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GIRARD GIBBS

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FIRM RESUME

Girard Gibbs LLP specializes in class action and complex business litigation. Founded in 1995, the firm represents clients throughout the United States in securities, antitrust, product liability, employment and consumer protection actions. Girard Gibbs has represented the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) in several securities actions and currently serves as outside counsel to KPERS with respect to all securities litigation. Girard Gibbs has also served as outside counsel to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, the Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, Allianz of America, Inc., Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Jefferson Life Insurance Company, Preferred Life Insurance Company, AGF Asset Management, Cornhill Life Insurance Company and Merchant Investors Insurance Company Ltd.

The firm's partners are experienced in all aspects of class action practice and complex securities and business litigation. Girard Gibbs seeks to apply its experience as plaintiffs' attorneys to manage and resolve civil litigation effectively and efficiently on behalf of all the firm's clients. The firm also provides consulting and preventive counseling services to corporate clients and professionals on a variety of legal issues.

Girard Gibbs was distinguished as a Tier 1 law firm for plaintiffs' mass tort and class-action litigation in the 2014 "Best Law Firms" list, an annual survey published in the U.S. News & World Report's Money Issue. *The National Law Journal* named Girard Gibbs to its elite "Plaintiffs' Hot List" for 2012, a selection of top U.S. plaintiffs' firms recognized for wins in high-profile cases.

PARTNERS

Daniel C. Girard serves as the firm's managing partner and coordinates the prosecution of various securities, antitrust and consumer legal matters handled by the firm.

He has successfully represented investors and consumers in a series of precedent-setting cases. Some of the cases in which Mr. Girard served as lead counsel include Billitteri v. Securities America, Inc., (\$150 million settlement), In re American Express Financial Advisors Securities Litigation, (\$100 million settlement), In re Prison Realty Securities Litigation, (\$104 million settlement), In re i2 Technologies Securities Litigation, (\$88 million settlement), and In re MCI Non-Subscriber Rates Litigation, (\$90 million). He served as a member of the executive committee charged with managing In re Lehman Brothers Holdings Securities and ERISA Litigation, multidistrict proceedings arising out of the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., the largest bankruptcy in United States history. The Lehman litigation resulted in recoveries of over \$735 million. Mr. Girard served as lead counsel in related litigation on behalf of Lehman noteholders.

He served as a member of the Executive Committee in the Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I, II, III and IV antitrust litigation against numerous natural gas companies for manipulating the market for natural gas in California. The Natural Gas litigation resulted in total settlements of nearly \$160 million. Mr. Girard served as lead counsel in the In re H&R Block Express IRA Litigation, which resulted in a \$19.5 million settlement for low-income consumers. Mr. Girard also represented the California State Teachers Retirement System in litigation in a non-class securities action against Qwest Communications, Inc. and outside auditor Arthur Andersen, resulting in a recovery of \$45 million for CalSTRS.

Mr. Girard currently serves as co-lead counsel in In re Wal-Mart Stores Derivative Litigation, representing CalSTRS in derivative litigation arising out of alleged violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He also serves as co-lead counsel in In re Peregrine PFG Best Customer Accounts Litigation, representing customers of a failed futures commission merchant. He is co-lead counsel for indirect purchasers in the Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation, a multi-district proceeding alleging “pay-for-delay” agreements between pharmaceutical manufacturers. He also serves in leadership roles in several privacy and data breach matters, including the Target Corporation Customer Data Security Breach Litigation, the Home Depot Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation and the Sony Pictures Entertainment case. He also serves as lead counsel in class action proceedings in the Territory of Guam and in Superior Court for the state of Alaska.

Mr. Girard was appointed by the late Chief Justice Rehnquist to serve on the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Civil Rules in 2004, and was reappointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to a second three-year term on the Committee in 2007. As a member of the Civil Rules Advisory Committee’s Discovery Subcommittee, he participated in the Committee’s drafting of amendments governing electronic discovery, summary judgment and expert discovery. He is also a member of the American Law Institute, and serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, a national, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving the process and culture of the civil justice system.

Mr. Girard is the co-author of *Limiting Evasive Discovery: A Proposal for Three Cost-Saving Amendments to the Federal Rules*, 87 DENV. U. L. REV. 473 (2010) and *Managez efficacement vos litiges d’affaires*, Extrait du magazine, Décideurs N°121, November 2010. Other published articles include: *Stop Judicial Bailouts*, The National Law Journal, December 1, 2008, and *Billions to Answer For*, Legal Times, September 15, 2008. He is a frequent speaker on issues of electronic discovery, class actions and financial fraud, and his speaking engagements include the following presentations: *Recent Developments in U.S. Arbitration Law*, Conference on Business Law in Africa, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, October 2012; *Bringing and Trying a Securities Class Action Case*, American Association for Justice 2012 Annual Convention, July 2012; *Panel on Class Actions*, U.S. Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Phoenix, January 2012; *Panel on Paths to (Mass) Justice*, Conference on Globalization of Class Actions and Mass Litigation, The Hague, December 2011; *Contentieux et Arbitrage International: les bons réflexes à acquérir (Litigation and International Arbitration: acquiring the right reflexes)*, Paris, France, March 2011; *Panel on Proposals for Rule Amendments and Preservation Obligations*, United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Francisco, January 2011; *Panel on Dispositive Motions*, 2010 United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, Litigation Conference, Duke Law

School, May, 2010; *Iqbal/Twombly Fallout: Are General Federal Rules Passé?*, ABA, Section of Litigation Annual Conference, April 22, 2010; *Opportunities for Cooperation between Plaintiffs' Counsel in Global Financial Frauds*, Financial Fraud-Background and Litigation Panel, Global Justice Forum, October 16, 2009; *Les tendances des contentieux Américains issus de la crise financière*, Paris, France, May 12, 2009; *Ethical Issues in E-Discovery*, Electronic Discovery and Records Retention Conference, Thomson Reuters, December 10, 2008; *How the Economic Crisis Is Affecting U.S. Class Actions*, Asset Managers Working Group on U.S. Class Actions, Paris, France, October 14, 2008; *Auction Rate Securities: The Real Story*, NERA's Eleventh Annual Finance, Law and Economics Securities Seminar, July 2008; *Electronic Discovery and the Amended Rules After a Year...What's New? What's Next?*, Emerging Ethics Issues in E-Discovery, West LegalWorks, February 26, 2008; *The Subprime Loan Crisis - Strategies for Pension Fund Counsel*, 2008 NAPPA Investment Roundtable, February 7, 2008; *Class Action Litigation in the United States*, Presentation for Japanese Fact-Finding Mission on Class Actions in the United States, June 13, 2007.

Mr. Girard is a member of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association and currently serves as the Section's representative on the Task Force on Federal Preemption. He is past Chair of the Business Law Section's Subcommittee on Class Actions, Co-Chair of the Business and Corporate Litigation Committee's Task Force on Litigation Reform and Rule Revision, and Vice-Chair of the Business and Corporate Litigation Committee. He has served as a guest lecturer on class actions and complex litigation at the UC Davis School of Law, UC Berkeley (Boalt Hall), UC Hastings College of the Law, and Stanford Law School.

Best Lawyers selected Mr. Girard for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012-15) for his work in class action and securities litigation, and also named him the 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" in San Francisco for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Plaintiffs. Mr. Girard has been consistently honored as a Northern California Super Lawyer (2007-2015), and has also earned the distinction of being included in the "Top 100 Super Lawyers" in Northern California. He has been named among the highest class of attorneys for professional ethics and legal skills with an *AV-Preeminent* rating by Martindale Hubbell, and was featured in the 2012 edition of San Francisco's Top AV-Preeminent Rated Lawyers.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School in San Mateo, California from 2003-2008, including three years as board chair from 2005-2008. He served as a volunteer conservation easement monitor for the Peninsula Open Space Trust from 1991 to 2010.

Mr. Girard is a 1984 graduate of the School of Law, University of California at Davis, where he served as an editor of the Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 1979. Mr. Girard is a member of the California Bar.

Eric H. Gibbs specializes in the prosecution of consumer and employment class actions. Mr. Gibbs has served as court-appointed lead counsel, class counsel and liaison counsel in numerous class actions throughout the United States.

He has successfully prosecuted more than 75 class action matters, including cases involving defective products, telecommunications, credit cards, unfair competition, false

advertising, truth-in-lending, product liability, credit repair, employment misclassification and wage and hour under both state and federal law. Some of the recent cases in which Mr. Gibbs served as court appointed class counsel and achieved favorable results for class members include Smith vs. The Regents of the University of California (negotiated a material change in UCSF's privacy practices on behalf of a certified class of current and former patients of the UCSF medical center for unlawful disclosure of confidential medical information); In Re: Pre-Filled Propane Tank Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation (negotiated cash reimbursements of up to \$75 per class member for the purchase of allegedly under-filled propane tanks- Court approval pending), Browne et al. v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (negotiated class settlement providing for cash reimbursements of up to \$150 for rear brake pad replacement expenses in certain Honda and Acura vehicles), Collado v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (negotiated a class settlement providing for a free warranty extension and cash reimbursements for many Prius owners who paid for headlight repairs), In Re Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litigation (negotiated a class settlement providing for cash reimbursements of \$650, or new vehicle credits for up to \$1,300), Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America (achieved nationwide class certification and settlement providing for cash reimbursements for certain flywheel / clutch parts repairs in 2003 Hyundai Tiburons), Refuerzo v. Spansion LLC, (negotiated more than \$8.5 million in cash settlements on behalf of a certified class of former employees in a class action for violations of the WARN Act), In Re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases (negotiated cash reimbursements from \$50 to \$800 per class member vehicle repair), Bacca v. BMW of North America (negotiated reimbursement for sub-frame repair expenses and Nationwide Sub-frame Inspection and Repair Program), and Piercy v. NetZero (achieved nationwide class settlement providing cash reimbursements, and changes in billing and account practices). He conducted a two-week arbitration resulting in a liability and damages award on behalf of a certified class of current and former account representatives of Masco Retail Cabinet Group who alleged they were misclassified under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Mr. Gibbs was appointed as interim class counsel on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in In re Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation, multidistrict litigation alleging that Chase Bank wronged consumers by offering them long-term fixed-rate loans, and then attempting to deny them the benefit of their bargain by more-than-doubling their loan payments. He led recent settlement negotiations in the case, which resulted in a \$100 million settlement with Chase eight weeks prior to trial. He serves as interim class counsel in Milano v. Interstate Battery System of America, Inc., representing purchasers of automobile batteries in a breach of warranty action.

Other significant consumer class actions in which Mr. Gibbs acted in a leadership role include Mitchell v. American Fair Credit Association and Mitchell v. Bankfirst, N.A., which generated one of the largest settlements in the United States under the credit services laws (over \$40 million); Providian Credit Card Cases, which resulted in one of the largest class action recoveries in the United States arising out of consumer credit card litigation (\$105 million); In Re iPod Cases (achieved settlement in California state-court class action alleging material misrepresentations with respect to iPods' battery life, and obtained warranty extensions, battery replacements, cash payments, and store credits for those class members who experienced an iPod battery failure), Roy v. Hyundai Motor America (negotiated nationwide class settlement providing for the repair of allegedly defective passenger-side airbags, reimbursement for transportation related expenses, and an alternative dispute resolution program allowing for trade-ins and buy-backs), Paul v. HCI Direct (achieved nationwide class certification and settlement on behalf of consumers charged for merchandise they allegedly did not knowingly order), Kim v.

BMW of North America (negotiated nationwide class settlement providing for notification program and free vehicle repair related to defective passenger-side airbags), In re LookSmart Litigation, a nationwide class action settlement providing for cash and benefits valued at approximately \$20 million; and Fantauzzo v. Razor, where plaintiffs alleged that defendant marketed and sold electric scooters with defective stopping mechanisms, and the court approved a nationwide class action settlement providing for, among other remedies, a recall of the potentially defective electric scooters.

Mr. Gibbs has lectured on consumer class actions, including as a featured speaker addressing *Strategic Considerations Under CAFA following Supreme Court's Rulings in Shady Grove and Purdue* at the Bridgeport 9th Annual Class Action Litigation Conference; *Current Issues Arising in Attorney Fee Negotiations, Including Best Practices* at the 2010 AAJ Annual Convention; *Dealing With Objectors* at the Consumer Attorneys of California 3rd Annual Class Action Seminar; *What is a Class Action?* at the CAOC Annual Ski Seminar; *After the Class Action Fairness Act* at CAOC's 1st Annual Class Action Seminar; *Class Certification In Consumer Cases* for the Litigation Section of the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association; and *Successfully Obtaining Attorneys' Fees Under Fee-Shifting Statutes* for the Consumer Rights Section of the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association. Mr. Gibbs is the co-author of *Consumer Class Actions in the Wake of Daugherty v. American Honda Motor Company*, CAOC's Forum Magazine, January/February 2009.

Mr. Gibbs was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012-2013) for his work in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions, and was honored as a Northern California Super Lawyer (2010-2013). He also earned the distinction of being included among the "Top 100 Super Lawyers" in Northern California. With an *AV-Preeminent* rating from Martindale-Hubbell, Mr. Gibbs has been named among the highest class of attorneys for professional ethics and legal skills, and was featured in the 2012 edition of San Francisco's *Top AV-Preeminent Rated Lawyers*.

Mr. Gibbs is the co-chair and editor of the Quarterly Newsletter for the Class Action Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice, and is a member of the Board of Governors of the Consumer Attorneys of California. He is a member of Public Justice, serving on the Class Action Preservation Project Committee. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the National Association of Consumer Advocates, the Alameda County Bar Association, and the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

Mr. Gibbs is a 1995 graduate of the Seattle University School of Law. He received his undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University in 1991. Before joining Girard Gibbs, he worked for two years as a law clerk for the Consumer Protection Division of the Washington Attorney General's Office. He is a member of the California Bar.

A. J. De Bartolomeo has more than twenty years of experience in complex litigation, including the prosecution and defense of class actions arising under the securities, communications, consumer protection and copyright laws. Her experience extends to the prosecution of pharmaceutical and medical device litigation as well as the collection of class action recoveries and claims administration in bankruptcy proceedings. She has served as court-appointed lead counsel and class counsel in several class actions throughout the United States, and presently serves as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in three MDL mass tort actions.

Ms. De Bartolomeo served as Lead Counsel in Telstar v. MCI, Inc. (S.D.N.Y.) (achieved settlement for over \$2.8 million in cash on behalf of class of commercial subscribers alleging FCA violations), Lehman v. Blue Shield (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County) (parties negotiated a settlement for over \$6.5 million in cash on behalf of class of subscribers overpaying insurance premiums), Powers Law Offices v. Cable & Wireless, USA (D. Mass.) (Bankr. D. Del.) (achieved settlement for over \$2.2 million in cash after Chapter 7 filing on behalf of Rule 23(b)(3) certified class of commercial customers alleging FCA violations), and In re Cosmo Store Services, (Bankr. C.D. Cal.) (achieved settlement for \$1 million in cash after Chapter 11 filing on behalf of class of unsecured creditor employees). Ms. De Bartolomeo has also held a leadership position in In re American Express Advisors Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.), CALSTRS v. Quest Communications, et al. (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County), Cromwell v. Sprint Communications (D. Kan), and Brennan v. AT&T Corp. (S.D. Ill.). Ms. De Bartolomeo served as second chair in In re MCI Non-Subscriber Rates Litigation (MDL, S.D. Ill.) (\$88 million settlement). From 2005 to 2008, A. J. De Bartolomeo served on the Discovery and Law Committees in the In Re Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 05-1726 (JMR/AJB) (D.Minn.).

Ms. De Bartolomeo is currently court-appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the *Yaz & Yasmin* birth control litigation (MDL 2100) and she also serves as Co-Chair of the Law and Briefing Committee. She is also court-appointed to the Steering Committee in the *Pradaxa* blood thinner personal injury and product liability lawsuits (MDL 2385), coordinated in federal court in East St. Louis, as well as *Actos* diabetes drug personal injury and product liability lawsuits (MDL 2299), coordinated in the Western District of Louisiana.

Ms. De Bartolomeo has been named among the highest class of attorneys for professional ethics and legal skills with an AV-Preeminent rating by *Martindale Hubbel*, and was honored as a *Northern California Super Lawyer* (2013). She is a member of the American Bar Association Sections on Litigation, Business Law and Communications, the American Bankruptcy Institute, Consumer Attorneys of California and the American Association for Justice. In July 2012, she was elected as an officer of the Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus of the American Association of Justice, and she currently serves as Second Vice-Chair. She also is also a former member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, where she was an active participant in the Task Force on Securities Litigation and Damage Calculation, as well as a member of the Council of Institutional Investors.

Ms. De Bartolomeo has been invited to speak on consumer and securities class actions, mass tort actions, as well as the settlement approval process before plaintiff and defense law firms, institutional investors and government committees; most recently, for Bridgeport Continuing Education, the Women's Leadership Summit at the AAJ Annual Convention and the Fact-finding Mission to Class Actions in the United States, sponsored by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and Kyoto Bar Association. She is the author of "*Facilitating the Class Action Approval Process*," AAJ's Women Trial Lawyers Caucus Newsletter, summer 2010.

Ms. De Bartolomeo is a 1988 graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Fairfield University in 1982, and a General Course degree in Economics from the University of London, London School of Economics and Political Science (1981). Before joining Girard Gibbs, Ms. De Bartolomeo was

an associate with Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi and a Staff Attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Enforcement Division). She is admitted to the California Bar. She also is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the First and Ninth Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the District of Michigan, the Southern District of Texas, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

Amanda M. Steiner has more than fifteen years of experience in class action and complex civil litigation. She represents plaintiffs in high-profile and complex securities, antitrust and consumer class actions in federal and state courts throughout the United States. She has been instrumental in achieving recoveries on behalf of class members in Billitteri v. Securities America, Inc., (\$150 million settlement on behalf Provident Royalties and Medical Capital investors) and In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation (\$120 million settlement on behalf of retail investors in Lehman structured products sold by UBS Financial Services, Inc.). She specializes in legal writing at the trial court and appellate levels, and has served as the lead brief writer for many of the firm's successful securities and consumer cases, including Billitteri, Lehman, In re SLM Corporation Securities Litigation, Smith v. The Regents of the University of California, and In re H&R Block Express IRA Litigation.

Ms. Steiner was selected for inclusion in Northern California Super Lawyers in 2012 and 2013, and was named to the Top 50 Women Lawyers of Northern California in 2013. She is a member of the Legal Writing Institute and the American Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Before joining Girard Gibbs, Ms. Steiner handled a variety of class action and complex litigation matters, including cases involving defective products, employment disputes, real estate development, construction and environmental issues, commercial and residential real estate contracts, and lender-related disputes. She served as an extern for U.S. District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, and worked as a law clerk for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Alameda County District Attorney, and the Hopi Appellate Court Clinic and Tribal Law Project.

Ms. Steiner is a 1997 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall), where she served as an Associate Editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law and Articles Editor for the Berkeley Women's Law Journal. She received her undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Carleton College in 1991. She is admitted to practice in California, New York and Washington.

Dylan Hughes specializes in the prosecution of consumer and employment class actions. He represents consumers in cases involving defective products, telecommunications, credit cards, product liability, credit repair, employment misclassification and wage and hour under state and federal laws. Mr. Hughes has extensive experience prosecuting complex automobile-defect cases and helped achieve recoveries on behalf of class members in the In Re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases (settlement of \$50 to \$800 cash reimbursements per class member vehicle repair) and In Re General Motors Cases, a certified California state court class action against General Motors alleging violations of California's "Secret Warranty" law, California Civil Code § 1794.90 *et seq.* Mr. Hughes was also involved in the Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America lawsuit, a class action against Hyundai for engaging in unfair and deceptive practices

by selling vehicles with defective flywheel systems, which resulted in a favorable settlement on behalf of the class.

Mr. Hughes was selected for inclusion in Northern California Super Lawyers in 2012 and 2013. He is a 2000 graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1995. Mr. Hughes was a spring 2000 extern for the Honorable Charles A. Legge of the United States District Court, Northern District of California.

Before joining Girard Gibbs, Mr. Hughes was a law clerk for the Honorable Paul A. Mapes, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Law Judges, United States Department of Labor. Mr. Hughes is a member of the American Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, the Class Action Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice and the Consumer Rights Section of the Barristers Club. He is admitted to the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of California.

Geoffrey Munroe represents plaintiffs in high-profile class action and mass tort cases in both federal and state courts throughout the United States. He was selected as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers (2010-2013), recognizing him as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California. He is the co-author of "*Consumer Class Actions in the Wake of Daugherty v. American Honda Motor Company*," CAOC's Forum Magazine, January/February 2009, and a frequent contributor to the Class Action Litigation Group Newsletter of the American Association for Justice.

Mr. Munroe is a 2003 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), where he was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Torts, Business Law & Policy and Computer Law. He received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 2000. Mr. Munroe is a member of the Public Justice Class Action Preservation Project Committee, the Class Action Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice and the Consumer Attorneys of California. He is a member of the California Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, as well as the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

Dena Sharp has dedicated her practice to representing plaintiffs in complex litigation throughout the United States. She specializes in the day-to-day case management of multifaceted, high-profile cases, and has developed expertise directing complex electronic discovery projects in lawsuits including In re Lehman Brothers Holdings Securities and ERISA Litigation, In re SLM Corporation Securities Litigation, Billitteri v. Securities America, Inc., In re Oppenheimer Rochester Funds Group Securities Litigation, and In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation.

Ms. Sharp is an active member of The Sedona Conference Working Group on Electronic Document Retention and Production, the leading think tank on e-discovery. She has contributed to the federal rule-making process by assisting in drafting proposed revisions to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which have been presented to the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. Ms. Sharp is also a member of the American Bar Association, where she has served as Vice-Chair of the Young Lawyers Division Litigation

Committee, and the Federal Bar Association.

Ms. Sharp has been selected every year since 2009 as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers, recognizing her as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California. She speaks frequently on discovery issues around the country and has served on the faculty of The Sedona Conference Institute, a continuing legal education program featuring federal and state court judges, seasoned litigators, and in-house counsel. She is the co-author of "*Four Views of Consumer Fraud*," CAOC's Forum Magazine, May/June 2012, among other articles.

Ms. Sharp is a 2006 graduate, *cum laude*, of the University of California, Hastings College of Law, where she was a member of the Thurston Society and was the recipient of the Best Oral Advocate Award. She was also the recipient of the Witkin award in her Legal Writing and Criminal Law courses. She received her undergraduate degree in history, *magna cum laude*, from Brown University in 1997. Ms. Sharp was a summer 2005 extern for the Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton of the United States District Court, Northern District of California. Ms. Sharp also served as a spring 2005 extern for the Honorable John E. Munter, San Francisco Superior Court. She is fluent in Spanish and German, and is admitted to the California Bar. She is also admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California and the District of Colorado.

David Stein is a 2007 graduate of the Emory University School of Law, where he was the Executive Notes & Comments Editor for the *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* and authored *Wrong Problem, Wrong Solution: How Congress Failed the American Consumer*, 23 Emory Bankr. Dev. J. 619 (2007). He received his undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2003. Before joining Girard Gibbs, Mr. Stein served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Keith Starrett, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi and to Magistrate Judge Karen L. Hayes, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. He was selected as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers (2013), recognizing him as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California. Mr. Stein is admitted to the California Bar.

ASSOCIATES

Scott Grzenczyk is a 2011 graduate of the University of California, Davis, School of Law, where he was the Chair of the Moot Court Board and the Executive Editor of the *UC Davis Journal of International Law and Policy*. He was the recipient of the Witkin Award for Legal Research and Writing, Best Brief and Best Advocate awards in his moot court class, and numerous awards at national moot court competitions. He was also a member of the Law School's national mock trial team and the law school faculty named him as a member of the Order of the Barristers. Mr. Grzenczyk received his undergraduate degree in political science and certificate in political theory from Princeton University in 2006. He was selected as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers (2013), recognizing him as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California. Mr. Grzenczyk is admitted to the California Bar.

Elizabeth Kramer is a 2013 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law. As a member of the Investor Justice Clinic, Ms. Kramer represented individuals before FINRA and in settlement negotiations to resolve alleged wrongdoing by securities firms. She was also on the board of the Women's Law Association as chair of community outreach. Ms. Kramer

graduated with honors from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a degree in Psychology.

Phyra McCandless is a graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was a member of Law Review and was selected to deliver her class commencement speech. As part of Law Review, she wrote and published “*The Fallacy of Mandating Contraceptive Equity: Why Laws That Protect Women with Health Insurance Deepen Institutional Discrimination*,” 42 U.S.F. L. Rev. 1115 (2008). She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Harvard College and earned a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Prior to joining Girard Gibbs, Ms. McCandless represented plaintiffs in asbestos and tobacco litigation at Brayton Purcell LLP. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow with the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco where she researched and co-authored “*Quid Pro Quo: Tobacco Companies and the Black Press*” in the *American Journal of Public Health*, as well as co-authored commissioned white papers on menthol for the Food and Drug Administration. Ms. McCandless has also served as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow, coordinating the local law student pro bono project at the Public Interest Clearinghouse (now OneJustice). She is a member of the American Public Health Association, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the San Francisco Bar Association, and holds leadership positions in the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. Ms. McCandless is admitted to the California Bar and to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Adam Polk is a 2010 graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. While at Hastings, Mr. Polk externed for Judges Sandra Brown Armstrong and Claudia Wilken of the Northern District of California. Mr. Polk was also active in moot court, chairing the team and winning multiple awards for both oral and written advocacy. He received his undergraduate degree in English and Philosophy from UCLA.

Prior to joining Girard Gibbs, Mr. Polk spent three years at the McNamara law firm, one of the largest firms in the East Bay, where he defended and prosecuted a wide variety of civil litigation matters ranging from catastrophic injury and wrongful death to commercial liability. Mr. Polk has extensive deposition, law and motion, ADR and trial experience. In 2013, Mr. Polk was selected by his peers as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers. He is admitted to the California Bar.

Ashley Tveit is a 2010 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was a member of the Investor Justice Clinic and served as a summer law clerk to the California Attorney General’s Civil Antitrust division. She earned a graduate degree in international relations from Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science and History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has previously worked for Senator Dianne Feinstein and provides pro bono services through the San Francisco Volunteer Legal Services Program. Ms. Tveit is admitted to the California bar.

Linh Vuong is a 2012 graduate of the University of San Francisco, School of Law, where she served as Executive Editor of the *USF Law Review* and a member of the Internet and

Intellectual Property Justice Clinic. She was the recipient of the CALI Award for Excellence in her Legal Ethics course, Best Oral Argument award in her moot court class, and the Intellectual Property & Technology Law Certificate with honors. Ms. Vuong was also a spring 2012 extern and post-bar volunteer law clerk for the Honorable Sandra Brown Armstrong of the United States District Court, Northern District of California in Oakland. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Asian American Studies from UCLA in 2006 and was on the Winter 2004 and Winter 2006 Dean's Honor List. Ms. Vuong is admitted to the California Bar.

Amy Zeman is a 2010 graduate, *magna cum laude*, of the University of California, Hastings College of Law, where she was a member of the Thurston Society and served on the *Hastings Law Journal*. She received her undergraduate degrees in German and Art History and Archaeology, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Missouri in 1998. Ms. Zeman was a spring 2010 extern for the Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel of the United States District Court, Northern District of California. She was selected as a Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers (2013), recognizing her as one of the best young attorneys practicing in Northern California. Ms. Zeman is admitted to the California Bar.

OF COUNSEL

Michael S. Danko is a renowned trial lawyer with more than 25 years of legal experience. He represents individuals who have suffered catastrophic personal injuries, as well as families of wrongful death victims in cases involving product defects, defective medications and medical devices, airplane and helicopter accidents, and dangerous structures. He has tried cases in state and federal courts throughout the country, and has won numerous eight-figure verdicts on behalf of his clients.

Mr. Danko represents dozens of victims of a Pacific Gas & Electric gas explosion and serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a California state coordinated proceeding San Bruno Fire Cases, JCCP No. 4648. He also serves on the Science Committee for Plaintiffs in In Re Yasmin and Yaz (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2100.

In 2009, he won a \$15 million jury verdict for a client injured by a defective aircraft part, which earned him a nomination for 2009 California Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys of California.

Mr. Danko's trial advocacy has helped bring about significant reforms and changes to corporate policies. As lead counsel in In Re Deep Vein Thrombosis Litigation, MDL No. 04-1606 (N.D. Cal.), he represented more than one hundred air travelers who suffered strokes, pulmonary emboli, or heart attacks as a result of airline-induced blood clots. He developed theories of liability and proof regarding the cause of his clients' injuries that led to virtually every major air carrier warning air travelers about the risks of deep vein thrombosis and measures to mitigate those risks. Mr. Danko also represented parents of children who were injured or killed by a popular candy made by a foreign manufacturer. His work in proving that the candy's unusual ingredients and consistency made it a choking hazard resulted in the candy being removed from Costco and Albertson's stores nationwide, and helped lead the FDA to ban the candy from further import into the United States.

He has been named a Northern California Super Lawyer each year since the award's inception in 2004. He is a *Lawdragon 500* finalist. In 2010, he was named one of the Best Lawyers in America. He is a member of the American Association for Justice, the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association and the Consumer Attorneys of California, where he serves on the board of governors. Mr. Danko received his AB degree from Dartmouth College, *magna cum laude*, in 1980, and earned his JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1983.

Kristine Keala Meredith is a trial attorney specializing in product liability litigation. She served as co-lead counsel with Mr. Danko representing more than one hundred air travelers who suffered strokes, pulmonary emboli, or heart attacks as a result of airline-induced blood clots in In Re Deep Vein Thrombosis Litigation, MDL No. 1606.

Ms. Meredith served on the Law and Motion committee in In Re Yasmin and Yaz (Drospirenone) Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2100, where she assisted in the successful opposition to 15 *Daubert* motions in fewer than three weeks.

Before devoting her practice to representing plaintiffs, Ms. Meredith worked on the national defense counsel teams for medical device manufacturers in multi-district litigation including In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 926, and In re Orthopedic Bone Screw Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 1014. She also represented doctors and hospitals in defense of medical malpractice actions, where she worked with some of the world's leading medical experts.

In 2010, Ms. Meredith was named a Northern California Super Lawyer. She is currently an officer of the American Association for Justice and the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. She is also a member of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and the Consumer Attorneys of California. She is a former chair of the Minority Issues Committee of the San Francisco Bar Association Barrister Club.

She obtained her B.S. with honors from the University of California at Davis and was awarded a scholarship to attend Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School. While in law school, she was awarded the Distinguished Student Service Award and spent a semester at Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C., as a member of the faculty/student diversity exchange.

SIGNIFICANT RECOVERIES

Some of the cases in which the firm has had a leadership role are described below:

In re Lehman Brothers Equity/Debt Securities Litigation, Case No. 08-Civ-5523 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). Daniel Girard served on the plaintiffs' executive committee charged with managing multidistrict proceedings arising out of the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., the largest bankruptcy in United States history. Girard Gibbs was appointed class counsel for a certified class of retail investors in Lehman-issued structured products sold by UBS Financial Services, Inc. The plaintiffs alleged that UBS violated federal securities laws by selling the structured products pursuant to offering documents that misrepresented Lehman's financial condition and failed to disclose that the "principal protection" feature of many of the notes depended upon Lehman's solvency. Girard Gibbs negotiated a \$120 million settlement to resolve the claims.

In re Chase Bank USA, N.A. "Check Loan" Contract Litigation, Case No. 09-2032 (N.D. Calif., 2009). Girard Gibbs served on the plaintiffs' executive committee in this nationwide class action lawsuit brought against Chase Bank USA, N.A. after the credit card issuer more than doubled minimum monthly payments and imposed an "Account Service Charge" on customers who had accepted its fixed-rate balance transfer offers. On November 19, 2012, U.S. District Judge Maxine M. Chesney granted final approval of a \$100 million settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co. on behalf of Chase cardholders.

In re SLM Corp. Securities Litigation, Case No. 08-Civ-1029 (WHP). Girard Gibbs served as lead counsel representing investors of SLM Corporation ("Sallie Mae") in litigation alleging that Sallie Mae, the leading provider of student loans in the U.S., misled the public about its financial performance in order to inflate the company's stock price. After achieving nationwide class certification, Girard Gibbs negotiated a settlement that established a \$35 million fund to resolve investors' claims.

Wixon v. Wyndham Resort Development Corp., Case No. C-07-02361 JSW (BZ) (N.D. Cal. 2007). Girard Gibbs served as class and derivative counsel in this litigation brought against a timeshare developer and the directors of a timeshare corporation for violations of California state law. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendants violated their fiduciary duties as directors by taking actions for the financial benefit of the timeshare developer to the detriment of the owners of timeshare interests. On September 14, 2010, Judge White granted approval of a settlement of the plaintiffs' derivative claims.

Berrien, et al. v. New Raintree Resorts, LLC, et al., Case No. CV-10-03125 CW (N.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs filed this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, challenging the imposition of unauthorized Special Assessment fees. On November 15, 2011, the Parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the Special Assessment. On March 13, 2012, the Court issued its Final Class Action Settlement Approval Order and Judgment, approving the proposed settlement.

Benedict, et al. v. Diamond Resorts Corporation, et al., Case No. CV 12-00183 DAE BMK (D. Hawaii). Girard Gibbs filed this class action on behalf of timeshare owners, challenging the imposition of an unauthorized Special Assessment fee. On November 6, 2012, the Parties reached a proposed settlement of the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs on behalf of all class members who were charged the Special Assessment. On June 6, 2013, the Court issued its Final Class Action Settlement Approval Order and Judgment, approving the proposed settlement.

Browne v. Am. Honda Motor Co., Inc., Case No. CV 09-06750 (C.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs and co-counsel served as class counsel in this class action, representing r, plaintiffs who alleged that about 750,000 Honda Accord and Acura TSX vehicles were sold with a defective braking system, causing the rear brake pads to wear out prematurely. Girard Gibbs negotiated a settlement in which improved brake pads were made available and class members who had them installed could be reimbursed in full, up to \$150. The settlement also provided reimbursements to those who replaced their brake pads before the new pads became available. The settlement received final court approval in July 2010.

Sugarman v. Ducati North America, Inc. Case No. 5:10-cv-05246-JF (N.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs served as class counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of Ducati motorcycle

owners. Plaintiffs alleged that the plastic fuel tanks on certain Ducati motorcycles were defective because they degraded and deformed due to an incompatibility with the motorcycles' fuel. On January 12, 2012, the Court fully approved a settlement that provided an extended warranty and repairs for fuel tank expansion issues, and improved parts on behalf of a class of 39,000 owners of 2003-2011 Ducati motorcycles with plastic fuel tanks.

Collado v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., Case No. 2:10-cv-3113-R (C.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs served as lead counsel in this product liability class action alleging a material defect in the HID Headlight System in certain Prius models. The class settlement provided for a free warranty extension and cash reimbursements for many class members who paid for headlight repairs.

Parkinson v. Hyundai Motor America, Case No. CV 8:06-0345 (C.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs served as class counsel in this class action featuring allegations that the flywheel and clutch system in certain 2003 Hyundai Tiburons were defective. The complaint alleged that though Hyundai knew of the defect, it sold the vehicles without telling its customers about the problem and did not cover the repairs under warranty. After achieving nationwide class certification, Girard Gibbs negotiated a settlement that provided for reimbursements to class members for their repairs, depending on their vehicle's mileage at time of repair, from 50% to 100% reimbursement. The settlement also provided full reimbursement for rental vehicle expenses for class members who rented a vehicle while flywheel or clutch repairs were being performed.

In re Sony BMG CD Technologies Litigation, Case No.1:05-cv-09575-NRB (S.D.N.Y.). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this class action for violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030, *et seq.* on behalf of millions of consumers who purchased SONY BMG music compact discs encoded with digital rights management ("DRM") software which limited CD functionality and acted as spyware on the users' computers. Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald granted approval to a settlement that provided for a nationwide recall of certain CDs, the dissemination of software utilities to remove the offending DRM, cash and other compensation for consumers, and injunctive relief governing SONY BMG's use of DRM.

In re iPod Cases, JCCP No. 4355 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Mateo County). Girard Gibbs, as court appointed co-lead counsel, negotiated a settlement conservatively valued at approximately \$15 million, which provided warranty extensions, battery replacements, cash payments, and store credits for those class members who experienced a battery failure. In granting final approval of the settlement, the Hon. Beth L. Freeman said that the class was represented by "extremely well qualified" counsel who negotiated a "significant and substantial benefit" for the class members.

In re PayPal Litigation, Case No. C-02-1227-JF (PVT) (N.D.Cal., S.J. Div. 2002). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action brought against PayPal alleging violations of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act ("EFTA") and California consumer protection statutes. The plaintiffs alleged that PayPal did not comply with the EFTA when restricting access to consumers' PayPal accounts, initiating certain electronic funds transfers, or initiating its error resolution processes. On September 24, 2004, Judge Fogel granted final approval to a settlement valued at \$14.35 million in cash and returned funds, plus injunctive relief to ensure compliance with the EFTA.

In re America Online, Inc. Version 5.0 Software Litigation, MDL Docket No. 1341 (S.D. Fla.). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this MDL proceeding, which centralized 45 class actions. The action involved alleged violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1030 *et seq.*, federal antitrust laws and state consumer protection statutes based on AOL's distribution of its Version 5.0 software upgrade. The Honorable Alan S. Gold granted final approval to a \$15.5 million cash settlement on August 1, 2002.

In Re General Motors Dex-Cool Cases. Case No. HG03093843 (Cal. Super Ct. Alameda County). In these class action lawsuits filed throughout the country, plaintiffs alleged that General Motors' Dex-Cool engine coolant caused damage to certain vehicles' engines, and that in certain other vehicles, Dex-Cool formed a rusty sludge, which caused the vehicles' cooling systems to overheat. After successfully certifying consumer classes in both Missouri and California, General Motors agreed to pay cash reimbursements to class members ranging from \$50 to \$800 per vehicle. On October 27, 2008 the California court granted final approval to the cash settlement.

In re Providian Credit Card Cases, J.C.C.P. No. 4085 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County). Girard Gibbs served as court-appointed co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Providian credit card holders. The lawsuit alleged that Providian engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices by charging its customers unauthorized fees and charges. The Honorable Stuart Pollack approved a \$105 million settlement, plus injunctive relief, which is one of the largest class action recoveries in the United States arising out of consumer credit card litigation.

In re Hyundai and Kia Horsepower Litigation, Case No. 02CC00287 (Cal. Super. Ct. Orange County). Girard Gibbs served as lead counsel in this coordinated nationwide class action against Hyundai for selling more than 1 million vehicles with overstated horsepower ratings over a ten year period. The case was aggressively litigated on both sides over several years. In all, over 850,000 Hyundai owners received notice of the settlement, resulting in over 165,000 claims for up to \$225 in cash and \$325 in services, and a total payout of approximately \$30 million.

In re America Online Spin-Off Accounts Litigation, MDL No. 04-1581-RSWL (C.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs served as court-appointed co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of America Online subscribers who were billed for a second account without their knowledge, authorization or consent. The litigation settled for \$25 million and certain changes in AOL's billing and account practices.

Lehman v. Blue Shield of California, Case No. CGC-03-419349 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County). In this class action lawsuit alleging that Blue Shield engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices when it modified the risk tier structure of its individual and family health care plans, a \$6.5 million settlement was negotiated on behalf of former and current Blue Shield subscribers residing in California. The Honorable James L. Warren granted final approval of the settlement in March 2006.

Roy v. Hyundai Motor America, Case No. SACV 05-483-AHS (C.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs served as court appointed co-lead counsel in this nationwide class action suit brought on behalf of Hyundai Elantra owners and lessees, based on allegations that the passenger air bag system installed on the Elantras was defective. A settlement was negotiated whereby Hyundai agreed to repair the air bag systems, provide reimbursement for transportation related expenses

and an alternative dispute resolution program allowing for trade-ins and buy-backs. In approving the settlement negotiated by Girard Gibbs, the Honorable Alicemarie H. Stotler presiding, described the settlement as “pragmatic” and a “win-win” for all involved.

Telestar v. MCI, Inc., Case No. C-05-Civ-10672-JGK (S.D.N.Y). This class action was brought on behalf of MCI commercial subscribers who were charged both interstate and intrastate fees for the same frame relay on prorate line service during the same billing period. On April 17, 2008, the Honorable John G. Koeltl granted final approval of a settlement for over \$2.8 million in cash.

Powers Law Offices, P.C. v. Cable & Wireless USA, Inc., Case No. 99 CV 12007 (EFH) (D. Mass 1999). Class action brought on behalf of all Cable & Wireless subscribers who were overcharged for recurring and incorrect fees on lines that were not presubscribed to C&W at the time. Girard Gibbs prosecuted the case from 1999 through 2005, and on October 27, 2005, Judge Harrington granted final approval of the \$8 million settlement and the Bankruptcy Judge approved the 30% distribution from the unsecured creditors’ fund of the bankruptcy liquidation proceeds.

Allen Lund Co., Inc. v. AT&T Corp., Case No. C 98-1500-DDP (AJW) (C.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of small businesses whose long-distance service was switched to Business Discount Plan, Inc. Girard Gibbs was appointed class counsel by the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson. The settlement, providing for full cash refunds and free long-distance telephone service, was approved in December 1999.

In re MCI Non-Subscriber Telephone Rates Litigation, MDL Docket No. 1275 (S.D. Ill.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of all MCI subscribers who were charged MCI’s non-subscriber or “casual caller” rates and surcharges instead of the lower rates MCI advertised, and which subscribers expected to be charged. Ten cases were consolidated for pretrial proceedings before the Honorable David R. Herndon, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. Judge Herndon appointed Girard Gibbs as co-lead counsel for the consolidated actions. On March 29, 2001, Judge Herndon granted final approval of a settlement for over \$90 million in cash.

Mitchell v. American Fair Credit Association, Case No. 785811-2 (Cal. Super. Ct. Alameda County); ***Mitchell v. Bankfirst, N.A.***, Case No. C-97-1421-MMC (N.D. Cal.). This class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of California residents who became members of the American Fair Credit Association (“AFCA”). Plaintiffs alleged that AFCA operated an illegal credit repair scheme. The Honorable James Richman certified the class and appointed the firm as class counsel on April 12, 1999. In February 2003, Judge Ronald Sabraw of the Alameda County Superior Court and Judge Maxine Chesney of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted final approval to settlements valued at over \$40 million. *See Mitchell, et al., v. American Fair Credit Association, Inc., et al.*, 99 Cal. App. 4th 1345 (2002) (first reported decision under the California Credit Services Act of 1984).

In re LookSmart Litigation, Case No. 02-407778 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County). This nationwide class action suit was brought against LookSmart, Ltd. on behalf of LookSmart’s customers who paid an advertised “one time payment” to have their web sites listed in LookSmart’s directory, only to be later charged additional payments to continue service. The action involved claims for breach of contract and violation of California’s consumer protection

laws, among other things. On October 31, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Quidachay granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement providing cash and benefits valued at approximately \$20 million.

Steff v. United Online, Inc., Case No. BC265953, (Los Angeles Super. Ct.). This nationwide class action suit was brought against NetZero, Inc. and its parent, United Online, Inc., by former NetZero customers. The Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants falsely advertised their internet service as unlimited and guaranteed for a specific period of time when it was not, in violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code §§ 17500 *et seq.* and the Unfair Competition Law, Business And Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* The Honorable Victoria G. Chaney of the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval of a settlement that provides full refunds to customers whose services were cancelled and additional cash compensation. The settlement also placed restrictions on Defendants' advertising.

Mackouse v. The Good Guys - California, Inc., Case No. 2002-049656, (Alameda County Super. Ct.). This nationwide class action lawsuit was brought against The Good Guys and its affiliates alleging violations of the Song-Beverly Warranty Act and other California consumer statutes. The Plaintiff alleged that The Good Guys failed to honor its service contracts, which were offered for sale to customers and designed to protect a customer's purchase after the manufacturer's warranty expired. In May 9, 2003, the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw granted final approval of a settlement that provides cash refunds or services at the customer's election.

Stoddard v. Advanta Corp., Case No. 97C-08-206-VAB (Del. Superior Ct.). This nationwide class action lawsuit was brought on behalf of cardholders who were promised a fixed APR for life in connection with balance transfers, whose APR was then raised pursuant to a notice of change in terms. The Honorable Vincent A. Bifferato approved a \$7.25 million settlement and appointed firm as co-lead counsel for the settlement class.

Mager v. First Bank of Marin, CV-S-00-1524-PMP (D. Nev.). This nationwide class action was brought on behalf of people who were enrolled in First Bank of Marin's credit card program. In May 2002, the Judge Pro of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada approved a settlement providing for cash and non-cash benefits to class members.

In Re Medtronic, Inc. Implantable Defibrillators Product Liability Litigation, MDL No. 05-1726 (JMR/AJB) (D.Minn.). Girard Gibbs served on the Discovery and Law Committees and provided legal, discovery and investigative support in this lawsuit, following a February 2005 recall of certain models of Medtronic implantable cardioverter defibrillator ("ICD") devices. Approximately 2,000 individual cases were filed around the country and consolidated in an MDL proceeding in District Court in Minnesota. The approximate 2,000 cases were settled in 2007 for \$75 Million.

Billiteri v. Securities America, Inc., Case No. 3:09-cv-01568-F (N.D. Tex.). Girard Gibbs served as lead counsel in an action against broker-dealer Securities America, Inc. and its corporate parent, Ameriprise, Inc. in connection with sales of investments in the Provident Royalties and Medical Capital investment schemes. Mr. Girard coordinated negotiations resulting in a \$150 million settlement, with \$80 million allocated to class plaintiffs represented by Girard Gibbs and \$70 million allocated to individual investors who had initiated arbitration proceedings. The settlements returned over 40% of investment losses.

In re American Express Financial Advisors Securities Litigation, Case No. 04-cv-01773-DAB (S.D.N.Y.). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this class action, brought on behalf of individuals who bought financial plans and invested in mutual funds from American Express Financial Advisors. The case alleged that American Express steered its clients into underperforming “shelf space funds” to reap kickbacks and other financial benefits. On July 13, 2007, the Court granted final approval to a cash settlement of \$100 million in addition to other relief.

Scheiner v. i2 Technologies, Inc., et al., Case No. 3:01-CV-418-H (N.D. Tex.). Girard Gibbs represented lead plaintiff, the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, and served as co-lead counsel in this securities fraud class action on behalf of investors in i2 Technologies. The Honorable Barefoot Sanders approved cash settlements for \$88 million from the company, its officers and its former auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP. As part of the settlement, i2 agreed to institute significant corporate governance reforms.

CalSTRS v. Qwest Communications, et al., Case No. 415546 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Francisco County). Girard Gibbs represented the California State Teachers Retirement System in this opt-out securities fraud case against Qwest Communications, Inc. and certain of its officers and directors, as well as its outside auditor Arthur Andersen. The case resulted in a precedent-setting \$45 million settlement for California school teachers.

In re Winstar Communications Securities Litigation, Case No. 01 Civ. 11522 (S.D.N.Y) Girard Gibbs represented Allianz of America, Inc., Fireman’s Fund and other large private institutional investors in federal securities litigation against Grant Thornton and other defendants arising out of plaintiffs’ investments in Winstar Communications, Inc. The firm achieved a private settlement on the eve of trial that provided a recovery rate more than 30 times higher than what class members received in the related class action. The recovery (after attorneys’ fees) returned a remarkable 78.5% of the losses plaintiffs likely would have been able to recover at trial.

In re Prison Realty Securities Litigation, Case No. 3:99-0452 (M.D. Tenn.). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this securities class action brought on behalf of investors against a real estate investment trust and its officers and directors, following defendants’ alleged false statements made in the context of a merger between Corrections Corporation of America and CCA Prison Realty Trust and subsequent operation of the merged entity. On February 13, 2001, the Court granted final approval to a settlement for over \$120 million in cash and stock.

In re Digex, Inc. Shareholder Litigation, Consol. Case No. 18336 (Del. Ch. Ct. 2000). Girard Gibbs represented the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, one of two institutional lead plaintiffs in this lawsuit whereby minority shareholders of Digex, Inc. sued to enjoin MCI WorldCom’s planned acquisition of a controlling interest in Digex through a merger with Intermedia Communications, Inc., the majority shareholder. In a settlement approved by Delaware Chancery Court on April 6, 2000, a fund consisting of \$165 million in MCI WorldCom stock and \$15 million in cash was secured for Digex shareholders, as well as non-cash benefits valued at \$450 million.

In re Oxford Tax Exempt Fund Securities Litigation, Case No. WMN-95-3643 (D. Md.). Girard Gibbs served as co-lead counsel in this class and derivative litigation brought on behalf of a real estate limited partnership with assets of over \$200 million. Settlement providing

for exempt issuance of securities under section 3(a)(10) of Securities Act of 1933, public listing of units, and additional settlement benefits valued at over \$10 million approved January 31, 1997.

Calliott v. HFS, Inc., Case No. 3:97-CV-0924-L (N.D. Tex.). Girard Gibbs intervened on behalf of an institutional client in this securities class action arising out of bankruptcy of Amre, Inc., a seller of home remodeling and repair services. Girard Gibbs was designated lead plaintiff's counsel under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Settlements for \$7.3 million were approved August 1999 and December 2000.

In re Total Renal Care Securities Litigation, Case No. 99-01750 (C.D. Cal.). This securities fraud action arose out of restatement of earnings by a healthcare provider, brought under the PSLRA by the Louisiana Teachers' Retirement System and the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System. The case settled for \$25 million and issuer's commitment to adopt comprehensive corporate governance reforms. Girard Gibbs served as liaison counsel.

In re Towers Financial Corporation Noteholders Litigation, MDL No. 994 (S.D.N.Y.). This securities and RICO class action was brought against promoters and professionals associated with failed investment scheme described by United States Securities and Exchange Commission at the time as the "largest Ponzi scheme in U.S. history." The case resulted in \$6 million in partial settlements, and a \$250 million judgment entered against four senior Towers executives. Girard Gibbs served as liaison counsel and as a plaintiffs' executive committee member. See Dinsmore v. Squadron, Ellenoff, Plesent, Sheinfeld & Sorkin, 945 F. Supp. 84 (S.D.N.Y.1996), rev'd, No. 97-7011, 1998 U.S. App. LEXIS 1448 (2d Cir. Jan. 28, 1998); In re Towers Financial Corporation Noteholders Litigation, 177 F.R.D. 167 (S.D.N.Y. 1997) ("class counsel—particularly Plaintiffs' Liaison counsel, Daniel Girard—has represented the plaintiffs diligently and ably in the several years that this litigation has been before me").

In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Girard Gibbs serves as liaison counsel in this multi-district antitrust litigation against numerous TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) manufacturers alleging a conspiracy to fix prices, which has achieved settlements of more than \$400 million to date.

In re Natural Gas Antitrust Cases I, II, III and IV, J.C.C.P. No. 4221 (Cal. Super. Ct. San Diego County). Girard Gibbs served in a leadership capacity in this coordinated antitrust litigation against numerous natural gas companies for manipulating the California natural gas market, which has achieved settlements of nearly \$160 million to date.

Ho v. San Francisco Unified School District, Case No. C-94-2418-WHO (N.D. Cal.). This civil rights action was brought on behalf of a certified class of San Francisco public school students of Chinese descent to terminate racial and ethnic quotas imposed under 1983 desegregation consent decree. See Ho v. San Francisco Unified Sch. Dist., 965 F. Supp. 1316 (N.D. Cal. 1997), aff'd 147 F.3d 854 (9th Cir. 1998); see also 143 Cong. Rec. S6097, 6099 (1997) (statement of United States Senator Hatch referring to testimony of class representative before Senate Judiciary Committee).