-ever recovery in a 1933 Securities Act class action brought on behalf of corporate bondholders. Matt represented the class in *In re Pfizer Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), alleging that Pfizer covered up adverse clinical results for its pain drugs Celebrex and Bextra. The case settled for \$486 million following a victory at the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversing the district court's dismissal of the action on the eve of trial. Matt also served as class counsel in *In re JPMorgan Chase Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), arising out of the 2012 "London Whale" derivatives trading scandal. The case resulted in a \$150 million recovery.

In addition to his class action practice, Matt has represented institutional investors as opt-out plaintiffs in some of the largest securities litigations of the last twenty years. Matt served as lead counsel to several prominent mutual funds in *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.), a fraud case against Brazil's state-run oil company, Petrobras, involving a decade-long bid-rigging scheme, the largest corruption scandal in Brazil's history. He successfully resolved all claims as part of a \$353 million reported settlement. *In Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds v. BP plc* (S.D. Tex.), a multi-district litigation stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil-rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, Matt successfully argued the opposition to BP's motion to dismiss and obtained a landmark decision sustaining fraud claims under English law for investors on the London Stock Exchange—the first in a U.S. court.

Beyond his securities litigation work, Matt has prosecuted some of the firm's largest consumer fraud cases. He achieved a \$100 million settlement for a class of internet advertisers in *Cabrera v. Google* (N.D. Cal.), a case involving an overcharging scheme directed at users of Google's online advertising platform. Matt led the team through twelve years of litigation, and the case settled just weeks before trial. This is believed to be the largest settlement of a deceptive sales practice claim under California's Unfair Competition Law alleging manipulation of online ad auctions.

A frequent speaker and writer on securities law and litigation, Matt's publications have been cited by federal circuit and district courts, and in more than 75 law review articles and treatises. He

has published in the *Rutgers University Law Review*, *Maine Law Review*, *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review*, *Hastings Business Law Journal*, *Securities Regulation Law Journal*, *Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation*, and *The Federal Lawyer*, among others. He has been a featured panelist at the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation Annual Conference and NERA Economic Consulting's Securities and Finance Seminar. Since 2010, Matt has served as the Co-Chair of the ABA Subcommittee on Securities Class Actions.

Matt is a Phi Beta Kappa honors graduate of Wesleyan University. He received his law degree from the Temple University School of Law.

### Current Cases

- Catalent, Inc.

This securities fraud class action brings claims against Catalent, Inc. ("Catalent" or the "Company"), an outsourced drug manufacturer for pharmaceutical and biotech companies, and certain of its former senior executives (together, "Defendants"). The case arises out of Defendants' alleged material misrepresentations and omissions regarding the Company's key production facilities and revenue in the face of declining demand for COVID-19 vaccine products.

According to Plaintiffs, Catalent initially benefitted from the COVID-19 pandemic, which increased demand for Catalent's services and catapulted the Company to record high revenues. However, as demand for COVID-19 vaccines waned as a critical mass of Americans were vaccinated, so too did demand for Catalent's services, leaving the Company with diminishing revenues, a bloated headcount, excess production capacity at its newly expanded facilities, and increasing safety and quality control issues at key production facilities in Bloomington, Indiana; Brussels, Belgium; and Harmans, Maryland.

Rather than admit this truth, however, Defendants made a set of false and misleading statements during the Class Period touting: (i) the good condition and well-maintained nature of Catalent's key production facilities (the "Quality Control Statements"); (ii) the Company's compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (the "GAAP Compliance Statements"); and (iii) non-COVID related demand for the Company's products and services (the "Non-Vaccine Demand Statements").

On September 15, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a 187-page complaint on behalf of a putative class of investors alleging that Defendants violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On November 15, 2023, Defendants moved to dismiss the complaint, which Plaintiffs opposed on January 12, 2024. Briefing on the motion was completed on February 15, 2024.

On December 29, 2025, U.S. District Judge Zahid Quraishi entered an order preliminarily approving a settlement for \$78 million in *In re City of Warwick Ret. Sys. v. Catalent, Inc. et al.*, a securities fraud suit pending in New Jersey federal court.

After overcoming Defendants' motion to dismiss the claims, plaintiffs conducted extensive discovery and were in the midst of class certification proceedings at the time of settlement. The parties' settlement is subject to final approval by the Court.

Plaintiffs moved for preliminary approval of the \$78 million Settlement on December 23, 2025. The Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement on December 29, 2025 and scheduled a Settlement Hearing for June 10, 2026.

- Celgene Corp, Inc.

This securities fraud case involves Celgene's misrepresentations and omissions about two billion dollar drugs, Otezla and Ozanimod, that Celgene touted as products that would make up for the anticipated revenue drop following the patent expiration of Celgene's most profitable drug, Revlimid.

Celgene launched Otezla, a drug treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, in 2014. Celgene primed the market that Otezla sales were poised to sky-rocket, representing that Otezla net product sales would reach \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion by 2017. Throughout 2015 and 2016, Defendants represented that Celgene was on-track to meet the 2017 sales projection. As early as mid-2016, however, Defendants received explicit internal warnings that the 2017 projection was unattainable, but continued to reaffirm the 2017 target to investors. By October 2017, however, Celgene announced that the Company had slashed the 2017 guidance by more than \$250 million and lowered the 2020 Inflammatory & Immunology ("I&I") guidance by over \$1 billion. Celgene's stock price plummeted on the news.

Ozanimod, a drug treating multiple sclerosis, is another product in Celgene's I&I pipeline, and was initially developed by a different company, Receptos. In July 2015, Celgene purchased Receptos for \$7.2 billion and projected annual Ozanimod sales of up to \$6 billion despite the fact that Ozanimod was not yet approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA").

Celgene told investors that it would file a New Drug Application ("NDA") for Ozanimod with the FDA in 2017. Unbeknownst to investors, however, Celgene discovered a metabolite named CC112273 (the "Metabolite") through Phase I testing that Celgene started in October 2016, which triggered the need for extensive testing that was required before the FDA would approve the drug. Despite the need for this additional Metabolite testing that would extend beyond 2017, Defendants continued to represent that Celgene was on track to submit the NDA before the end of 2017

and concealed all information about the Metabolite. In December 2017, without obtaining the required Metabolite study results, Celgene submitted the Ozanimod NDA to the FDA. Two months later, the FDA rejected the NDA by issuing a rare “refuse to file,” indicating that the FDA “identifie[d] clear and obvious deficiencies” in the NDA. When the relevant truth was revealed concerning Ozanimod, Celgene’s stock price fell precipitously, damaging investors.

On February 27, 2019, AMF filed a 207-page Second Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint against Celgene and its executives under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act. On December 19, 2019, U.S. District Judge John Michael Vasquez issued a 49-page opinion sustaining AMF’s claims as to (1) Celgene’s and Curran’s misstatements regarding Otezla being on track to meet Celgene’s 2017 sales projections, and (2) Celgene’s, Martin’s, and Smith’s misstatements about the state of Ozanimod’s testing and prospects for regulatory approval.

On November 29, 2020, Judge Vasquez certified a class of “All persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Celgene Corp. between April 27, 2017 through and April 27, 2018, and were damaged thereby” and appointed Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check as Class Counsel.

On July 9, 2021, Plaintiff moved to amend the Second Amended Complaint and file the Third Amended Complaint, which alleged a new statement regarding Otezla, and added new allegations based on evidence obtained in discovery regarding Ozanimod. On February 24, 2022, Magistrate Judge James B. Clark granted the motion to amend, which Defendants appealed.

Fact and expert discovery is completed. On September 8, 2023, Judge Vazquez issued an order denying in large part Defendants’ motion for summary judgment, sending the case to trial.

Specifically, following oral argument, Judge Vazquez found that genuine disputes of material fact exist with regard to the Otezla statements, denying Defendants’ motion in its entirety with respect to these statements. The Court also found genuine disputes of material fact with regard to Defendant Philippe Martin’s October 28, 2017 statement related to the Ozanimod NDA, and denied Defendants’ motion with respect claims based on this statement. On October 27, 2023, Defendants moved for summary judgment on one remaining issue - Defendant Celgene Corporation’s scienter for corporate statements related to Ozanimod. Plaintiff opposed this motion on November 17, 2023. In October 2024, the Court denied Defendants’ motion. On November 4, 2025, Plaintiffs filed a motion seeking preliminary approval of a \$239 million settlement. The settlement is believed to be one of the top ten largest-ever shareholder recoveries in the Third Circuit. In May 2026, the Court granted final approval of the settlement.

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- Coinbase Global, Inc.

This securities fraud class action arises out of Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions made in connection with Coinbase going public in April 2021 (the "Direct Listing"). The Direct Listing generated tremendous excitement because Coinbase was the first cryptocurrency exchange to become publicly-traded in the United States. As alleged, Coinbase's financial success hinged almost entirely on its ability to increase and maintain its customer base, particularly its retail users, which in turn drove transaction fee revenue. Transaction fee revenue accounted for nearly all of the Company's revenues.

Unbeknownst to investors, however, during the run up to the Direct Listing and all relevant times thereafter, Defendants failed to disclose numerous material facts and risks to investors, all of which imperiled Coinbase's financial success. Defendants failed to disclose the material risks arising from Coinbase's inability to safeguard custodial assets in the event of bankruptcy. That is, that in the event Coinbase went bankrupt, Coinbase customers could lose some or all of their assets stored with the Company. Indeed, Coinbase would later admit on May 10, 2022, that the Company's inability to protect its customers' crypto assets from loss in the event of bankruptcy made it likely that customers would find the Company's custodial services more risky and less attractive, which could result in a discontinuation or reduction in use of the Coinbase platform.

Plaintiffs also allege that during this same period, Defendants continuously misled investors about the severe regulatory risks that threatened Coinbase's U.S. business. Prior to the Direct Listing, the SEC was clear that many digital assets in the marketplace were securities under existing federal law. Given the substantial number of digital assets Coinbase made available on its trading platform, and its increased focus on offering "staking" and its "Coinbase Wallet" product, the Company's susceptibility to adverse regulatory action grew exponentially throughout the Class Period. As alleged, despite Defendants' knowledge of the critical consequences arising from an SEC enforcement action, Defendants nevertheless denied listing securities on Coinbase's platform, and assured investors that Coinbase was in compliance with existing federal securities laws and positively engaged with regulators. On July 25, 2022, Bloomberg reported that in May 2022, the SEC began investigating Coinbase for listing securities and for

potential violations of the federal securities laws. Thereafter, on March 22, 2023, Coinbase disclosed that the SEC issued it a Wells Notice for potential securities fraud violations, which were formally alleged in a complaint filed by the SEC on June 6, 2023. In response to these disclosures, including the May 10 revelation, Coinbase's stock price dropped, causing significant losses and damages to Coinbase's investors.

On July 20, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint on behalf of a putative class of investors alleging that Defendants violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933. After briefing the motion to dismiss the second amended complaint, on September 5, 2024, the Court denied in part and granted in part Coinbase's motion to dismiss. Thereafter, Defendants moved for judgment on the pleadings and to certify for interlocutory review the Court's September 5, 2024 motion to dismiss order. On September 30, 2025, the Court denied in part and granted in part the motion for judgment on the pleadings, and denied the interlocutory motion. On October 21, 2025, Plaintiffs filed the third amended complaint. Motion to dismiss briefing is completed and pending before the Court.

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[Read Court's September 4, 2024 Opinion Here](#)

[Read Court's September 30, 2025 Opinion Here](#)

[Read Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint Here](#)

- Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

This securities fraud class action case arises out of Goldman Sachs' role in the 1Malaysia Development Berhad ("1MDB") money laundering scandal, one of the largest financial frauds in recent memory.

In 2012 and 2013, Goldman served as the underwriter for 1MDB, the Malaysia state investment fund masterminded by financier Jho Low, in connection with three state-guaranteed bond offerings that raised over \$6.5 billion. Goldman netted \$600 million in fees for the three bond offerings—over 100 times the customary fee for comparable deals.

In concert with Goldman, Low and other conspirators including government officials from Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates ran an expansive bribery ring, siphoning \$4.5 billion from the bond deals that Goldman peddled as investments for Malaysian state energy projects. In actuality, the deals were shell transactions used to facilitate the historic money laundering scheme. Nearly \$700 million of the diverted funds ended up in the private bank account of Najib Razak, Malaysia's now-disgraced prime minister who was convicted for abuse of power in 2020.

Other funds were funneled to Low and his associates and were used to buy luxury real estate in New York and Paris, super yachts, and even help finance the 2013 film “The Wolf of Wall Street.”

AP7 filed a 200-page complaint in October 2019 on behalf of a putative class of investors alleging that Goldman and its former executives, including former CEO Lloyd Blankfein and former President Gary Cohn, violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act by making false and misleading statements about Goldman’s role in the 1MDB fraud. As alleged, when media reports began to surface about the collapse of 1MDB, Goldman denied any involvement in the criminal scheme. Simultaneously, Goldman misrepresented its risk controls and continued to falsely tout the robustness of its compliance measures. Following a series of revelations about investigations into allegations of money laundering and corruption at 1MDB, Goldman’s stock price fell precipitously, causing significant losses and damages to the Company’s investors.

In October 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that Goldman’s Malaysia subsidiary had pled guilty to violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”) which criminalizes the payment of bribes to foreign officials, and that Goldman had agreed to pay \$2.9 billion pursuant to a deferred prosecution agreement. This amount includes the largest ever penalty under the FCPA.

On June 28, 2021, The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York sustained Plaintiff’s complaint in a 44-page published opinion. On July 31, 2023, the Court granted Plaintiff’s motion to amend the complaint to conform the pleadings to the evidence adduced during discovery, which is now complete.

Plaintiff first moved for class certification in November 2021. While that motion was pending, the Court granted Plaintiff’s motion to amend the complaint and subsequently ordered that Plaintiff’s motion for class certification be newly briefed in light of the amended pleading. On September 29, 2023, Plaintiff renewed its motion for class certification. On September 4, 2025, U.S. District Judge Vernon S. Broderick of the Southern District of New York issued a 35-page opinion adopting the 2024 Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker recommending certification of the shareholder class in *Sjunde AP-Fonden v. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.*, No. 18-cv-12084. The Court’s decision follows a full-day evidentiary hearing and oral argument held in February 2024. Defendants filed a petition appealing the Court’s decision. Defendants’ petition was denied on January 14, 2026. In April 2026, the parties reached a settlement in principle. Preliminary approval of that settlement will be filed in May 2026.

Notice of the pendency of the Action and the Court's certification of the Class is being disseminated to the Class. You can review a copy of the Notice below. For more information, please visit the case website, [www.GoldmanSachsSecuritiesAction.com](http://www.GoldmanSachsSecuritiesAction.com). You can also contact the Administrator, Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., by calling **1-877-744-0160** or emailing [info@GoldmanSachsSecuritiesAction.com](mailto:info@GoldmanSachsSecuritiesAction.com).

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- **ICON plc**  
This securities fraud class action asserts claims against ICON plc ("ICON" or the "Company"), a clinical research organization ("CRO") that handles clinical trials for large pharmaceutical and biotech companies, its current CEO, Stephen Cutler, its former CFO, Brendan Brennan, and current COO, Barry Balfe. The case arises out of Defendants' false and misleading statements regarding ICON's key business metrics and financial performance in the face of significant decreases in research and development expenditures from the Company's large pharmaceutical customers. Defendants' misstatements propped up ICON's share price, allowing Individual Defendants Cutler and Brennan to enrich themselves with nearly \$30 million from insider sales before the fraud was revealed. Prior to the start of the Class Period, ICON acquired one of its main competitors, PRA Health Sciences, Inc. ("PRA"), in an attempt to increase the Company's exposure to the biotech sector. The costly PRA acquisition was largely a failure, leaving ICON saddled with billions of dollars in debt and significant interest payments. By mid-2023, ICON's share price had fallen well below its prior December 2021 peak, and its credit rating sank to "junk." This prompted ICON and the Individual Defendants to resort to fraud. During the Class Period, Defendants repeatedly made fraudulent representations about ICON's key business metrics and inflated ICON's financial performance in violation of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). In particular, the Complaint alleges that Defendants misrepresented or omitted material information concerning: (1) the purported increase in the number of Requests for Proposals ("RFPs") ICON received from its biotech customers and its RFP win rate; (2) the Company's declining business from its largest customers; (3) ICON's business wins and book-to-bill ratio; and (4) the Company's overall financial health. Further, Defendants attempted to hide ICON's deteriorating performance by engaging in improper revenue

recognition and accounting practices in violation of GAAP, including holding open reporting periods to book revenue properly attributable to the following period, issuing fake invoices so that the Company could prematurely recognize revenue, and omitting project costs. Throughout the Class Period, both Brennan and Cutler signed SOX certifications stating that ICON's financial statements "fairly present[ed], in all material respects, the financial conditions and operations of the Company," yet those statements materially misstated the Company's financial performance in violation of GAAP. In truth, ICON was seeing declining RFPs and fewer contracts across its business groups, its largest customers had informed Defendants that they would be doing less work with the Company, and ICON was engaging in fraudulent financial reporting tactics to mislead the public. The truth about Defendants' fraud came to light through a series of partial corrective events. First, on July 24, 2024, ICON reported weak financial results, and during ICON's July 25, 2024 earnings call, Cutler alluded to challenges and pricing pressure in the large pharma space but denied that these factors had affected the Company. Next, on October 23, 2024, ICON revealed a surprise "revenue shortfall" of \$100 million for 3Q24 and reduced the Company's 2024 guidance, which Defendants had reiterated just six weeks earlier. ICON also disclosed that leading indicators of underlying demand for ICON's services had significantly deteriorated. Finally, on January 14, 2025, the truth was fully revealed when ICON issued financial guidance for 2025 that was below analysts' expectations. In the wake of these disclosures, ICON's stock dropped precipitously, causing substantial losses to the Company's investors. On September 12, 2025, Plaintiffs filed a 201-page Complaint on behalf of a putative class of investors who purchased ICON common stock between July 27, 2023 and January 13, 2025, alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Following additional investigation and certain disclosures made by ICON, Plaintiffs elected to amend their complaint. That amendment will be filed in May 2026.

- NVIDIA Corporation

This securities fraud class action brings claims against NVIDIA, the world's largest maker of graphic processing units (GPUs), and its Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang. The case arises out of Defendants' efforts to fraudulently conceal the extent of NVIDIA's reliance on GPU sales to cryptocurrency miners. Led by Lannebo Kapitalförvaltning AB, one of Sweden's largest institutional investors, the suit alleges that in 2017 and 2018, NVIDIA's revenues skyrocketed when it sold a record number of GPUs to crypto miners. Plaintiffs allege that during this period, NVIDIA's sales to crypto miners outpaced its sales to the company's traditional customer base of video gamers. Yet Defendants misrepresented

the true extent of NVIDIA's cryptocurrency-related sales, enabling the company to disguise the degree to which its growth was dependent on the notoriously volatile demand for crypto.

Following the price collapse of Ethereum, a leading digital token, in late 2018, investors began to learn of NVIDIA's true dependence on sales to crypto miners. This culminated on November 15, 2018, when NVIDIA announced it was only expecting \$2.7 billion in fourth quarter revenues (a 7% decline year-over-year) which it attributed to a "sharp falloff in crypto demand." Market commentators expressed shock at the company's about-face, and NVIDIA's stock price fell precipitously, damaging investors by billions of dollars in market losses.

The action was filed in June 2019 on behalf of a putative class of investors alleging that Defendants violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. After the District Court dismissed the complaint, Plaintiffs successfully appealed the dismissal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. On August 25, 2023, in a published decision, the Ninth Circuit reversed, holding that Plaintiffs had sufficiently alleged that Defendants "made materially false or misleading statements about the company's exposure to crypto, leading investors and analysts to believe that NVIDIA's crypto-related revenues were much smaller than they actually were." The Ninth Circuit further held that the complaint sufficiently alleged that Defendants knew or were at least deliberately reckless as to the falsity of their statements. Defendants filed a petition for a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the Ninth's Circuit's decision. The Supreme Court granted the petition on June 17, 2024. Following extensive briefing and oral argument, on December 11, 2024, the Supreme Court dismissed the writ of certiorari as improvidently granted, paving the way for Plaintiffs to enter discovery and prosecute their case against Defendants before the District Court. On March 25, 2026, Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr. granted Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. Fact discovery remains ongoing.

[Read the Ninth Circuit Opinion Here](#)

[Read the Supreme Court Decision Here](#)

### Settled

- Pfizer, Inc.  
**Case Caption:** *In re Pfizer Sec. Litig.*  
**Case Number:** 1:04-cv-09866-LTS-HBP  
**Court:** Southern District of New York  
**Judge:** Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
**Plaintiffs:** Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Christine Fleckles, Julie Perusse, and Alden Chace  
**Defendants:** Pfizer, Inc., Henry A. McKinnell, Karen L. Katen, Joseph M. Feczko, and Gail Cawkwell

**Overview:** This securities fraud class action in Manhattan federal court arose out of Pfizer's concealment of clinical results for two arthritic pain drugs, Celebrex and Bextra. Despite being aware of significant cardiovascular adverse events in clinical trials, Pfizer misrepresented the safety profile of the drugs until the U.S. Food & Drug Administration discontinued a key trial, forced the withdrawal of Bextra from the market, and issued an enhanced warning label for Celebrex. Following a summary judgment order dismissing the case several weeks before trial was set to begin, we successfully appealed the dismissal at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the case was remanded for trial.

After twelve years of litigation, the case resolved in 2016 with Pfizer agreeing to pay the shareholder class \$486 million, the largest-ever securities fraud settlement against a pharmaceutical company in the Southern District of New York.

- Allergan Generic Drug Pricing

**Case Caption:** *In re Allergan Generic Drug Pricing Sec. Litig.*

**Case Number:** 2:16-cv-09449-KSH-CLW

**Court:** District of New Jersey

**Judge:** Honorable Katharine S. Hayden

**Plaintiffs:** Sjunde AP-Fonden and Union Asset Management Holding AG

**Defendants:** Allergan plc, Paul Bisaro, Brenton L. Saunders, R. Todd Joyce, Maria Teresa Hilado, Sigurdur O. Olafsson, David A. Buchen, James H. Bloem, Christopher W. Bodine, Tamar D. Howson, John A. King, Ph.D, Catherine M. Klema, Jiri Michal, Jack Michelson, Patrick J. O'Sullivan, Ronald R. Taylor, Andrew L. Turner, Fred G. Weiss, Nesli Basgoz, M.D., and Christopher J. Coughlin

**Overview:** Kessler Topaz represented Lead Plaintiff Sjunde-AP Fonden, one of Sweden's largest pension funds, in this long-running securities fraud class action before The Honorable Katharine S. Hayden of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The \$130 million recovery is the first settlement of a federal securities case arising out of the industrywide generic drug price-fixing scandal which first came to light when Congress launched an investigation into the historic increases in generic drug prices. The price-fixing conspiracy, led by Allergan and several other drug makers, is believed to be the largest domestic pharmaceutical cartel in U.S. history. Shareholders alleged that notwithstanding Allergan's prominent role in this illicit scheme, the company repeatedly misrepresented to investors that it was not engaged in anticompetitive conduct—even as Allergan became ensnared in an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and 46 state attorneys general.

For four years, a team of Kessler Topaz litigators prosecuted these claims from the initial investigation and drafting of the complaint through full fact discovery and class certification proceedings. On August 6, 2019, Judge Hayden issued a 31-page opinion denying

defendants' motions to dismiss the complaint, sustaining investors' claims in full, and firmly establishing a shareholder-plaintiff's ability to pursue securities fraud claims based on the concealment of an underlying antitrust conspiracy. The parties' settlement was approved by the Court on November 22, 2021, marking a historic recovery for investors and sending a strong message to drug makers engaged in anticompetitive conduct.

- Citigroup, Inc.

**Case Caption:** *In re Citigroup Bond Litig.*

**Case Number:** 1:08-cv-09522-SHS

**Court:** Southern District of New York

**Judge:** Honorable Sidney H. Stein

**Plaintiffs:** Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, City of Tallahassee Retirement System, City of Philadelphia Board of Pensions and Retirement, Miami Beach Employees' Retirement Plan, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, American European Insurance Company, Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, Phillip G. Ruffin, and James M. Brown

**Defendants:** Citigroup Inc, Citigroup Funding, Inc., Citigroup Capital XIV, Citigroup Capital XV, Citigroup Capital XVI, Citigroup Capital XVII, Citigroup Capital XVIII, Citigroup Capital XIX, Citigroup Capital XX, Citigroup Capital XXI, C. Michael Armstrong, Alan J.P. Belda, Sir Winfried Bischoff, Michael Conway, Gary Crittenden, George David, Kenneth T. Derr, John M. Deutch, Scott Freidenrich, James Garnett, John C. Gerspach, Ann Dibble Jordan, Klaus Kleinfeld, Sallie L. Krawcheck, Andrew N. Liveris, Dudley C. Mecum, Anne Mulcahy, Vikram Pandit, Richard D. Parsons, Charles Prince, Roberto Hernández Ramírez, Judith Rodin, Saul Rosen, Robert E. Rubin, Robert L. Ryan, Franklin A. Thomas, Eric L. Wentzel, David Winkler, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Greenwich Capital Markets Inc. (n/k/a RBS Securities Inc.), JPMorgan Chase & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., UBS Securities LLC, and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC (n/k/a Wells Fargo Securities, LLC).

**Overview:** We represented the Miami Beach Employees' Retirement Plan, the Philadelphia Public Employees' Retirement System, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Pension Fund, and the City of Tallahassee Pension Plan in this historic class action against Citigroup before Judge Sidney H. Stein of the Southern District of New York. Plaintiffs and a class of Citigroup bondholders alleged that Citigroup concealed its exposure to subprime mortgage debt on the eve of the 2008 financial crisis—exposure that, once revealed, led to massive investment losses. The \$730 million settlement is believed to be the second largest recovery ever for a Section 11 claim under the

Securities Act on behalf of corporate bondholders.

- J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
**Case Caption:** *In re JPMorgan Chase & Co. Sec. Litig.*  
**Case Number:** 1:12-cv-03852-GBD  
**Court:** Southern District of New York  
**Judge:** Honorable George B. Daniels  
**Plaintiffs:** Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, Sjunde AP-Fonden, and the State of Oregon by and through the Oregon State Treasurer on behalf of the Common School Fund and, together with the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Board, on behalf of the Oregon Public Employee Retirement Fund  
**Defendants:** JPMorgan Chase & Co., James Dimon, and Douglas Braunstein

**Overview:** This securities fraud class action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York stemmed from the “London Whale” derivatives trading scandal at JPMorgan Chase. Shareholders alleged that JPMorgan concealed the high-risk, proprietary trading activities of the investment bank’s Chief Investment Office, including the highly volatile, synthetic credit portfolio linked to trader Bruno Iksil—a.k.a., the “London Whale”—which caused a \$6.2 billion loss in a matter of weeks. Shareholders accused JPMorgan of falsely downplaying media reports of the synthetic portfolio, including on an April 2012 conference call when JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon dismissed these reports as a “tempest in a teapot,” when in fact, the portfolio’s losses were swelling as a result of the bank’s failed oversight.

This case was resolved in 2015 for \$150 million, following U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels’ order certifying the class, representing a significant victory for investors.

## News

- March 31, 2026 - 12 KTMC Partners Named Among Lawdragon's 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers
- March 30, 2026 - KTMC Secures Class Certification Victory for NVIDIA Investors in Crypto Mining Fraud Suit
- March 25, 2026 - Kessler Topaz Partners Mustokoff and Mazzeo Publish Article In Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation
- January 5, 2026 - Kessler Topaz Recovers \$78 Million for Catalent Shareholders in Accounting Fraud Suit
- November 5, 2025 - KTMC Secures \$239 Million Recovery for Investors in Celgene Securities Fraud Suit
- September 5, 2025 - Kessler Topaz Secures Class Certification in Goldman Sachs Fraud Suit Involving 1MDB Corruption

#### Scandal

- April 2, 2025 - Kessler Topaz Secures \$100 Million Recovery for Internet Advertisers in Google Consumer Fraud Litigation
- December 11, 2024 - Kessler Topaz Achieves Significant Victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in NVIDIA Securities Fraud Case
- September 9, 2024 - Kessler Topaz Defeats Dismissal Motion in Coinbase Securities Litigation, Investor Claims to Proceed
- April 9, 2024 - Kessler Topaz Achieves Class Certification Win in 1MDB Fraud Suit Against Goldman Sachs
- September 13, 2023 - New Jersey Federal Court Hands Kessler Topaz Significant Summary Judgment Win, Sends Celgene Investors' Claims to Trial
- August 28, 2023 - Ninth Circuit Revives "Crypto Mining" Securities Fraud Suit Against NVIDIA
- August 17, 2023 - California Federal Court Certifies Advertiser Classes in Consumer Fraud Case Against Google
- November 22, 2021 - New Jersey Federal Court Approves \$130 Million Settlement for Investors in Allergan Generic Drug Price-Fixing Securities Litigation
- October 1, 2020 - Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP Once Again Included in the Benchmark Litigation Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys for 2021
- September 24, 2019 - Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP Once Again Included in the Benchmark Litigation Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys for 2020
- May 8, 2017 - Kessler Topaz Again Named Class Action Litigation Department of the Year by The Legal Intelligencer
- April 1, 2015 - Class Certification and the Use of Event Studies After Comcast
- April 1, 2015 - Brazilian Oil Giant Petrobras Engulfed in Massive Corruption Scandal, Investors Bring Suit
- Kessler Topaz Secures a \$150 Million Recovery for Shareholders in JPMorgan Chase & Co. Securities Class Action

#### Speaking Engagements

Matt has lectured and appeared on speaking panels in the United States and Europe on a variety of topics, including corporate governance, class certification and damages in securities cases, opt-out shareholder litigation, and securities enforcement trends. These engagements include:

1. "When the Supreme Court Comes Off the Sidelines

- and Enters the Fray,” Institutional Investors Forum, Washington D.C., October 7, 2021
2. “The Generic Drug Price-Fixing Scandal: Criminal Investigations and Parallel Antitrust and Securities Litigation,” 2021 Litigation & Governance Trends for Asset Management Firms Annual Conference, Virtual, March 9, 2021
  3. “The Proliferation of Shareholder Opt-Out Litigation: Prosecuting, Defending, and Settling Direct Actions After *ANZ Securities*,” 2018 American Bar Association Section of Litigation Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, May 3, 2018
  4. “Opting Out of the Petrobras Class Action,” Institutional Investors Forum, Washington D.C., October 27, 2016
  5. “Recent Developments in Securities Class Actions: Class Certification After *Halliburton II*,” NERA Economic Consulting’s 16th Securities and Finance Summer Seminar, Park City, Utah, July 4, 2016
  6. “The Petrobras Litigation: A Case Study in Political Scandal, Cartelism and Financial Fraud,” The Rights and Responsibilities of Institutional Investors Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, March 10, 2016
  7. “Are the Courtroom Doors Closing to U.S. Investors? Erosions in Shareholders’ Rights and What Investors Can Do to Reverse the Trend,” Fifth Annual Evolving Fiduciary Obligations of Pension Plans Seminar, Washington, D.C., February 18, 2014
  8. “Delaware Deal Litigation: The Plaintiff’s Perspective,” Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Corporate Governance Seminar, New York, December 7, 2010
  9. “Conducting Internal Investigations and Making Voluntary Disclosures: Is it Worth the Risk?,” 2010 American Bar Association Section of Litigation Annual Conference, New York, April 22, 2010

### Publications

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*Oscar Private Equity Investments v. Allegiance Telecom, Inc.*: The Fifth Circuit Requires Proof of Loss Causation to Certify Class in Fraud-on-the-Market Case, *Securities Regulation Law Journal* (2007)

Shareholder Discovery, the PSLRA and SLUSA in Parallel Securities and Derivative Actions, *Securities Regulation Law Journal* (2007)

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District Court Weighs Novel Theories of Rule 10b-5 Liability in Mutual Fund Market Timing Litigation, *Securities Regulation Law Journal* (2006)

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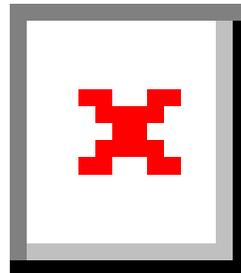
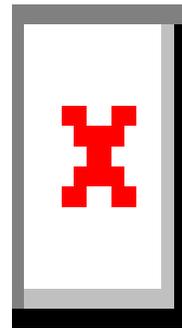
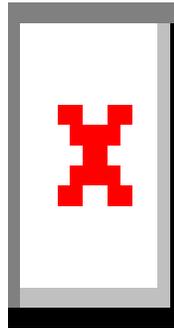
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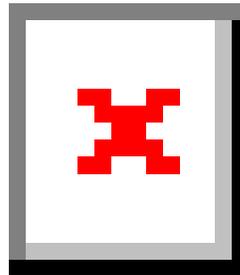
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**Awards/Rankings**

- Benchmark Litigation Star, 2020-2025
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, 2019-2026





### Community Involvement

- American Bar Association Subcommittee on Securities Class Actions, Co-Chair (2010-present)
- Institute for Law and Economic Policy, Vice President (2023-present)
- Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, Board of Directors (2024-present)
- Wesleyan Lawyers Association (2020-present)