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ABOUT LIEFF CABRASER HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP

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Lieff Cabraser takes great pride in the leadership roles we have played in many landmark decisions and precedent-setting rulings. Our attorneys often serve as court-appointed Plaintiffs' Lead or Class Counsel in state and federal-coordinated, multi-district, and complex litigation cases. Our firm enjoys a reputation for professional integrity and for the efficient, aggressive and responsible prosecution of our clients' claims. For the past three years, *The National Law Journal* ranked our firm as one of the top plaintiffs' law firms in the United States.

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