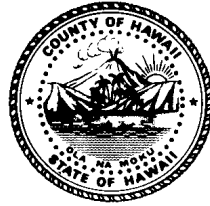


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## COUNTY OF HAWAII OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

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July 19, 2024

Via Electronic Mail only

Frederic S. Fox  
Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP  
800 Third Avenue, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Fox:

Re: Fiscal Year 2024-25 Professional Services: Statement of Qualifications (SOQs)

Thank you for submitting your firm's Statement(s) of Qualifications for providing professional services to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, County of Hawai'i. Based upon the information provided, the Department's review committee has determined that your firm is qualified to perform services for the following category(ies):

- CC.1) Attorney/Law (Bankruptcy)
- CC.2) Attorney/Law (Civil Rights Defense)
- CC.3) Attorney/Law (Class Actions)
- CC.4) Attorney/Law (Collections)
- CC.5) Attorney/Law (Commercial Transactions)
- CC.6) Attorney/Law (Condemnation)
- CC.7) Attorney/Law (Constitutional)
- CC.8) Attorney/Law (Construction Litigation)
- CC.9) Attorney/Law (Criminal Defense of County Employees)
- CC.10) Attorney/Law (Drafting of Legislation and Administrative Rules)
- CC.11) Attorney/Law (Enforcement of Federal, State and County Law)
- CC.12) Attorney/Law (Environmental General)
- CC.13) Attorney/Law (Environmental Litigation)
- CC.14) Attorney/Law (Fair Labor Standards Act and other laws related to compensation)
- CC.15) Attorney/Law (Federal and State Tax)
- CC.16) Attorney/Law (General defense in civil matters, including administrative proceedings)
- CC.17) Attorney/Law (General Personal Injury Defense)
- CC.18) Attorney/Law (Land Use, Planning)
- CC.19) Attorney/Law (Procurement)
- CC.20) Attorney/Law (Public Financing)
- CC.21) Attorney/Law (Public Sector Employment)

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- CC.22) Attorney/Law (Real Estate)
- CC.23) Attorney/Law (Regulatory)
- CC.24) Attorney/Law (Worker's Compensation)

Your firm will remain on the Department's List of Qualified Providers of Professional Services until June 30, 2025. For your information, this list may be utilized by any County agency during this time period.

When the need for professional services arises, a selection committee will review the qualifications of firms on the list in the appropriate category. Professional services procurements that equal or exceed \$5,000.00 are posted on the County's website within seven (7) days of the contract award.

Thank you for your interest in providing professional services to the County of Hawai'i. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Bautista at [corpcounsel@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:corpcounsel@hawaiicounty.gov) or (808) 961-8251.

Respectfully,

Sinclair Salas-Ferguson  
Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Chair, 2024-25 Professional Services Statement of Qualifications Review Committee

cc: Francena Amparo (e-mail: [famparo@kaplanfox.com](mailto:famparo@kaplanfox.com))

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bcc: County of Hawai'i, Procurement with enclosure (application packet)



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June 28, 2024

**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Elizabeth A. Strance  
Corporation Counsel  
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**Re: Notice to Providers of Professional Services (HRS 103D-304) ("Notice")**

Dear Ms. Strance:

Attached is the response of Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP ("Kaplan Fox") to the above Notice expressing our interest in providing Class Action litigation services to the County of Hawai'i during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The specific category of service our firm wishes to be considered for is "CC.3) Attorney/Law (Class Actions)." In 2023, we were determined to be qualified for this category of service for the prior 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Kaplan Fox, a national law firm that was founded over 50 years ago, has been handling class action litigation matters on behalf of governmental entities like the County of Hawai'i for more than twenty years. Our focus is on class action litigation in the areas of securities, antitrust and consumer protection and we would be pleased to provide such services to the County of Hawai'i as those needs arise.

Thank you for your consideration of our submissions. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. S. Fox", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frederic S. Fox

Attachment



# KAPLAN FOX

**Response to  
County of Hawai'i  
Notice to Providers of Professional Services  
HRS 103D-304**

**FY 2024-2025**

**June 28, 2024**

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Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP (“Kaplan Fox”), a national law firm focused on securities, antitrust, consumer protection and other complex class action litigation, submits this response for consideration by the County of Hawai’i as outside counsel in the area listed as “CC.3) Attorney/Law (Class Actions).” Kaplan Fox is widely recognized as one of the leading plaintiffs’ securities law firms in the United States, particularly for class action shareholder litigation. The firm is also a leader in class actions representing those injured by violations of the antitrust and consumer protection laws.

**(1) The name of the firm or person, contact information including email address, the principal place of business, and location of all of its offices;**

If selected pursuant to this Notice, the primary contact for any matters Kaplan Fox handles on behalf of the County of Hawai’i would be Frederic S. Fox, a senior partner of the firm. Contact information for Mr. Fox who works in the firm’s principal office in New York is as follows:

**New York, NY (Principal place of business)**

Frederic S. Fox, Partner  
Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP  
800 Third Avenue, 38th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
Email: ffox@kaplanfox.com  
Tel: (212) 687-1980

The firm also has offices at the following locations:

**Oakland, CA**

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 1560  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Los Angeles, CA**

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 460  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

**New Jersey**

160 Morris Street  
Morristown, NJ 07960

**Illinois**

681 Prestwick Lane  
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

**(2) The age of the firm and its average number of employees over the past 5 years;**

The firm was founded in 1956 and has been handling complex litigation on behalf of governmental entities for over 20 years.

On average, the number of employees during the past 5 years has been about 59, consisting of approximately 39 attorneys and 20 additional staff, including paralegals, administrative staff, an in-house investigator, law clerks, and technology support.

**(3) The education, training, and qualifications of the individual, or if a firm, its key employees in accordance with HRS 103D-304 and/or the professional and scientific occupation series contained in the United States Office of Personnel Management's Qualifications Standards Handbook (<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url-GS-PROF>);**

Senior partner Frederic S. Fox is a key attorney/employee of the firm. Mr. Fox would be the lead attorney on all work performed for the County of Hawai'i, including shaping and directing the litigation strategy if Kaplan Fox is selected to represent the County of Hawai'i for a specific class action. The education, training, and qualifications of Mr. Fox and the other key attorneys that would perform work for the County of Hawai'i if Kaplan Fox is selected pursuant to this Notice are as follows:

- **Frederic S. Fox, Partner.** Frederic Fox first associated with Kaplan Fox in 1984 and became a partner of the firm in 1991. For over 30 years, Mr. Fox has concentrated his practice in class action and individual securities litigation. He also prosecutes consumer protection and antitrust litigation. He has been a lead counsel in many major securities class action cases, including as a senior member of the litigation and trial team in *In re Bank of America Corp., Securities, Derivative, and ERISA Litigation*, No. 1:09-md-020508-PKC (S.D.N.Y.) ("*In re Bank of America*"), which settled for \$2.425 billion plus significant corporate governance reforms, and stands as one of the largest securities class action settlements in history. In *In re Bank of America*, the firm represented Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("Ohio PERS") and State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio ("STRS Ohio").

Mr. Fox counsels the firm's many public pension fund clients on seeking redress in foreign jurisdictions or bringing an individual action in the U.S. to adequately protect and recover lost assets in cases involving foreign securities. For example, Mr. Fox settled claims in an opt-out action on behalf of Ohio PERS arising out of the fraud at Petrobras in Brazil. Other significant cases in which Mr. Fox served as lead counsel include *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., Sec., Derivative & ERISA Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) ("*In re Merrill Lynch*") (primary attorney responsible for negotiating the \$475 million settlement) and *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-7831 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$170 million settlement) ("*In re Fannie Mae 2008*"). The cases Mr. Fox is currently handling or recently handled include: *In re Vale S.A. Sec. Litig.*, No. 19-cv-00526 (S.D.N.Y.), a securities class action, as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, College of Applied Arts and

Technology Pension Plan (“CAAT Pension Plan”), arising out of the January 2019 collapse of a tailings dam and Vale’s false and misleading statements about the safety of its dams and commitment to the health and safety of its workers; *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys. v. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), an individual action, alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds, which reached a favorable recovery for Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (“ATRS”) in 2022; and *State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio v. Charles River Labs. Int’l Inc.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-11132 (D. Mass.), a securities class action, as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, STRS Ohio, involving allegations that during the Class Period Charles River made false and misleading statements and omitted material facts with respect to its importation of non-human primates. In these cases, Mr. Fox and the firm are counsel on behalf of public pension fund clients. Mr. Fox has also handled derivative cases seeking corporate governance reform and other shareholder litigation on behalf of public pension funds asserting state law and foreign causes of action. Mr. Fox currently represents California State Teachers Retirement System (“CalSTRS”) and the Firemen’s Retirement System of St. Louis in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook’s many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Firemen’s Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers’ Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.). In the area of consumer protection, Mr. Fox and Kaplan Fox prosecuted *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.*, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.) (“*In re: Apple*”) as the court-appointed co-lead counsel. *In re: Apple* was a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action arising out of Apple’s December 2017 admission that it had been secretly throttling iPhone performance for almost a year, which settled for \$310 million in 2021. Mr. Fox is a frequent speaker and panelist in both the U.S. and abroad on a variety of topics including securities litigation and corporate governance.

Mr. Fox obtained his B.A. from Queens College (1981) and his J.D. from Bridgeport School of Law (1984).

Mr. Fox is a member in good standing of the of the bars of the State of New York and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits; the U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

- **Laurence D. King, Partner.** Laurence King joined Kaplan Fox in 1994 and has more than 25 years of experience in complex class action litigation, particularly securities and consumer protection class actions. Mr. King has been selected as a Northern California “Super Lawyer” in the area of Securities Litigation for 13 consecutive years beginning in 2012. He is an experienced trial lawyer. He was a key member of the litigation team in the settled action against Bank of America. He has played a substantial role in cases that have resulted in some of the largest recoveries obtained by Kaplan Fox, including *In re 3Com Securities Litigation*, No. C-97-21083 (N.D. Cal.), *In re Informix Securities Litigation*, C-97-129 (N.D. Cal.), and *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II* and he has

represented numerous institutional investor clients, including CalPERS, three city of Los Angeles public pension funds, and ATRS. In addition, Mr. King was a member of the trial team for two securities class actions tried to verdict, as well as several other cases where a favorable settlement was achieved on the eve of trial. Prior to joining Kaplan Fox, Mr. King served as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan (New York County) District Attorney's Office under the legendary Robert Morgenthau, where he tried numerous felony prosecutions to jury verdict.

Mr. King obtained his B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1985) and his J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law (1988).

Mr. King is a member in good standing of the State Bars of California and New York, and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits.

- **Robert N. Kaplan, Partner.** Robert Kaplan has more than 40 years of experience in securities, antitrust, and other litigation, particularly complex class actions, and is widely recognized as a leading litigator. He has led the prosecution of numerous class actions and shareholder derivative actions, recovering billions of dollars for the victims of corporate wrongdoing. Mr. Kaplan was recently listed by defense and corporate counsel as one of the top 75 plaintiffs' attorneys in the United States for all disciplines, and he has also been ranked as one of the top attorneys in the United States for securities litigation by Legal 500 in each of the last three years. He also has earned a reputation as a leading litigator in the antitrust arena. Mr. Kaplan honed his litigation skills as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. There, he gained significant experience litigating both civil and criminal actions.

Mr. Kaplan has played a significant role in most of the firm's major cases, including: *In re Bank of America*; *In re Merrill Lynch*; *In re High Fructose Corn Syrup Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1087 (C.D. Ill.); *In re 3Com Securities Litigation*, No. C-97-21083 (N.D. Cal.) ("*In re 3Com*"); *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II*, JCCP No. 4322 and 4325 (Cal. Sup. Ct., L.A. Cty.) ("*AOL Time Warner Cases I & II*"); *In re Informix Securities Litigation*, C-97-129 (N.D. Cal.) ("*In re Informix*"); and *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 120 (W.D. Pa.), among others. Recently, he served as one of two co-lead counsel in *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. CIV-13-102-W (W.D. Okla.) shareholder derivative litigation.

Mr. Kaplan obtained his B.A. from Williams College (1961) and his J.D. from Columbia University Law School (1964).

Mr. Kaplan is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York and the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of New York, the Central District of Illinois and the District of Arizona.

- **Donald R. Hall, Partner.** Donald Hall first associated with Kaplan Fox in 1998 and became a partner of the firm in 2005. Mr. Hall has more than 20 years of experience in securities, consumer, antitrust and other complex litigation, particularly class action litigation. Mr. Hall is actively involved in counseling the firm's institutional clients on seeking redress in foreign jurisdictions or bringing an individual action in the U.S. to adequately protect and recover lost assets involving foreign securities. Mr. Hall was a member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Bank of America*, which settled for \$2.425 billion, the single largest securities class action recovery for violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and one of the top securities litigation settlements obtained in history. Mr. Hall successfully represented institutional clients in *In re Merrill Lynch*, which settled for \$475 million; *In re Fannie Mae 2008*, which settled for \$170 million; *In re Eletrobras Secs. Litig.*, No. 15-cv-5754 (S.D.N.Y.); *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-923 (M.D. Tenn.); *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-411 (S.D.N.Y.); and *In re Majesco Securities Litigation*, No. 05-cv-3557 (D.N.J.), among others. Additionally, he was a member of the litigation team in *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II*, an opt-out action brought by institutional investors that settled just weeks before trial, resulting in a recovery of multiples of what would have been obtained had those investors remained members of the class action.

Currently, Mr. Hall is representing institutional clients in the following cases: *In re Vale* as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, CAAT Pension Plan, arising out of the January 2019 collapse of a tailings dam and Vale's false and misleading statements about the safety of its dams and commitment to the health and safety of its workers; CalSTRS and the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook's many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers' Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.); and *State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio v. Charles River Labs. Int'l Inc.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-11132 (D. Mass.), a securities class action, as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, STRS Ohio. Mr. Hall recently represented ATRS in *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys. v. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), an individual action, alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds. In the area of consumer protection, Mr. Hall and Kaplan Fox prosecuted *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.*, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.) ("*In re: Apple*"), a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action, as the court-appointed co-lead counsel (\$310 million settlement).

Mr. Hall obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary (1995) and his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law (1998).

Mr. Hall is a member in good standing of the bars of the State of Connecticut and the State of New York and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits.

- **Hae Sung Nam, Partner.** Hae Sung Nam joined Kaplan Fox in 1999 and became a partner of the firm in 2005. Ms. Nam has been prosecuting securities actions and other complex actions and multi-district litigation for over 20 years, including numerous class actions. In addition to securities cases, she also focuses on antitrust litigation. Currently, Ms. Nam is co-lead counsel in *In re Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litigation*, 20-cv-05761 (N.D. Cal). She represents consumers in an antitrust litigation concerning Google's alleged anticompetitive use of contractual and technological barriers to foreclose Android users' ability to utilize app distribution platforms other than Google Play Store.

Ms. Nam has also played integral roles in a number of the firm's notable securities cases, including *In re Bank of America Corp., Securities, Derivative, and ERISA Litigation*, No. 1:09-md-020508-PKC (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Fannie Mae Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-7831-PAC (S.D.N.Y.), and *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 08-411-NRB (S.D.N.Y.). She has focused on prosecuting opt-out securities actions on behalf of the firm's public pension fund clients. Ms. Nam was one of the core team members that prosecuted and settled an opt-out action on behalf of Ohio PERS arising out of the fraud at Petrobras in Brazil. She also played a significant role in *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II and State Treasurer of the State of Michigan v. Tyco International, Ltd.*, No. 08-cv-1340 (D.N.H.).

Ms. Nam has substantial experience prosecuting other antitrust matters on behalf of various classes and opt-outs, including *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation*, 1:14-md-02542 (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, 1:05-md-01720 (E.D.N.Y.), and *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, No. 03-cv-2920 (W.D. Pa.).

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Nam was an associate with Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman LLP, where she trained as a transactional attorney in general corporate securities law and mergers and acquisitions.

Ms. Nam obtained her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University (1994) and her J.D., with honors, from the George Washington University School of Law (1997).

- **Joel B. Strauss, Partner.** Joel Strauss joined Kaplan Fox in 1992 and has more than 30 years of experience in securities and other complex litigation, including prosecuting numerous class actions. Although currently practicing exclusively as a lawyer, Mr. Strauss is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York, and that background is particularly helpful in cases involving accounting issues. He has also been a guest lecturer on the topics of securities litigation, auditors' liability, and class actions for seminars sponsored by the Practising Law Institute and the National Consumer Law Center. Combining his accounting background and legal skills, he has played a critical role in successfully prosecuting numerous securities class actions across the country on behalf of public pension fund and other institutional clients. Mr. Strauss has also been involved in representing the firm's institutional and other clients in the following securities class actions, among others: *In re Bank of America Corp. Sec., ERISA & Derivative Litig.*, (S.D.N.Y.) (\$2.425 billion settlement); *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., Sec., Derivative &*

*ERISA Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$475 million settlement); *In re Prestige Brands Holdings Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$11 million settlement); *In re Gentiva Sec. Litig.* (E.D.N.Y.) (\$6.5 million settlement); *In re SunPower Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$19.7 million settlement); He has also served as lead counsel for lead plaintiffs in *In re OCA, Inc., Sec. Litig.* (E.D. La.) (\$6.5 million settlement); *In re Proquest Company Sec. Litig.* (E.D. Mich.) (\$20 million settlement); and *In re Rocket Fuel, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (N.D. Cal.) (\$3.15 million settlement). Mr. Strauss also played an active role in the securities class action against Countrywide Financial Corp., which settled for more than \$600 million. Mr. Strauss served as Co-Chair of the Non-Party Discovery Committee in *In re Baycol Products Litigation*, MDL No. 1431-MJD/JG (D. Minn.) (\$350 million in settlements), a class action brought on behalf of consumers who took a dangerous and defective drug which was recalled from the market. In recent years Mr. Strauss has also had leadership and active roles on behalf of plaintiffs in data privacy cases.

Mr. Strauss obtained his B.S. in Accounting from Yeshiva University (1986) and his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (1992). Among his various professional and communal activities, Mr. Strauss is an active member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

Mr. Strauss is a member in good standing of the Bar of the States of New York and New Jersey and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, and Third Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York and the Districts of New Jersey and Nebraska.

- **Jeffrey P. Campisi, Partner.** Mr. Campisi has more than 20 years of experience in securities and other complex litigation, including prosecuting numerous class actions. Mr. Campisi is currently representing an institutional investor in *State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio v. Charles River Labs. Int'l Inc.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-11132 (D. Mass.). He recently represented IWA-Forest Industry Pension Plan in *IWA-Forest Industry Pension Plan v. D-MARKET Elektronik Hizmetler ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi a/k/a D-MARKET Electronic Services & Trading d/b/a/ Hepsiburada*, 1:21-cv-08634-PKC (S.D.N.Y.), and in *In re Textron, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 19-cv-7881 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y.). In addition, Mr. Campisi represented institutional investors in the following class actions: *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-923 (M.D. Tenn.) (\$25 million settlement); *In re Fannie Mae 2008* (\$170 million settlement); *In re Merrill Lynch* (\$475 million settlement); *In re Sequenom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 09-v-921 (S.D. Cal.) (approximately \$70 million in cash and stock recovered along with corporate governance reforms), and *In re Escala Securities Litigation*, No. 06-cv-3518 (S.D.N.Y.). Prior to his association with Kaplan Fox, Mr. Campisi served as a law clerk for the Honorable Herbert J. Hutton, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Campisi received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University (1996) and his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Villanova University School of Law (2000), Member of Law Review and Order of the Coif.

Mr. Campisi is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, Western and

Northern Districts of New York, the Western District of Tennessee, and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits.

- **Melinda D. Campbell, Partner.** Mrs. Campbell first associated with Kaplan Fox in 2004 and became a partner of the firm in 2012. She has 20 years of experience in securities and other complex litigation, including prosecuting numerous class actions. Mrs. Campbell is currently representing public pension funds and class members in *In re Vale*. She has also represented public pension funds in *Ollila v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc.*, 17-cv-0109 (W.D.N.C.), *In re Eletrobras Secs. Litig.*, No. 15-cv-5754 (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Bank of America*, *In re Ambac*, *In re Fannie Mae 2008*, and *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II*, and represented individual shareholders and the class in *Van Roden v. Termeer*, No. 03-cv-4014 (S.D.N.Y.). As a member of the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, Mrs. Campbell served as a panelist in a continuing legal education course concerning preservation of the attorney-client privilege and work product protection.

Mrs. Campbell obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri (*cum laude*) and her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Mrs. Campbell is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York and admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second and Eleventh Circuits

- **Pamela Mayer, Partner.** Ms. Mayer has been associated with Kaplan Fox since 2009. Since joining the firm and given her combined legal and finance background, she is a dedicated full-time resource in the firm's Portfolio Monitoring and Case Evaluation Program. Working with Mr. Fox and Mr. Hall and utilizing her combined legal and finance background, she investigates, analyzes and evaluates securities claims on behalf of the firm's pension fund and other institutional clients. Ms. Mayer has a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School, an M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance from The University of Michigan Ross School of Business, and a B.S. in Optical Engineering from The University of Rochester. Prior to joining Kaplan Fox, Ms. Mayer was an Associate Director in the legal department of Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc. directly involved in the defense of securities investigations and litigations involving complex securities, mutual funds, specialist trading issues, initial public offering quiet periods, as well as disclosures and conflicts of interest for investment advisors. Prior to working at Bear Stearns, Ms. Mayer was the General Counsel and Vice President Business Development of Interactive Video Technologies, Inc.

Ms. Mayer is a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York.

- **Jason A. Uris, Partner.** Jason A. Uris has been associated with Kaplan Fox since May 2013 and has over nine years of securities litigation experience, including prosecuting numerous class actions. He practices in the areas of securities, antitrust, and consumer

litigation. He has recently been a member of the litigation teams for various securities cases including *Milbeck v. Truecar, Inc., et al.* (C.D. Cal.) (\$28.25 million settlement); *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc., et al.* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$25 million settlement); and *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. CIV-13-102-W (W.D. Okla.) (partial settlement of \$38 million). He is currently involved in several litigations, including *Mehedi v. View Inc., et al.* (N.D. Cal.); *Julia Junge and Richard Junge, v. Geron Corp. and John Scarlett* (N.D. Cal.); and *Gluck v. Hecla Mining Company* (S.D.N.Y.).

Mr. Uris received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 2014. He received his B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, cum laude, from Boston University in 2011.

Mr. Uris is a member of the Bar of the State of New York and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

- **Aaron L. Schwartz, Partner.** Aaron L. Schwartz has been associated with Kaplan Fox since July 2017. He practices securities, antitrust and consumer protection litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Schwartz was a Deputy Attorney General in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section. As a Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Schwartz conducted investigations, brought suits to enjoin anticompetitive corporate mergers, and prosecuted pharmaceutical product-hopping schemes, market allocation schemes, and unfair trade practices. Mr. Schwartz is currently representing CalSTRS and the Firemen’s Retirement System of St. Louis in derivative litigation arising out of Facebook’s many years of improper data sharing with third parties.

Mr. Schwartz received his J.D. from The Pennsylvania State University – The Dickinson School of Law in 2014. He received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2009.

Mr. Schwartz is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Pennsylvania and New York and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania; the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern District of New York and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

- (4) A list of recent projects and the names of up to five clients who may be contacted, including at least two for whom services were rendered during the preceding year; and**

**List of Recent Projects**

The following are representative cases we are currently or recently handled.

- Kaplan Fox is the court appointed lead counsel for the College of Applied Arts and Technology Pension Plan (“CAAT Pension Plan”) as lead plaintiff in *In re Vale S.A. Sec. Litig.*, No. 19-cv-00526 (RJD) (E.D.N.Y.), a securities class action arising out of the

January 2019 collapse of a tailings dam and Vale’s false and misleading statements about the safety of its dams and commitment to the health and safety of its workers. In May 2020, Plaintiff’s claims were successfully upheld on defendants’ motion to dismiss. In March 2022, Plaintiff’s motion for class certification was granted.

- Since July 2023, Kaplan Fox was appointed lead counsel on behalf of STRS Ohio, the lead plaintiff, in *State Teachers Retirement System v. Charles River Labs. Int’l Inc.*, 23-cv-11132 (D. Mass.), a securities class action involving Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. and allegations that during the Class Period Charles River made false and misleading statements and omitted material facts with respect to its importation of non-human primates. An amended complaint was filed in November 2023 and a decision on a motion to dismiss is pending.
- Kaplan Fox was the court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.*, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.), a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action arising out of Apple’s December 2017 admission that it had been secretly throttling iPhone performance for almost a year. Plaintiffs further alleged that the throttling was done to conceal a defect. On October 1, 2018, the Northern District of California allowed the case to proceed on a global basis and upheld common law computer trespass claims, California statutory consumer protection claims, and federal computer fraud claims. The Court granted leave to re-plead the defect claims and Apple’s motion to dismiss was, in part, denied in April 2019. After the case was in discovery and Plaintiffs obtained documents produced in government investigations, the parties began settlement negotiations. A settlement of \$310 million was achieved in March 2021.
- In *In re Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litig.*, 20-cv-05761 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 6, 2020), Hae Sung Nam, a partner of Kaplan Fox, was appointed co-lead counsel. The Google Play Store antitrust litigation concerns Google’s alleged anticompetitive use of contractual and technological barriers to foreclose Android users’ ability to utilize app distribution platforms other than Google Play Store. The firm represents individual consumers on behalf of a consumer class who purchased digital content through the Google Play Store and paid more for Android apps and in-app content than would have been paid in a competitive market.
- Kaplan Fox recently represented ATRS and other public pension funds in individual actions against Allianz Global Investors US LLC, alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds. These cases, such as *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys. v. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), were prosecuted from start to finish in less than two years during the pandemic and were settled very favorably by early 2022 for our public pension fund clients.
- Kaplan Fox currently represents the California State Teachers Retirement System (“CalSTRS”) in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook’s many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers’ Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal*

*Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.).

- In *Ollila v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 17-cv-109 (W.D.N.C.) (“*Babcock*”), Kaplan Fox was the court appointed lead counsel for ATRS. This case alleged violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) arising from the company’s misrepresentations about the prospects and performance of its renewable energy segment and failure to disclose development problems with six major renewable energy projects, which caused hundreds of millions in losses. While discovery was underway, Kaplan Fox achieved a highly favorable settlement in the amount of \$19.5 million.

**Five (5) client references:** Below are 5 client references, including four for which we are currently providing services or have provided litigation services within the last year – ATRS, CAAT Pension Plan, IWA Forest-Industry and CalSTRS.

(1) **ATRS** – Kaplan Fox recently represented ATRS in an individual action against Allianz, *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys. v. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds. The case settled very favorably in 2022. Kaplan Fox has also recently served as lead counsel representing ATRS as lead plaintiff in two class action matters: *Babcock* and *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-923 (M.D. Tenn.), both discussed above. ATRS has been a portfolio monitoring and case evaluation client since 2009. Contact information for ATRS is as follows:

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(2) **CalSTRS:** Kaplan Fox currently represents CalSTRS in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook’s many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers’ Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.).

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(3) **STRS Ohio** – From 2009 through 2013, Kaplan Fox represented STRS Ohio, as well as Ohio PERS, as co-lead counsel in *In re Bank of America*, which settled in September 2012 for \$2.425 billion plus significant corporate governance reform. Kaplan Fox also represented STRS Ohio in the securities class action *In re Merrill Lynch*. Contact information for STRS Ohio is provided below.

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(4) **CAAT Pension Plan** – Kaplan Fox currently represents CAAT Pension Plan in *In re Vale S.A. Securities Litigation*, No. 3:19-cv-526 (E.D.N.Y), a securities class action. CAAT Pension Plan is lead plaintiff and Kaplan Fox is lead counsel. The complaint has been upheld, the class has been certified, and the case is currently in discovery. Kaplan Fox has also provided securities portfolio monitoring to CAAT Pension Plan since 2006. Contact information for CAAT Pension Plan is provided below.

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(5) **IWA-Forest Industry** – Kaplan Fox was lead counsel representing IWA-Forest Industry as lead plaintiff in *IWA-Forest Industry Pension Plan v. D-MARKET Elektronik Hizmetler ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi a/k/a D-MARKET Electronic Services & Trading d/b/a/Hepsiburada*, 1:21-cv-08634-PKC, a securities class action that recently settled. Kaplan Fox was lead counsel on behalf of IWA-Forest Industry as lead plaintiff in *In re Textron, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. 19-cv-7881 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y.), a securities class action that settled in 2022.

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**(5) Any promotional or descriptive literature which the individual or firm desires to submit.**

Please see the complete firm resume attached as Exhibit A.

# Exhibit A



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## History of Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP

Leo Kaplan and James Kilsheimer founded “Kaplan & Kilsheimer” in 1954, making the firm one of the most established litigation practices in the country. James Kilsheimer was a celebrated federal prosecutor in the late 1940s and early 1950s in New York who not only successfully tried some of the highest profile cases in the country, but also handled the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s criminal appeals to the Second Circuit.

Now known as “Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP,” the early commitment to high-stakes litigation continues to define the firm to the present day. In 2009, Portfolio Media’s *Law360* ranked Kaplan Fox’s securities litigation practice as one of the top 5 in the country (plaintiff side), and again in July 2014, the Legal 500 ranked Kaplan Fox as one of the top eight plaintiff’s firms for securities litigation. In March 2013, the *National Law Journal* included Kaplan Fox on its list of the top 10 “hot” litigation boutiques, a list that includes both plaintiff and defense firms. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, more than half of the firm’s partners – including attorneys on both coasts – were rated “Super Lawyers.”

The firm has three primary litigation practice areas (antitrust, securities, and consumer protection), and the firm is a leader in all three. To date, we have recovered more than **\$5 billion** for our clients and classes. In addition, the firm has expanded its consumer protection practice to include data privacy litigation, and few other firms can match Kaplan Fox’s recent leadership in this rapidly emerging field. The following describes Kaplan Fox’s major practice areas, its most significant recoveries and its attorneys.

## Securities Litigation

Over the past 35 years, Kaplan Fox has been a leader in prosecuting corporate and securities fraud —ranging from cases concerning accounting fraud to those involving complicated and complex financial instruments. Since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act in 1995, Kaplan Fox has emerged as one of the foremost securities litigation firms representing institutional investors of all sizes, including many of the world’s largest public pension funds.

Kaplan Fox’s selection by Portfolio Media’s Law360 as one of the five top securities litigation firms (plaintiff side) for 2009 was based, in part, on the representation of public pension funds in high profile and complex securities class actions, including ***In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation***; ***In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, ERISA & Derivative Litigation***; ***In re Fannie Mae Securities Litigation***; and ***In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation***. Some of the firm’s most significant securities recoveries include:

***In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, Derivative, and ERISA Litig.***,  
MDL No. 2058 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$2.425 billion recovered)

***In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities Litigation***,  
Master File No. 07-CV-9633 (JSR) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$475 million recovered)

***In re 3Com Securities Litigation***,  
No. C-97-21083-EAI (N.D. Cal.) (\$259 million recovered)

***In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation***,  
No. 08-cv-7831 (PAC) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$170 million recovered)

***In re MicroStrategy Securities Litigation***,  
No. CV-00-473-A (E.D. Va.) (\$155 million recovered)

**AOL Time Warner Cases I & II (Opt-out)**

Nos. 4322 & 4325 (Cal. Superior Court, LA County) (\$140 million recovered)

**In re Informix Securities Litigation,**

C-97-129-CRB (N.D. Cal.) (\$136.5 million recovered)

**In re Xcel Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation,**

Master File No. 02-CV-2677-DSD (D. Minn.) (\$80 million recovered)

**In re Elan Corporation Securities Litigation,**

No. 02-CV-0865-RMB (S.D.N.Y.) (\$75 million recovered)

**In re Sequenom, Inc. Securities Litigation,**

No. 09-cv-921 (S.D. Cal.) (\$70 million recovered)

**Barry Van Roden, et al. v. Genzyme Corp., et al.,**

No. 03-CV-4014-LLS (S.D.N.Y.) (\$64 million recovered)

## Antitrust Litigation

Kaplan Fox has been at the forefront of significant private antitrust actions, and we have been appointed by courts as lead counsel or members of an executive committee for plaintiffs in some of the largest antitrust cases throughout the United States. This commitment to leadership in the antitrust field goes back to at least 1967, when firm co-founder Leo Kaplan was appointed by the Southern District of New York to oversee the distribution of all ASCAP royalties under the 1950 antitrust consent decree in **United States v. American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers**, No. 41-CV-1395 (S.D.N.Y.), a role he held for 28 years until his death in 1995. To this day, ASCAP awards the “Leo Kaplan Award” to an outstanding young composer in honor of Leo’s 28 years of service to ASCAP.

Members of the firm have also argued before the U.S. Courts of Appeals some of the most significant decisions in the antitrust field in recent years. For example, Robert Kaplan argued the appeal in **In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation**, 385 F.3d 350 (3d Cir. 2004), and Greg Arenson argued the appeal in **In re High Fructose Corn Syrup Antitrust Litigation**, 295 F.3d 651 (7th Cir. 2002). In a relatively recent survey of defense counsel, in-house attorneys, and individuals involved in the civil justice reform movement, both were named among the 75 best plaintiffs’ lawyers in the country based on their expertise and influence.

Over the years, Kaplan Fox has recovered over **\$2 billion** for our clients in antitrust cases. Some of the larger antitrust recoveries include:

**In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation**,  
MDL 1775 (E.D.N.Y.) (settled during trial preparation, for total  
settlement of more than \$1.25 billion)

**In re Neurontin Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL No. 1479, Master File No. 02-1390 (D.N.J.) (\$190 million recovered)

**In re High Fructose Corn Syrup Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL No. 1087, Master File No. 95-1477 (C.D. Ill.) (\$531 million recovered)

**In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL 997 (N.D. Ill.) (\$720 plus million recovered)

**In re Infant Formula Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL 878 (N.D. Fla.) (\$126 million recovered)

**In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL 1200 (W.D. Pa.) (\$122 plus million recovered)

**In re Hydrogen Peroxide Antitrust Litigation,**

MDL 1682 (E.D. Pa.) (\$97 million recovered)

**In re Plastics Additives Antitrust Litigation,**

03-CV-1898 (E.D. Pa.) (\$46.8 million recovered)

**In re Medical X-Ray Film Antitrust Litigation,** CV 93-5904

(E.D.N.Y.) (\$39.6 million recovered)

**In re NBR Antitrust Litigation,** MDL 1684 (E.D. Pa.) (\$34.3 million recovered)

## Consumer Protection and Data Privacy Litigation

The consumer protection practice is headquartered in Kaplan Fox's Bay Area office, which opened in 2000, and is led by Laurence King, an experienced trial lawyer and former prosecutor. Mr. King has also served as a Vice-Chair, and then Co-Chair, of the American Association for Justice's Class Action Litigation Group.

Mr. King and our other effective and experienced consumer protection litigators regularly champion the interests of consumers under a variety of state and federal consumer protection laws. Most frequently, these cases are brought as class actions, though under certain circumstances an individual action may be appropriate.

Kaplan Fox's consumer protection attorneys have represented victims of a broad array of misconduct in the manufacturing, testing, marketing, and sale of a variety of products and services and have regularly been appointed as lead or co-lead counsel or as a member of a committee of plaintiffs' counsel in consumer protection actions by courts throughout the nation. Among our significant achievements are highly recognized cases including ***In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.***, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.) (a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action in which a \$310 million class settlement was achieved); ***In re Baycol Products Litigation***, MDL 1431-MJD/JGL (D. Minn.) (victims recovered more than \$350 million); ***In re Providian Financial Corp. Credit Card Terms Litigation***, MDL No. 1301-WY (E.D. Pa.) (\$105 million recovered); ***In re Thomas and Friends Wooden Railway Toys Litig.***, No. 07-cv-3514 (N.D. Ill.) (\$30 million settlement obtained for purchasers of recalled "Thomas Train" toys painted with lead paint); ***In re Pre-Filled Propane Tank Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, No. 4:09-md-2086 (W.D. Mo.) (settlements obtained where

consumers will receive substantially in excess of actual damages and significant injunctive relief); **Berry v. Mega Brands Inc.**, No. 08-CV-1750 (D.N.J.) (class-wide settlement obtained where consumers will receive full refunds for defective products), and **David Wolf, et al. v. Red Bull GmbH, et al.**, No. 1:13-cv-08008 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$13 million settlement fund obtained for purchasers of Red Bull energy drink); and **Schneider v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.**, No.16-cv-02200 (N.D. Cal.) (a Non-GMO class action with a settlement approval of \$6.5 million).

Data privacy is a fairly new area of law and broadly encompasses two scenarios. In a data breach case, a defendant has lawful custody of data, but fails to safeguard it or use it in an appropriate manner. In a tracking case, the defendant intercepts or otherwise gathers digital data to which it is not entitled in the first place.

Kaplan Fox is an emerging leader in both types of data privacy litigation. For example, Mr. King filed and successfully prosecuted one of very first online data breach cases, **Syran v. LexisNexis Group**, No. 05-cv-0909 (S.D. Cal.), and was court-appointed liaison counsel in a recently successfully concluded data breach case against LinkedIn. See **In re: LinkedIn User Privacy Litigation**, No. 12-cv-3088-EJD (N.D. Cal.). The firm also settled a data privacy case against Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Company related to the public exposure of sensitive customer data. See **Rodriguez v. Universal Property & Cas. Ins. Co.**, No. 16-cv-60442-JK (S.D. Fla.).

In the past five years alone, we have led or otherwise had court-appointed roles in at least 10 national digital privacy class actions, including high-profile cases against defendants Google, Yahoo, and LinkedIn; two insurance companies; and one data analytics company. Other recent data privacy cases include **In re Horizon Healthcare**

**Services, Inc. Data Breach Litigation**, No. 13-cv-07418-CCC-MF (D.N.J.) where Kaplan Fox represents a group of individuals in a class action asserting willful and negligent violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as well as violations of state law, based on Horizon's failure to adequately protect the Plaintiffs' personal information. Kaplan Fox represents a group of seven credit unions and has been appointed by the court as a member of the Steering Committee for the Financial Institution plaintiffs in a data breach class action against The Home Depot, Inc. See **In re: The Home Depot, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation**, 1:14-md-02583-TWT (N.D. Ga.). Kaplan Fox was also appointed co-lead class counsel for plaintiffs in **Doe v. Caremark, LLC, 2:18 -cv-00488 -EAS-CMV (S.D. Oh.)**, a class action concerning allegations of the violation of medical privacy of approximately 4,500 class members. The Court approved of a \$4.4 million settlement of the action on January 30, 2020. Kaplan Fox and firm Partner Joel Strauss were also recently appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in **In Re: HealthEC LLC Data Breach Litig.**, 2:24 -cv-26-JKS-ESK (D.N.J.).

The firm is also an industry leader in the even newer field of email and internet tracking litigation. Kaplan Fox was appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel in a digital privacy class action against Yahoo!, Inc., related to Yahoo's alleged practice of scanning emails for content, which was recently settled. See **In re: Yahoo Mail Litigation**, 5:13-cv-04980-LHK (N.D. Cal.). Other cases include **In re: Google Inc. Cookie Placement Consumer Privacy Litig.**, 12-MD-2358-SLR (D. Del.) (Kaplan Fox appointed to plaintiffs' steering committee).

## ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHIES

### PARTNERS

**ROBERT N. KAPLAN** is widely recognized as a leading antitrust and securities litigator and has led the prosecution of numerous antitrust and securities fraud actions, recovering billions of dollars for the victims of corporate wrongdoing. He was listed by defense and corporate counsel as one of the top 75 plaintiffs' attorneys in the United States for all disciplines. Mr. Kaplan was listed as one of the top five attorneys for securities litigation. He was also recognized by Legal 500 as one of the top securities litigators in the United States for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, and was listed as one of the leading antitrust attorneys in the country for 2015. Mr. Kaplan was recognized as a Super Lawyer in the New York Metro Area. He was lead counsel for CalPERS in *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II* (Ca. Sup. Ct., L.A. Cty.), and was a lead in *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation*, *In re Escala Securities Litigation* and *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities Litigation*, in which a settlement in the amount of \$2.425 billion and corporate governance changes was approved by the Court.

In the antitrust arena, he has been a lead counsel in many significant actions. He previously served as lead counsel or member of the Executive Committee in numerous plaintiff treble damage actions including *In re Neurontin Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1479, Master File No. 02-1390 (D.N.J.) (\$190 million recovered); *In re High Fructose Corn Syrup Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1087, Master File No. 95-1477 (C.D. Ill.) (\$531 million recovered); *In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 997 (N.D. Ill.) (\$720 plus million recovered); *In re Infant Formula Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 878 (N.D. Fla.)(\$126 million recovered); *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1200 (W.O. Pa.) (\$122 plus million recovered) (Mr. Kaplan successfully argued an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which issued a ground-breaking and often-cited summary judgment opinion. *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, 191 F.R.D. 472, 476 n. 7 (W.D.Pa.1999)); *In re Hydrogen Peroxide Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1682 (E.D. Pa.)(\$97 million recovered); *In re Plastics Additives Antitrust Litigation*, 03-CV-1898 (E.D. Pa.) (\$46.8 million recovered); *In re Medical X-Ray Film Antitrust Litigation*, CV 93-5904

(E.D.N.Y.) (\$39.6 million recovered); and *In re NBR Antitrust Litigation*, MDL 1684 (E.D. Pa.) (\$34.3 million recovered)

Mr. Kaplan is currently serving as co-lead counsel in *In re Caustic Soda Antitrust Litigation*, 1:19-cv-00385 (W.D.N.Y.) and a member of the Direct Purchaser Steering committee in *In re Generic Drugs Antitrust Litigation*, appointed by Judge Cynthia Rufe. He is also currently representing major clients in private antitrust cases, including in *In re Broiler Chickens Antitrust Litigation*, No.: 1:16-cv-08637 (N.D.Ill.); *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 18-cv-1776-JRT-JFD (D. Minn.); and *In re Cattle and Beef Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 22-md-3031 (JRT/JFD) (D.Minn.). In the Pork Antitrust Litigation, Mr. Kaplan was appointed as liaison counsel by then Chief Judge John Tunheim of the District of Minnesota for the Direct Action Plaintiffs.

Mr. Kaplan has also represented financial institutions across the country in data breach cases against Home Depot and is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

Mr. Kaplan was a trial attorney with the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. There, he litigated civil and criminal actions. He also served as law clerk to the Hon. Sylvester J. Ryan, then chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and served as an acting judge of the City Court for the City of Rye, N.Y.

In addition to his litigation practice, he has also been active in bar and legal committees. For more than fifteen years, he has been a member of what is now known as the Eastern District of New York's Courts Committee on Civil Litigation.

Mr. Kaplan has also been actively involved in the Federal Bar Council, an organization of judges and attorneys in the Second circuit and is a member of the Program and Winter Planning Committees. For the Program Committee, in 2013, he organized a class action program. Recently, in April of 2015, he organized a program on Antitrust Cartels which was moderated by Hon. Lewis Kaplan and included as panelists the Assistant Chief of the New York office of the Antitrust Division. In 2013, at the Federal Bar Council's winter meeting, he organized a program on class actions, which was moderated by Hon. Raymond Lohier of the Second Circuit. He is currently planning a program with Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the Second Circuit to take place on January 20, 2016, concerning Statutory Construction.

Recently, Mr. Kaplan was invited by the United States Judicial Center and participated in a multi-day seminar for federal judges about complex litigation.

In addition, Mr. Kaplan has served as a member of the Trade Regulation and Federal Courts Committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Mr. Kaplan's published articles include: "Complaint and Discovery in Securities Cases," Trial, April 1987; "Franchise Statutes and Rules," Westchester Bar Topics, Winter 1983; "Roots Under Attack: Alexander v. Haley and Courlander v. Haley," Communications and the Law, July 1979; and "Israeli Antitrust Policy and Practice," Record of the Association of the Bar, May 1971.

Mr. Kaplan sits on the boards of several organizations, including the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors, Board of Directors of the Carver Center in Port Chester, N.Y., Member of the Dana Farber Visiting Committee, Thoracic Oncology in Boston, MA, member of the White House Historical Society and President of the Rye New York Historical Society.

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- J.D., Columbia University Law School

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of New York
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- U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts of New York, the Central District of Illinois, and the District of Arizona

**Professional Affiliations:**

- Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws (past President)
- National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys (past President)
- Advisory Group of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- American Bar Association

- Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Past Chairman, Commercial Litigation Section, 1985-86)
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York (served on the Trade Regulation Committee; Committee on Federal Courts)

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**FREDERIC S. FOX** first associated with Kaplan Fox in 1984 and became a partner of the firm in 1991. For over 30 years, Mr. Fox has concentrated his practice in class action and individual securities litigation, but also prosecutes consumer protection and antitrust litigation. He was one of the lead trial lawyers in two securities class actions, one of which was the first case tried to verdict under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

He has been a lead counsel in many major securities class action cases, including as a senior member of the litigation and trial team in *In re Bank of America*, which settled for \$2.425 billion plus significant corporate governance reforms, and stands as one of the largest securities class action settlements in history. In *In re Bank of America*, the firm represented Ohio PERS and STRS Ohio. Mr. Fox counsels the firm's many public pension fund clients on seeking redress in foreign jurisdictions or bringing an individual action in the U.S. to adequately protect and recover lost assets in cases involving foreign securities.

Mr. Fox recently settled claims in an opt-out action on behalf of Ohio PERS arising out of the fraud at Petrobras in Brazil. Other significant cases in which Mr. Fox served as lead counsel include *In re Merrill Lynch* (primary attorney responsible for negotiating the \$475 million settlement) and *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-7831 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$170 million settlement).

The cases Mr. Fox is currently handling or recently handled include: *In re Vale S.A. Sec. Litig.*, No. 19-cv-00526 (S.D.N.Y.), a securities class action, as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, College of Applied Arts and Technology Pension Plan ("CAAT Pension Plan"), arising out of the January 2019 collapse of a tailings dam and Vale's false and misleading statements about the safety of its dams and commitment to the health and safety of its workers; *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys.*

*V. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), an individual action, alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds, which reached a favorable recovery for Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (“ATRS”) in 2022; and *State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio v. Charles River Labs. Int’l Inc.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-11132 (D. Mass.), a securities class action, as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, STRS Ohio, involving allegations that during the Class Period Charles River made false and misleading statements and omitted material facts with respect to its importation of non-human primates. In these cases, Mr. Fox and the firm are counsel on behalf of public pension fund clients.

Mr. Fox has also handled derivative cases seeking corporate governance reform and other shareholder litigation on behalf of public pension funds asserting state law and foreign causes of action. Mr. Fox currently represents CalSTRS and the Firemen’s Retirement System of St. Louis in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook’s many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers’ Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.).

Over the past decade, Mr. Fox has prosecuted a wide variety of consumer protection cases, including as co-lead in *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.*, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.), a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action arising out of Apple’s December 2017 admission that it had been secretly throttling iPhone performance for almost a year. Another notable case includes the non-GMO class action of *Schneider v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, No.16-cv-02200 (N.D. Cal.) and *In re: Yahoo! Mail Litigation*, No. 5:13-cv-04980-LHK (N.D. Cal.). He served on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in the *Baycol Products Litigation* where there were more than \$350 million in settlements.

Within the area of consumer protection, Mr. Fox is also active in the firm's growing data privacy and cyberlaw practice. Mr. Fox and the firm have had court-appointed roles in national class actions against defendants Facebook, Google, Yahoo, and LinkedIn, as well as two insurance companies and one data analytics company. He served as co-lead

counsel for plaintiffs in this digital privacy class action, challenging Yahoo's practice of "scanning" incoming and outgoing emails for content, in order to target advertising more effectively. On August 25, 2016, Judge Lucy Koh granted final approval of an innovative settlement in which Yahoo agreed to change its email delivery architecture to comply with California privacy law. See *In re Yahoo Mail Litig.*, 2016 WL 4474612, \*10 (N.D. Cal., Aug. 26, 2016).

Mr. Fox is listed in the current editions of New York Super Lawyers and is recognized in Benchmark Litigation as a New York "Litigation Star." He is also a frequent speaker and panelist in both the U.S. and abroad on a variety of topics including securities litigation and corporate governance.

Mr. Fox is the author of "Current Issues and Strategies in Discovery in Securities Litigation," ATLA, 1989 Reference Material; "Securities Litigation: Updates and Strategies," ATLA, 1990 Reference Material; and "Contributory Trademark Infringement: The Legal Standard after *Inwood Laboratories, Inc. v. Ives Laboratories*," University of Bridgeport Law Review, Vol. 4, No. 2.

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- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth, Sixth and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the District of Columbia

**Professional Affiliations:**

- Federal Bar Council
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- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
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Mr. Arenson is active in the New York State Bar Association. He has been a member of the House of Delegates for most of the last decade and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association since June 2022. He has been Vice Chair and a member of the Executive Committee of the Sections Caucus and a member of the New York State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee. He was Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section from June 2013 through May 2014. He has been Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association Task Force on the State of Our Courthouses, whose report was adopted by the House of Delegates on June 20, 2009; a member of the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Standards for Pleadings in Federal Litigation, whose report was adopted by the House of Delegates on June 19, 2010; and a member of the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Discovery and Case Management in Federal Litigation, whose report was adopted by the House of Delegates on June 23, 2012.

Mr. Arenson has written frequently on discovery issues and other issues. His published articles include: "Losing the Forest for the Trees: On the Loss of Economic Efficiency and Equity in Federal Price-Fixing Class Actions, 16 *Va L. & Bus. Rev.* 293 (Spring 2022); "Rule 68 Offers of Judgment and Mootness, Especially for Collective or Class Actions," 20 NY LITIGATOR 25 (2015); "Report on Proposed Amendments to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45," 17 NY LITIGATOR 21 (2012); "Rule 8 (a)(2) After *Twombly*: Has There Been a Plausible Change?" 14 NY LITIGATOR 23 (2009); "Report on Proposed Federal Rule of Evidence 502," 12 NY LITIGATOR 49 (2007); "Report: Treating the Federal Government Like Any Other Person: Toward a Consistent Application of Rule 45," 12 NY LITIGATOR 35 (2007); "Report of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section on the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005," 11 NY

LITIGATOR 26 (2006); “Report Seeking To Require Party Witnesses Located Out-Of-State Outside 100 Miles To Appear At Trial Is Not A Compelling Request,” 11 NY LITIGATOR 41 (2006); “Eliminating a Trap for the Unwary: A Proposed Revision of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 50,” 9 NY LITIGATOR 67 (2004); “Committee Report on Rule 30(b)(6),” 9 NY LITIGATOR 72 (2004); “Who Should Bear the Burden of Producing Electronic Information?” 7 FEDERAL DISCOVERY NEWS, No. 5, at 3 (April 2001); “Work Product vs. Expert Disclosure – No One Wins,” 6 FEDERAL DISCOVERY NEWS, No. 9, at 3 (August 2000); “Practice Tip: Reviewing Deposition Transcripts,” 6 FEDERAL DISCOVERY NEWS, No. 5, at 13 (April 2000); “The Civil Procedure Rules: No More Fishing Expeditions,” 5 FEDERAL DISCOVERY NEWS, No. 9, at 3 (August 1999); “The Good, the Bad and the Unnecessary: Comments on the Proposed Changes to the Federal Civil Discovery Rules,” 4 NY LITIGATOR 30 (1998); and “The Search for Reliable Expertise: Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence,” 4 NY LITIGATOR 24 (1998). He was co-editor of FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1993 AMENDMENTS, A PRACTICAL GUIDE, published by the New York State Bar Association; and a co-author of “Report on the Application of Statutes of Limitation in Federal Litigation,” 53 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 3 (1988).

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**Education:**

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**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of Illinois (1975)
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- U.S. Supreme Court
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Mr. King practices primarily in the areas of consumer protection litigation and securities litigation, with an emphasis on institutional investor representation. He has also practiced in the area of employment litigation. Mr. King has played a substantial role in cases that have resulted in some of the largest recoveries ever obtained by Kaplan Fox, including: *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, ERISA & Derivative Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.); *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.* (N.D. Cal), *In re 3Com Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), *In re Informix Securities Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II* (Ca. Sup. Ct., L.A. Cty.) and *Providian Credit Card Cases* (Ca. Sup. Ct., S.F. Cty.).

An experienced trial lawyer, prior to joining Kaplan Fox Mr. King served as an assistant district attorney under the legendary Robert Morgenthau in the Manhattan (New York County) District Attorney's Office, where he tried numerous felony prosecutions to jury verdict. At Kaplan Fox, he was a member of the trial team for two securities class actions tried to verdict, *In re Biogen Securities Litigation* (D. Mass.) and *In re Health Management Securities Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.). Mr. King has also participated in trial preparation for numerous other cases in which favorable settlements were achieved for our clients on or near the eve of trial.

Mr. King has been selected for inclusion in Northern California *SuperLawyers* each year since 2012, and has previously served as Vice-Chair, and then as Co-Chair, of the American Association for Justice's Class Action Litigation Group.

**Education:**

- B.S., Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (1985)
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**JOEL B. STRAUSS** first associated with Kaplan Fox in 1992 and became a partner in the firm in 1999. He practices in the area of securities and consumer fraud and data privacy class action litigation. He has been repeatedly selected for inclusion to the New York Super Lawyers list (Securities Litigation) (2007-2010, 2014-2024) and was named to Lawdragon's 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in the U.S. (2019 - 2024).

Prior to law school, Mr. Strauss was a senior auditor at the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand (n/k/a PricewaterhouseCoopers). Combining his accounting background and legal skills, he has played a critical role in successfully prosecuting numerous securities class actions across the country on behalf of shareholders. Mr. Strauss was one of the lead trial lawyers for the plaintiffs in the first case to go to trial and verdict under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Mr. Strauss has been involved in representing the firm's institutional clients in the following securities class actions, among others: *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, ERISA & Derivative Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$2.425 billion settlement); *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative and ERISA Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$475 million settlement); *In re Prestige Brands Holdings Inc. Securities Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$11 million settlement); *In re Gentiva Securities Litig.* (E.D.N.Y.) (\$6.5 million settlement); and *In Re SunPower Securities Litig.* (N.D.Cal) (\$19.7 million settlement). He has also served as lead counsel for lead plaintiffs in *In re OCA, Inc. Securities Litig.* (E.D. La.) (\$6.5 million settlement); *In*

*re Proquest Company Securities Litig.* (E.D. Mich.) (\$20 million settlement) and *In re Rocket Fuel, Inc. Securities Litig.* (N.D.Cal.) (\$3.15 million settlement). Mr. Strauss also played an active role for plaintiff investors in *In Re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litig.* (C.D.Cal), which settled for more than \$600 million. He is also currently actively involved in representing plaintiffs in *In re: FTX Cryptocurrency Exchange Collapse Litig.* (S.D.Fla).

In the consumer protection area, Mr. Strauss served as Chair of Plaintiffs' Non-Party Discovery Committee in the *Baycol Products Litig.*, where there were more than \$350 million in settlements. Among other leadership roles he plays in the consumer protection area, Mr. Strauss currently serves as one of Plaintiff's' lead counsel in *Valli, et al. v. Avis Budget Group, Inc., et. al.* (D.N.J.).

Mr. Strauss is also active in the firm's growing data privacy practice. In July 2017 he moderated a panel on U.S. Data Privacy Laws at a conference in Tel Aviv. And, among other data privacy cases in which he has played an active role, Mr. Strauss served as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel in *Doe vs. CVS Healthcare Corp., et. al.*, (S.D. Ohio), a class action concerning allegations of the violation of medical privacy of approximately 4,500 class members. The Court approved a \$4.4 million settlement of the action on January 30, 2020. Mr. Strauss was also recently appointed to serve on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In Re: HealthEC LLC Data Breach Litig.*, (D.N.J.).

Although currently practicing exclusively in the area of law, Mr. Strauss is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York.

Mr. Strauss has also been a guest lecturer on the topics of securities litigation, auditors' liability and class actions for seminars sponsored by the Practising Law Institute, the National Consumer Law Center and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and is an adjunct instructor in the Political Science department at Yeshiva University.

Since June 2014, Mr. Strauss has served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

Among his various communal activities, Mr. Strauss currently serves as Co-President of Friends of Jerusalem College of Technology, is a member of Yeshiva University's General Counsel's Council, a member of the Alumni Advisory Group at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, a member of Yeshiva University's Industry Advisory

Council of the University's Career Strategy and Professional Development Office, and has Chaired the Career Guidance and Placement Committee of Yeshiva University's Undergraduate Alumni Council, and is an Advisory Board Member and Mentor in the Orthodox Union's Impact Accelerator program.

In March 2001 the New Jersey State Assembly issued a resolution recognizing and commending Mr. Strauss for his extensive community service and leadership. In 2012 Mr. Strauss received The Alumni Partner of the Year Award from Yeshiva University's Career Development Office.

In May 2023, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy appointed Mr. Strauss to serve on the New Jersey – Israel Commission.

**Education:**

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- HBX|Harvard Business School, Certificate in Entrepreneurship Essentials (2017)
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**Professional Affiliations:**

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**HAE SUNG NAM** joined Kaplan Fox in 1999 and became a partner of the firm in 2005. Since joining the firm, Ms. Nam has been representing consumers, employees, and investors in complex class actions and multi-district litigation in districts throughout the country for over 20 years. Recently, Ms. Nam was appointed as interim co-lead counsel in *In re Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litigation*, 20-cv-05761 (N.D. Cal). She represents consumers in an antitrust litigation concerning Google's alleged anticompetitive use of contractual and technological barriers to foreclose Android users' ability to utilize app distribution platforms other than Google Play Store.

Ms. Nam has substantial experience prosecuting other antitrust matters on behalf of various classes and opt-outs, including *In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation*, 1:14-md-02542 (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, 1:05-md-01720 (E.D.N.Y), and *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*, No. 03-cv-2920 (W.D. Pa.).

Ms. Nam has also played integral roles in a number of the firm's notable securities cases, including *In re Bank of America Corp., Securities, Derivative, and ERISA Litigation*, No. 1:09-md-020508-PKC (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Fannie Mae Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-7831-PAC (S.D.N.Y.), and *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 08-411-NRB (S.D.N.Y.). She has focused on prosecuting opt-out securities actions on behalf of the firm's public pension fund clients. Ms. Nam was one of the core team members that prosecuted and settled an opt-out action on behalf of Ohio PERS arising out of the fraud at Petrobras in Brazil. She also played a significant role in AOL Time Warner Cases I & II and *State Treasurer of the State of Michigan v. Tyco International, Ltd.*, No. 08-cv-1340 (D.N.H.).

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Nam was an associate with Kronish Lieb Weiner & Hellman LLP, where she trained as a transactional attorney in general corporate securities law and mergers and acquisitions.

Ms. Nam graduated, magna cum laude, with a dual degree in political science and public relations from Syracuse University's Maxwell School and S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. Ms. Nam obtained her law degree, with honors, from George Washington University Law School. During law school, Ms. Nam was a member of the George Washington University Law Review.

**Education:**

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Mr. Hall was a member of the trial team prosecuting *In re Bank of America*, which settled for \$2.425 billion, the single largest securities class action recovery for violations of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and one of the top securities litigation settlements obtained in history. Mr. Hall also recently represented public pension fund clients in *In re Eletrobras Secs. Litig.*, No. 15-cv-5754, as co-lead counsel representing the Employee Retirement System of the City of Providence ("City of Providence") in a class action against a Brazilian company, and in *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-923 (M.D. Tenn.), as co-lead counsel representing Arkansas Teacher Retirement System ("ATRS"). Mr. Hall successfully represented institutional clients in *In re Merrill Lynch*, which settled for \$475 million; *In re Fannie Mae 2008*, which settled for \$170 million; *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-411 (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Majesco Securities Litigation*, No. 05-cv-3557 (D.N.J.); and *In re Escala Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 05-cv-3518 (S.D.N.Y.). Additionally, he was a member of the litigation team in *AOL Time Warner Cases I & II*, an opt-out action brought by institutional investors that settled just weeks before trial.

Currently, Mr. Hall is representing institutional clients in: *In re Vale* as court appointed lead counsel for the court-appointed lead plaintiff, CAAT Pension Plan, arising out of the January 2019 collapse of a tailings dam and Vale's false and misleading

statements about the safety of its dams and commitment to the health and safety of its workers, and CalSTRS and the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis in a derivative action in Delaware arising out of Facebook's many years of improper data sharing with third parties, *Karen Sbriglio, Retirement System of St. Louis and California State Teachers' Retirement System, derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Facebook, Inc. vs. Mark Zuckerberg, et al.*, Case Number: 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.).

Mr. Hall recently represented ATRS in *Arkansas Teacher Retirement Sys. V. Allianz Global Investors US LLC*, No. 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), an individual action, alleging negligence and breach of contractual and fiduciary duties arising from misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds.

Mr. Hall has played a key role in some of the Firm's antitrust actions, including *In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation*; *In re Compact Disc Antitrust Litigation*; and *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*. He is currently part of the litigation team representing consumers in *In re Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litigation*, 20-cv-05761 (N.D. Cal.) concerning Google's alleged anticompetitive use of contractual and technological barriers to foreclose Android users' ability to utilize app distribution platforms other than Google Play Store.

In the consumer protection area, Mr. Hall is co-lead counsel in *In re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig.*, No. 5:18-MD-2827-EJD (N.D. Cal.) (a global consumer protection and computer intrusion class action in which a \$310 million class settlement was achieved in March 2021). Mr. Hall is also active in the firm's growing data privacy and cyberlaw practice. Other notable cases in the area of consumer protection Mr. Hall has prosecuted include the non-GMO class action of *Schneider v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, No.16-cv-02200 (N.D. Cal.) and *In re: Yahoo! Mail Litigation*, No. 5:13-cv-04980-LHK (N.D. Cal.) in which Kaplan Fox served as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in a digital privacy class action challenging Yahoo's practice of "scanning" incoming and outgoing emails for content, in order to target advertising more effectively.

Mr. Hall graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1995 with a B.A. in Philosophy and obtained his law degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1998. During law school, Mr. Hall was a member of the Fordham Urban Law Journal and a member of the Fordham Moot Court Board. He also participated in the Criminal Defense

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**Education:**

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**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

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In the past, Mr. Campisi has represented Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Fund (as liaison counsel) in *Milbeck v. Truecar, Inc. et al.*, 18-cv-2612 (C.D. Cal.) (\$28.25 million recovered); the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System in *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation*, 08cv7831 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$170 million recovered); State Teachers' Retirement System of Ohio in *In re Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative and ERISA Litigation*, 07cv9633 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$475 million

recovered), one of the largest recoveries in a securities class action; the Virginia Retirement System in *In re Escala Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 06cv3518 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$18 million in cash and stock recovered); the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System in *In re Sequenom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 09cv921 (S.D. Cal.) (\$43 million in cash and stock recovered, as of February 4, 2010, and significant corporate governance reforms) and in *In re Gentiva Securities Litigation*, 10cv5064 (E.D.N.Y.) (\$6.5 million recovered).

Other cases include *Convey v. Jumia Technologies AG, et al.* Index No. 656021/2019 (N.Y. County Supreme Court) (\$3 million recovered); *Schueneman v. Arena Pharms., et al.*, 10cv1959 (S.D. Cal.) (\$24 million recovered); *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc., et al.*, 15cv923 (M.D. Tenn.) (\$25 million recovered); *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. CIV-13-102-W (W.D. Okla.) (\$38.5 million recovered); *In re Violin Memory, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 13cv5486 (N.D. Cal.) (\$7.5 million recovered); *In re Nevsun Resources Ltd.*, 12cv1845 (S.D.N.Y.) (approximately \$6 million settlement); *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*, 07cv5295 (C.D. Cal) (\$624 million recovered), *In re Proquest Company Securities Litigation*, 06cv10619 (E.D. Mich.) (\$20 million recovered), and *Friedman v. Penson Worldwide, Inc.*, 11cv2098 (N.D. Tex.) (\$6.5 million recovered).

Mr. Campisi is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law (*summa cum laude*), where he was a member of the Villanova Law Review and the *Order of the Coif*. Mr. Campisi earned a B.A. from Georgetown University (*cum laude*). Mr. Campisi served as a law clerk to the Late Honorable Herbert J. Hutton, United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

**Education:**

- B.A., cum laude, Georgetown University (1996)
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**Bar affiliations and court admissions:**

- Bar of the State of New York
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits

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Mrs. Campbell's noteworthy cases include: *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities Litigation*, MDL No. 2058 (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Ambac Financial Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-411(NRB) (S.D.N.Y.); *In re Fannie Mae 2008 Securities Litigation*, No. 08-cv-7831(PAC) (S.D.N.Y.), *In re Eletrobras Securities Litigation*, No. 15-cv-5754 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$14.75 million settlement), and *Ollila v. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises Inc.*, No. 3:17-cv-109 (W.D.N.C.) (\$19.5 million settlement).

Mrs. Campbell obtained her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. While attending law school, she successfully represented clients of the Civil Practice Clinic of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and provided pro bono legal services through organizations including the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Mrs. Campbell obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri (*cum laude*).

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**Education:**

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**Bar affiliations and court admissions:**

- Bar of the State of New York (2005)
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Since 2007, Ms. Katcher has been instrumental in some of Kaplan Fox's largest cases, including *In re Air Cargo Shipping Servs. Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1775 (E.D.N.Y.), and a successful bellwether trial in *Neurontin Marketing, Sales Practices & Products Liability Litig.*, MDL No. 1629 (D. Mass.). In addition, Ms. Katcher co-drafted a successful opposition to the first Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss in the sprawling Generic Pharmaceutical antitrust actions, *In re Propranolol Antitrust Litig.*, 249 F. Supp. 3d 712 (S.D.N.Y. 2017) (Rakoff, J.), and continues to work on behalf of the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs in the *Generic Pharmaceutical* antitrust actions now pending before District Judge Cynthia M. Rufe in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, including as part of the briefing team that recently prevailed against the first tranche of motions to dismiss brought

in that litigation. See *In re Generic Pharm. Pricing Antitrust Litig.*, No. 16-CB-27243, 2018 WL 5003450 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 16, 2018).

In addition, Ms. Katcher represents significant corporate clients, including clients listed on Nasdaq, in individual antitrust actions in Packaged Seafood in which she has recently co-argued a key motion to dismiss before District Judge Janis L. Sammartino, obtaining a significant victory where the court upheld jurisdiction over two foreign defendants. See *In re Packaged Seafood Prod. Antitrust Litig.*, No. 15-MD-2670 JLS (MDD), 2018 WL 4222506 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 5, 2018). She is currently part of the co-lead team for the direct purchaser class plaintiffs in *In re Caustic Soda Antitrust Litigation*, 19-cv-00385 (W.D.N.Y.), and is a member of the steering committee representing the indirect reseller plaintiff class in *In re Juul Labs, Inc. Antitrust Litigation*, 20-cv-02345 (N.D. Cal.).

Prior to Kaplan Fox, she was an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and King & Spalding LLP, where she participated in the defense of major companies, including at trial and in arbitration.

**Education:**

- B.A. Oberlin College
- J.D., New York University

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

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**MATTHEW P. McCAHILL** was associated with Kaplan Fox from 2003 to 2005, re-joined the firm in May 2013 and became a partner in 2016. He practices in the areas of antitrust and securities litigation, as well as commercial litigation. From 2006 to early 2013, Mr. McCahill was an associate at Berger & Montague, P.C. in Philadelphia. While focusing on insurance and antitrust class action cases, including *In re Payment Card Interchange Fee and Merchant Discount Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1720 (E.D.N.Y.)

and *Ormond et al. v. Anthem, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:05-cv-01908-TWP-TAB (N.D. Ind.) (related to the demutualization of Anthem Insurance, which settled for \$90 million in 2012), he also represented corporations and bankruptcy trustees in commercial litigation involving claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent conveyance.

Mr. McCahill's practice includes representation of plaintiffs opting out of class actions. He represented large retailers who opted out of the *Payment Card* class to pursue their own antitrust actions against Visa and MasterCard challenging the networks' merchant rules and their interchange (or "swipe") fees. Among the merchants he and the firm represented in that case were E-Z Mart Stores, Inc., Sunoco, LP (formerly known as Susser Holdings Corp., operator of the Stripes® convenience store chain), Jacksons Food Stores, Sheetz, Inc., Kum & Go, L.C., Einstein Noah Restaurant Group, Furniture Row, Inc. and NPC International, Inc. (the world's largest franchisee of Pizza Hut restaurants).

Mr. McCahill is part of the Kaplan Fox team representing large grocery chains and food distributors (including Giant Eagle, Inc., Associated Food Stores, Inc., Affiliated Foods, Inc., Western Family Foods, Inc. and the McLane Company, Inc., among others) in individual actions in *In re Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2670 (S.D. Cal.), alleging price-fixing and other antitrust violations against Tri-Union Seafoods, LLC (d/b/a Chicken of the Sea), Bumble Bee Foods, LLC, and others. Mr. McCahill currently represents some of the same clients in opt-out antitrust litigation against the nation's largest producers of broiler chickens, in *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*, pending in federal court in Chicago. He and other Kaplan Fox lawyers also represented the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System in an individual securities fraud action against Brazilian energy conglomerate Petrobras in *In re Petrobras Securities Litigation*, Civ. Action No. 14-cv-9662 (JSR) (S.D.N.Y.).

Mr. McCahill's current and past involvement in class action litigation at Kaplan Fox includes: *In re Cast Iron Soil Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2508 (E.D. Tenn.), where he represented a proposed class of direct purchasers of cast iron soil pipes and fittings in an antitrust case against the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Co. and McWane, Inc. and its subsidiaries; *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder*

*Derivative Litigation*, No. CIV-13-102-W (W.D. Okla.) (partial settlement of \$38 million); *In re Neurontin Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1479 (D.N.J.) (delayed-generic entry action brought by direct purchasers of Pfizer’s drug Neurontin, which settled for \$190 million following nearly 12 years of litigation).

In 2014, 2015 and 2016, Mr. McCahill was named a “New York Metro Super Lawyer – Rising Star” in antitrust litigation, and was selected as a “Pennsylvania Super Lawyer – Rising Star” (also in antitrust litigation) in 2012 and 2013, and has each year since 2017 been named a “New York Metro Super Lawyer” in antitrust litigation. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania State, New York State and New York City bar associations. Mr. McCahill’s *pro bono* efforts focus primarily on representing Marine Corps veterans in benefits proceedings before the Veterans Administration.

Mr. McCahill is a 2000 graduate of Rutgers College where he received a B.A., *summa cum laude*, in history and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from Fordham Law School in 2003, where he was a member of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. He is fluent in French and proficient in Spanish.

**Education:**

- B.A., History, *summa cum laude*, Rutgers College (2000)
- J.D., Fordham Law School (2003)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bars of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

**Professional Affiliations:**

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
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**MATTHEW GEORGE** is a complex litigation attorney at Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP with a practice focused on data privacy, consumer protection, and employment/labor cases. He has significant experience and expertise handling multidistrict litigation and other coordinated proceedings in state and federal courts involving multiple parties and complex discovery issues.

Matthew has a strong track record opposing Silicon Valley's largest companies in lawsuits involving emerging technology and novel legal issues. He was on Kaplan Fox's lead counsel team in *In re: Apple Device Performance Litigation*, that recovered a settlement of up to \$500 million on claims that Apple violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. In that case he managed third-party discovery of two dozen companies in the U.S. and Asia and first chaired a series of depositions. He is currently court appointed co-lead counsel in *In re: Robinhood Outage Litigation*, representing investors alleging losses attributable to a series of unprecedented outages of Robinhood's trading app in March of 2020. He also represents a certified class of patients alleging that failed blood testing startup Theranos and Walgreens unlawfully experimented on them in *In re: Arizona Theranos Incorporated Litigation*. Matthew has also obtained innovative rulings at the trial and appellate levels on claims against Facebook, Adobe, and Yahoo over mishandling of consumers' personal information and data.

Matthew has also advanced initiatives for underrepresented communities both in and out of court. He was recently co-lead counsel in cases against health care conglomerates CVS/Caremark and Aetna that collectively recovered over \$20 million on behalf of Americans living with HIV when their healthcare information was wrongfully exposed. Matthew has been a longstanding member of BALIF, the Bay Area's (and nation's oldest) LGBTQI+ bar association, where he has volunteered in BALIF's formal mentorship program helping new attorneys enter the profession. He has also been a member of the Consumer Attorneys of California's Diversity Committee, where he co-sponsored an event inclusive of the Bay Area's minority bar associations.

Matthew has been selected by his peers as a "Rising Star" by Northern California Super Lawyers each year from 2011-2014 and was chosen as a "Super Lawyer" in 2016, the first year he was eligible for the distinction and every year since. He has been a regular

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**Education:**

- B.A., Political Science and Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude*, Chapman University (2002)
- J.D., The University of Michigan Law School (2005)

**Publications and Speaking Engagements:**

- Expert Depositions: Promoting Expertise and Limiting Exposure –Bridgeport Continuing Legal Education “Mastering the Deposition” Seminar (January 2017)
- “How Viable Is the Prospect of Private Enforcement of Privacy Rights In The Age of Big Data? An Overview of Trends and developments In Privacy Class Actions” – Competition, The Journal of the Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the State Bar of California, Volume 24, No. 1 (Spring 2015)
- Panel Discussion of Sony Pictures Data Breach Cases – CNBC’s “Squawk On the Street” (December 2014)
- New and Developing Practice Areas – CAOC 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention (November 2014)
- Privacy Law Symposium – University of California, Hastings College of the La (April 2014)
- Update On the Target Data Breach Litigation – HarrisMartin Target Data Breach MDL Conference (March 2014)
- Consumer Privacy Law – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CAOC Class Action Seminar (February 2014)
- Privacy Litigation and Management: Strategies For Protection and Litigation – Bridgeport Continuing Legal Education Seminar (December 2012)
- Class Action Settlement Strategies and Mechanics – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridgeport Class Action Litigation & Management Conference (April 2012)
- Developments In the Arbitration of Wage and Hour Disputes – Bridgeport 2010 Wage and Hour Conference (October 2010)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of California
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern Districts of California, and the District of Colorado
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**Professional Affiliations:**

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**Education:**

- B.S., The University of Rochester
- J.D., The George Washington University
- M.B.A., Finance, The University of Michigan

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of New York
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**Professional Affiliations:**

- New York State Bar Association

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Mr. Schwartz has served on court-appointed lead counsel teams in several notable actions, including *In re Google Play Consumer Antitrust Litig.*, 20-cv-05761 (N.D. Cal.) (ongoing consumer action alleging unlawful monopolization of the Google Play Store), *In re Vale S.A. Sec. Litig.*, 19-cv-526 (E.D.N.Y.) (ongoing securities action alleging misstatements and omissions to investors related to dam safety), and *In re Apple Inc. Device Perform. Litig.*, 18-md-2827 (N.D. Cal.) (consumer action alleging unlawful iPhone throttling that settled in March 2021 for \$310 million).

Mr. Schwartz has also served as counsel to public pension funds and institutional investor clients in matters concerning corporate mismanagement and breach of fiduciary duties. For example, he represented ATRS in *Ark. Teacher Ret. Sys. v. Allianz Global Inv. US LLC*, 20-cv-5615 (S.D.N.Y.), which concerned alleged misconduct and gross mismanagement of three investment funds. Mr. Schwartz also currently represents CalSTRS and the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis in a derivative action arising out of Facebook's many years of allegedly improper data sharing practices. See *In re Facebook, Inc. Deriv. Litig.*, 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.)

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Schwartz served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, Antitrust Section (2014-2017), where he successfully enjoined anticompetitive corporate mergers and prosecuted product-hopping schemes, market allocation schemes, and other unfair trade practices. Notable matters included *FTC v. Penn State Hershey Medical Center* and *U.S. v. Aetna Inc.*

**Education:**

- B.A., University of Wisconsin—Madison (2009)
- J.D., The Pennsylvania State University—The Dickinson School of Law (2014)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Bar of the State of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania; and U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

**Professional Affiliations:**

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association

**Publications:**

- *Effective Merger Enforcement: Is it Time for a Retrospective Study on Cross-Market Provider Transactions*, A.B.A., Section of Antitrust Law, 8 State Enforcement Committee Newsletter 4, 10 (Spring 2017).

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Mr. Uris currently represents investors in several cases, including *Mehedi v. View Inc., et al.* (N.D. Cal.); *Julia Junge and Richard Junge, v. Geron Corp. and John Scarlett* (N.D. Cal.); *Gluck v. Hecla Mining Company* (S.D.N.Y.); *Stadium Capital LLC v. Co-Diagnostics, Inc., et al.* (S.D.N.Y.); and *McGreevy et al., v. Digital Currency Group, Inc., et al.* (D. Conn.). Mr. Uris also currently represents CalSTRS and the Firemen's Retirement System of St. Louis in *In re Facebook, Inc. Deriv. Litig.*, 2018-0307-JRS (Del. Ch.), a derivative action arising out of Facebook's many years of allegedly improper data sharing practices.

Mr. Uris was also a member of the teams that litigated the following cases: *In re: Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) (\$31 million settlement); *Milbeck v. Truecar, Inc., et al.* (\$28.25 million settlement); *Kasper v. AAC Holdings, Inc., et al.* (M.D. Tenn.) (\$25 million settlement); *In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. CIV-13-102-W (W.D. Okla.) (partial settlement of \$38 million); *In re Cast Iron Soil Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2508 (E.D. Tenn.) (\$30 million settlement); and *In re: CSO Hedge Fund Litigation* (\$13.5 million settlement).

In 2022 and 2023, Mr. Uris was named a "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*.

**Education:**

- B.A., *cum laude*, Boston University (2011)
- J.D., Fordham University School of Law (2014)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of New York (2015)
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**Professional Affiliations:**

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Blair has represented consumers in cases involving unfair business practices and consumer fraud, breaches of warranty, invasions of privacy, data breaches, and wiretapping. Prior to joining Kaplan Fox, she was involved in numerous successful recoveries for consumers including *Moore v. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.*, which resulted in a nationwide settlement valued at over \$11 million for purchasers of allegedly defective tampons. Additionally, in 2019, Blair participated on the trial team in *Perez v. Rash Curtis & Associates*, where the jury returned a verdict for \$267 million in statutory damages under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Blair received her Juris Doctor from University of San Francisco School of Law in 2017, where she was a Dean's Scholar and member of the University of San Francisco Law Review. Blair also attended University of San Francisco for her undergraduate degree where she played on the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Team.

**Education:**

- Bar of the State of California (2017)
- J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law (2017)
  - Dean's Scholar
  - USF Law Review
- B.A. in Advertising and Communications, University of San Francisco (2013)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of California (2017)
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Mr. Fox was also a member of the teams that litigated the following cases: *In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation*, *Julia Junge and Richard Junge v. Geron Corp.*, and *In re Allianz Global Investor U.S. LLC Litigation*.

Prior to joining the firm, Brandon worked for about two years as a paralegal at a global defense firm in New York.

**Education:**

- J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (2019)
- B.S. in Political Science, University of Southern California (2014)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

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**Education:**

- J.D., University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law (2019)
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- M.A., *honors*, University of Saint Andrews in Scotland (2002)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

- Bar of the State of California (2006)
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**Education:**

- J.D., St. John's University School of Law (2022)
- M.A., Teachers College, Columbia University (2017)
- B.A., *cum laude*, Mount Holyoke College (2016)

**Bar Affiliations and Court Admissions:**

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Prior to joining Kaplan Fox, Clari worked in corporate defense, honing litigation skills they now bring to bear on behalf of their clients at Kaplan Fox. Clari is a graduate of the U.C. Berkeley School of Law, where they were on the board of the Womxn of Color Collective and a submissions editor for the La Raza Law Journal. During this time, Clari also had the privilege of externing for Justice Tracie L. Brown, Presiding Justice of Division Four of the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco, California.

**Education:**

- Seattle University: B.A. in English Literature; Minor in Int'l. Economic Development (2017)
- U.C. Berkeley School of Law: J.D. (2020)

**Bar Affiliations & Court Admissions:**

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**CHANG HAHN** joined Kaplan Fox as an Associate in 2024 and is a resident of its New York office. The focus of her practice is securities, antitrust and consumer protection litigation. Chang also currently serves on the Technology, Cyber and Privacy Law Committee at the New York City Bar Association and on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee at the New York State Bar Association. Prior to joining the firm, Chang worked at Winston & Strawn LLP and Bathaee Dunne LLP.

While attending NYU Law School, Chang served on the executive boards of Moot Court, Asian Pacific American Student Law Association, Suspension Representation Project, Christian Legal Fellowship, and OUTLaw. She also interned with the New York County Defender Services for over a year and interned for a term with the New York Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Internet & Technology. Simultaneously, she was a

research assistant for Professor Oscar Chase, the New York City Bar Association's Animal Law Committee, Professor Meg Satterthwaite, and Professor Zalman Rothschild.

Prior to law school, Chang graduated *magna cum laude* from UCLA with a major in Political Science and a minor in Labor & Employment Studies admitted to the Bars of the State of New York and Eastern District of Texas.

**Education:**

- New York University School of Law (2021)
- UCLA (2013)

**Bar Affiliations & Admissions:**

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While attending Villanova Law, Matt was a member of the National Trial Team, Black Law Students Association, and Corporate Law Society. He also served as a Teaching Assistant for Professor David Caudill and as a 1L Student Mentor. Additionally, Matt represented indigent clients in the city of Philadelphia as a Student Attorney through the Villanova Civil Justice Clinic. Prior to law school, Matt graduated from Villanova University with a major in Political Science and a minor in Public Administration.

Matt is admitted to the Bars of the State of New York and State of New Jersey.

**Education:**

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (2020)
- Villanova University (2017)

**Bar Affiliations and Admissions:**

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In the area of securities litigation, Mr. Linden has played a leading role in numerous successful class actions, including the following examples. He represented plaintiffs, as lead counsel, in *In re Citigroup Inc Securities Litig.*, 07 Civ. 9901 (S.D.N.Y.), a class action arising out of Citigroup's alleged misrepresentations regarding their exposure to losses associated with numerous collateralized debt obligations. This case settled for \$590 million -- at the time, the largest CDO-related settlement ever, as well as the largest settlement of a fraud-only action. In *In re BISYS Securities Litig.*, 04 Civ. 3840 (S.D.N.Y.), Mr. Linden's representation of a municipal pension fund as co-lead counsel in a securities class action alleging accounting improprieties resulted in a \$65 million recovery. In *In re Laidlaw Bondholder Litig.*, No. 3-00-2518-17 (D.S.C.), Mr. Linden represented, as lead counsel, two major insurance companies and a bondholder class in a securities class action resulting in a \$42.875 million recovery. Finally, he represented several large municipal bond issuers in confidential FINRA arbitrations against large, institutional banks. The claims alleged various misrepresentations and breaches of statutory and fiduciary duties by the underwriters of auction rate securities.

Mr. Linden has handled many notable actions in the consumer protection area as well. He served as Chairman of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re MCI Non-*

*Subscriber Litig.*, MDL No. 1275 (S.D. Ill.), a consumer class action resulting in an approximately \$90 million recovery for the class. In *Carnegie v. Household International, Inc., et al.*, No. 98 C 2178 (N.D. Ill.) he and his firm served as co-lead counsel in a class action against H&R Block and Household Bank (as successor to Beneficial National Bank) for the benefit of taxpayers who had obtained Refund Anticipation Loans (“RALs”). The case alleged that H&R Block and Beneficial National Bank made misrepresentations and charged people undisclosed fees on RALs. After years of litigation and appeals, the case resulted in a settlement of \$39 million in cash. In *In re IDT Corp. Calling Card Terms Litig.*, No. 207 CV 01076 (D.N.J.), Mr. Linden served as lead counsel in a class action litigation against certain related prepaid calling card providers, alleging that they failed to inform consumers sufficiently about the applicable rates and charges for such calling cards, and thereby violated various state consumer protection acts and other laws. The case resulted in a settlement of up to \$20 million in Refund PINs (representing free domestic telephone minutes), \$2 million in charitable donations, and additional relief consisting of enhanced disclosures of calling card charges.

In the healthcare arena, Mr. Linden represented the State of Michigan in *Bill Schuette, Attorney General of The State Of Michigan, ex rel The State of Michigan v. McKesson Corporation, et al.*, No. 11-629-CZ (Ingham Cty. Cir. Ct.), a lawsuit arising out of a scheme to increase the Average Wholesale Prices of hundreds of brand name drugs causing the submission of false claims to the Michigan Medicaid program, and the overpayment of Medicaid pharmacy claims. The court determined that the State had successfully pled a cause for money damages under its Medicaid False Claims Act.

Mr. Linden’s advocacy also has resulted in many notable decisions, including: *Epstein v. MCA, Inc.*, finding a private right of action, and granting partial summary judgment, under Section 14(d)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act; and *In re eBay, Inc. Shareholders Litig.*, finding that investment banking advisors could be held liable for aiding and abetting insiders’ acceptance of IPO allocations through “spinning.”

Mr. Linden has been selected by Super Lawyers for securities litigation. His work has also resulted in recognition in Law360 and the National Law Journal’s “Plaintiffs’ Hot List.”

Prior to going into private practice, Mr. Linden worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's Office for over six years and gained significant trial and appellate experience. He ultimately served as a supervising attorney of that Office's Economic Crimes Bureau.

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