

# 2015: Super Forever...



## Key Considerations for Trustees in Deciding to Join a Class Action

### National and International Trends in Class Action Litigation

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## EU Accuses 13 Banks of Colluding in Lucrative CDS Market

### Bloomberg

## Currency Spikes at 4 P.M in London Provide Rigging Clues

August 27, 2013

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Euro - Czech Koruna

July 31, 2012



British Pound - U.S. Dollar

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### News Briefing

Gold price \$ per troy ounce



## Forex probes trigger shake-out

Shift from human to computer gathers pace  
 IFRS among banks to

around old-fashioned trading over the phone has prompted a rethink among banks and their clients.

fixes are speeding up a reshaping of opaque and lucrative businesses to become more heavily regulated, less risky, but

through its Neo platform, in line with overall markets where 65 per cent of the fix in a day in spot trading is electronic,

"Anecdotally, I am hearing that volumes at the fix have collapsed as negative publicity has prompted a rethink and clients

### The Short View

James Mackintosh



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL July 13, 2013

## Funds' Suit Alleges Antitrust Violations on Swaps

By KATY BURNE

Big banks are facing new allegations they conspired to control pricing and access in the lucrative credit derivatives markets.

Three Danish pension funds and their investment-management company filed a lawsuit

of billions of dollars." They asked the court for injunctive relief in addition to monetary damages, which they didn't specify.

Credit-default swaps are insurance-like contracts designed to pay out when a country or a company defaults on its debts.

The move by authorities comes for

That suit was amended Friday to include additional allegations.

The Sheet Metal Workers suit said the banks' control of the credit-default-swaps market led them to overcharge customers by about \$7 billion a year. The pension plan said damages could be in the billions of dollars.

The Danish funds' suit also comes on the

Association, a global financial trade body.

The banks named in the U.S. suits were: Bank of America Corp., Barclays PLC, BNP Paribas SA, Citigroup Inc., Credit Suisse Group AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman Sachs Group Inc., HSBC Holdings PLC, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Morgan Stanley, Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC

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## The Banks Overhauled Swaps

Traders Conspired to Fix Access

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## Interest Rate Probe Escalates

### Rate-Rigging at UBS 'Routine'

By David Enescu  
And Jane Engemann

Authorities in the U.S., U.K. and Switzerland pulled back the curtain Wednesday on a vast effort led by UBS AG to rig a variety of key benchmark interest rates, showing that attempts to corrupt one of the world's most influential financial instruments were far more pervasive—and perhaps successful—than previously understood.

UBS agreed to pay roughly \$1.5 billion to settle charges that involve the London interbank offered rate and other benchmarks, and its unit in Japan, where much of the wrongdoing took place, pleaded guilty to fraud. U.S. prosecutors also charged two former UBS traders with criminal conspiracy, a watershed moment following years of banking crises that have yielded few criminal prosecutions.

UBS itself isn't facing any criminal charges; Justice Department officials said they decided not to charge the Zurich-based parent, fearing such a move could endanger

everything from the values of complex derivatives to the monthly interest rates many people pay on their mortgages, has been brewing for years. A \$450 million settlement over Libor-rigging at Barclays PLC last summer quickly led to the ouster of the bank's chairman and chief executive.

But Wednesday's deal with UBS paints a picture of wrongdoing that was more widespread and longer, and is one reason the penalty is more than three times the size of Barclays's. The settlement—one of the largest ever assessed against an individual bank—also could signal larger-than-expected settlements at other banks under investigation, and years of costly lawsuits filed by aggrieved customers and trading partners.

UBS's pervasive attempts to rig the rates mean that every version of Libor and other benchmarks in which UBS was involved "is at risk of having been improperly influenced" between 2005 and 2010, the U.K.'s Financial Services Authority said Wednesday. That represents a major

In Their Own Words | Examples of how traders rigged Libor rates over years



May 2007

Trader C: "we would like higher fixing in 6M1F thank you for you?"

Trader D: "yup - I'm square on 6moes today"

Trader C: "tk's very much"

\*From instant chats and other client communications obtained by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority's secret

May 2009

Trader A: "could you do me fav you think moving you'd? 5mb bit today. I have a gigantic fl short can't sell anymore just

Trader E: "I can do that"

Trader A: "thank!"

Bank sanctioned over Libor rigging • Diamond to waive bonus • Probes of other groups continue

### Barclays fined a record \$450m

By Brooke Masters and Caroline Spurgeon in London and Jane Engemann in New York

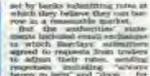
The U.K. regulator has fined Barclays a record \$450 million for manipulating the London interbank offered rate, a benchmark interest rate that is used globally to set the price of everything from credit card fees to mortgages. The fine is the largest ever levied by the U.K. regulator.

### Barclays' C.E.O. Resigns As Bank Frames a Defense

By BEN PROFFER and MARK SCOTT

When Barclays bank manipulated key interest rates to bolster profits during the 2008 financial crisis, senior executives said they were following a common practice that regulators implicitly au-

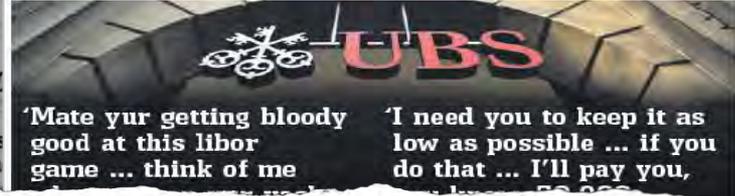
know about the practice. Investigators cast some doubt on Barclays' view. The bank never explicitly told regulators that it was reporting false interest rates that amounted to manipulation, according to regulatory documents.



Clude. I love you big

### Rate-rigging at Barclays was 'pervasive'

Comment, Page 9  
12  
rate-rigging, Page 10  
and 11



'Mate yur getting bloody good at this libor game ... think of me

'I need you to keep it as low as possible ... if you do that ... I'll pay you,

### As Unit Pleads Guilty, UBS Pays \$1.5 Billion Over Rate Rigging

UBS, the Swiss banking giant, announced a record settlement with global authorities on Wednesday, agreeing to a combined \$1.5 billion in fines for its role in a multi-year scheme to manipulate interest rates.

### Rates in 'Epic' Plot

 **UBS** \$1.52 billion

 **RBS** \$1.14 billion

 **Rabobank** \$1.07 billion

 **Deutsche Bank** \$989 million



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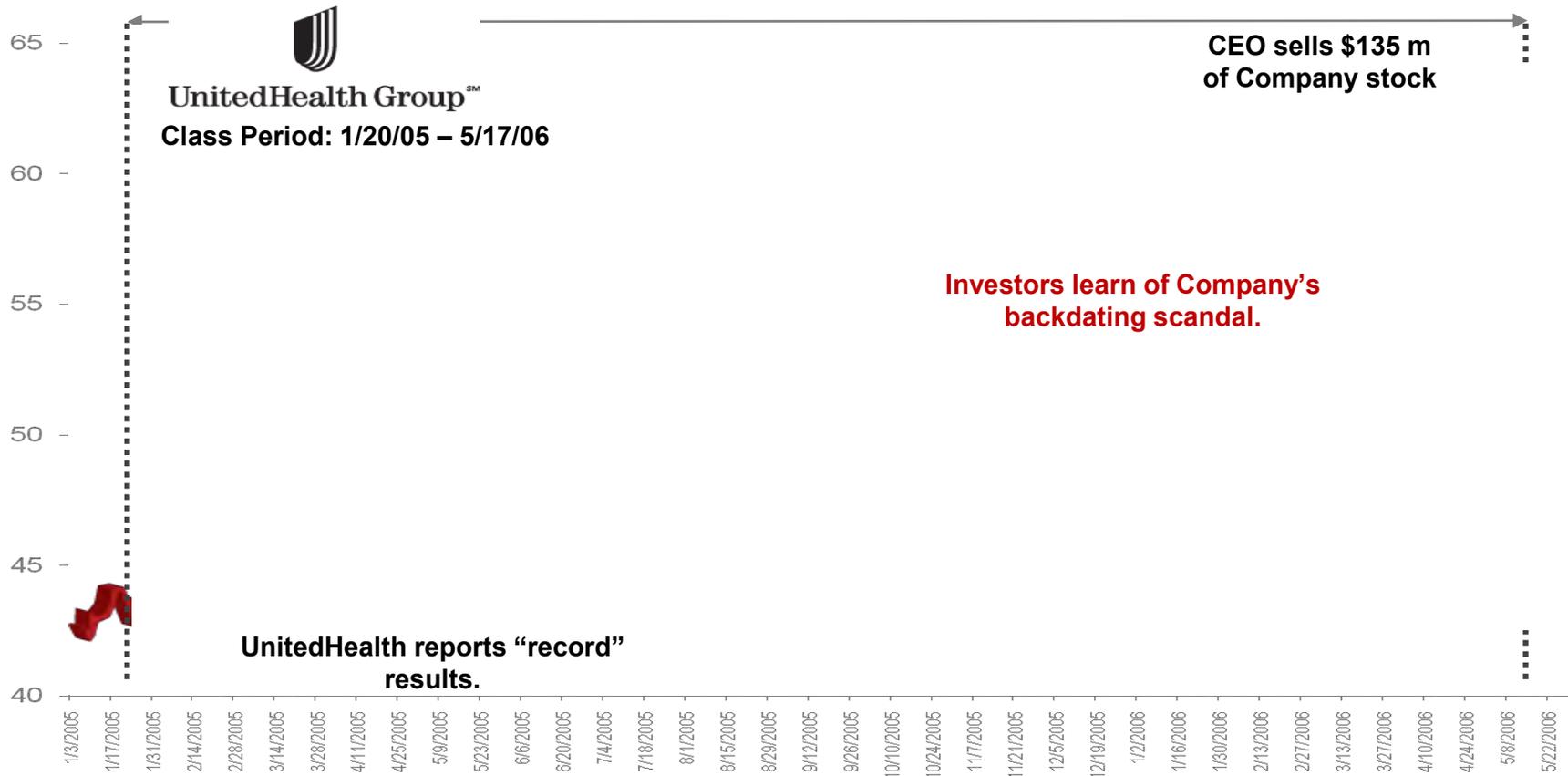
## **HOW DO A COMPANY'S STATEMENTS AFFECT ITS STOCK PRICE?**



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Cover story: 2007 executive compensation report

# Stocks may fall, but pay doesn't

Many boards award CEOs big packages despite performance



By Greg Farrell and Barbara Hansen  
USA TODAY

Warren Buffett says it's only when the tide goes out that you learn who's been swimming naked.

If that's the case, investors should keep their children away from the beach this proxy season, because the tide went way, way out for Corporate America in 2007, exposing all sorts of embarrassing details about business strategies and CEO compensation.

How embarrassing?

KB Home had an abysmal year, losing \$929 million on revenue of \$6.4 billion. Shareholders also suffered from the home builder's anemic performance, as the company's share price dropped from \$53 last February to the high teens by November.

But CEO Jeffrey Mezger weathered the storm. In addition to his \$1 million base salary, he was awarded a \$6 million cash bonus for 2007. In explaining the bonus, the board of KB Home said Mezger exceeded the objectives set for him, which included strengthening the company's balance sheet and rebuilding the

senior management team.

So it goes in the topsy-turvy world of executive compensation, a land like Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon, where each CEO is above average.

"This shouldn't be like the fourth-grade soccer team, where everybody gets a trophy," says Neill Milrow, editor at The Corporate Library, a governance research firm. "This is the big time. This is why they pay these guys the big bucks."

Do they ever. A USA TODAY review of CEO



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## Wall Street executives defend pay packages

'As our company did well, I did well,' Countrywide chief Mozilo says

Janet Whitman, *Financial Post*

Published: Saturday, March 08, 2008



Tim Sloan, AFP, Getty Images

### Crisis call Wall Street leaders defend pay packages



Wall Street leaders at the centre of the pay packages which went before a House committee yesterday to answer accusations they were overpaid. Pictured from left are Citicorp's former Citigroup chief executive Robert Prince, Time Warner chief executive and Citigroup director Dan O'Neal, former Merrill Lynch chief executive John Prince, chairman of Merrill's compensation committee Angelo Mozilo, Countrywide chief executive and Wells Fargo's former chairman of Government's compensation committee, Mark Moles, and his compensation committee member. The committee will report on the pay packages. Page B1 www.ft.com

- Mr. O'Neal (**Merrill**) received a \$160 million retirement package when he left Merrill Lynch.
- Mr. Prince (**Citigroup**) was awarded a \$10 million bonus and \$28 million in unvested stock options from Citigroup.
- Mr. Mozilo (**Countrywide**) has received more than \$138 million from compensation and stock sales.

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Mozilo of Countrywide  
cashes out....

The New York Times



Los Angeles Times September 29, 2007



## Countrywide CEO sold big as stock dropped

Jamie Rector / Bloomberg News  
Quick changes in Mozilo's trading plan raise red flags, experts say. The mortgage firm says the sales were in line with company policy.  
By Kathy M. Kristof, Los Angeles Times



# Countrywide®

## As the Company swept



2/18/201

## No criminal charges against ex-Countrywide chief Prosecutors say Angelo Mozilo did not commit a crime during mortgage meltdown

LOS ANGELES — Federal prosecutors have ended a criminal investigation of Countrywide Financial Corp. co-founder Angelo Mozilo without bringing any charges, a person close to the investigation said Friday.

The federal official told The Associated Press that the probe launched in 2008 into the actions of the former chief executive of the housing giant during the mortgage meltdown has been closed with no indictments. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation was never publicly announced, and the Department of Justice as a policy does not announce the closing of investigations.

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September 15, 2013



## Still no charges for Wall Street execs five years after crash

By James O'Toole [@jtotoole](#) September 15, 2013: 10:10 AM ET



It's been five years since the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the peak of the financial crisis, but the wait for criminal cases against bankers continues.

"It's a gross miscarriage of justice," said Dennis Kelleher, president of the financial reform group Better Markets. "How can you have the biggest crash since 1929, causing the worst economy since the Great Depression, and not a single person at a major, politically connected, too-big-to-fail Wall Street bank is held accountable?"

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The New York Times  
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## Jury Clears Ex-Citigroup Manager Of Charges

By PETER LATTMAN

A federal jury on Tuesday cleared a Citigroup executive of wrongdoing in connection with

### Jury Clears Ex-Citigroup Manager Of Charges

From First Business Page  
and several other pages, appeared to take the jury's message to heart.

"We respect the jury's verdict and will continue to aggressively pursue misconduct arising out of the financial crisis," he said.

The S.E.C. had filed separate civil fraud charges against Citigroup in connection with the C.D.O. deal, but none of the bank's senior managers were named in the lawsuit. Mr. Stoker was the only individual Citigroup executive charged in the case.

Mr. Stoker's lawyer, John W. Keher, had depicted his client as a scapegoat for Wall Street wrongdoing. While decrying the "high-stakes, high-level gambling" that banks had engaged in during the housing boom, Mr. Keher urged the jury to set aside any distaste that it had for the financial industry's questionable



Robert Khazzari, the S.E.C.'s director of enforcement, said the department would continue to pursue misconduct.

ter behind us."

The trial of Mr. Stoker served as a referendum on a questionable practice that became prominent in the run-up to the housing market's collapse: selling clients complex securities tied to mortgages while simultaneously selling against those same securities.

As real estate prices peaked in the middle of the last decade, Citigroup and other banks divested

ly studied the C.D.O. with some mortgages that the bank thought would lose value and then took the opposite view of its clients. And Mr. Stoker reportedly failed to include this information in the C.D.O.'s marketing materials, the government said.

"Citigroup stacked the deck and Brian Stoker dealt the cards," said Jeffrey Haldose, a lawyer for the S.E.C., during his closing statement.

Mr. Stoker pro-

## A setback in the effort to hold Wall Street accountable.

### The trial brought to light questionable and complex mortgage practices.

### JUROR:

"This verdict should not deter the S.E.C. from continuing to investigate the financial industry, review current regulations and modify existing regulations as necessary," said the statement, which was read aloud by Judge Jed S. Rakoff in Federal District Court in Manhattan on Tuesday.

group executive, with negligence related to his role in creating exotic mortgage securities known as collateralized debt obligations, or C.D.O.'s. In a lawsuit filed last

Both the  
appended Judge Rakoff's  
of the securities. In March,  
a federal appeals court ruled that  
Judge Rakoff might have over-  
stepped his authority in sending  
the deal.

Danielle Rosemer-Agullo, a  
Citigroup spokeswoman, said the  
bank agreed with the jury's ver-

structure — which was called  
Class V Funding III — that is sold  
to a group of sophisticated invest-  
ors, including the bond insurer  
Ambac Financial Group and  
Koch Global Capital, an invest-  
ment vehicle controlled by the  
billionaire Koch brothers.

The S.E.C. contended that Cit-

Stoker was read. When Mr. Keher  
threw his arm around him, Mr.  
Stoker appeared overcome with  
emotion. As the jurors left the  
courtroom, Mr. Stoker tried to  
connect with them, silently sig-  
naling his thanks with a grin and  
a nod of his head.

"We're grateful that justice

July 31, 2012

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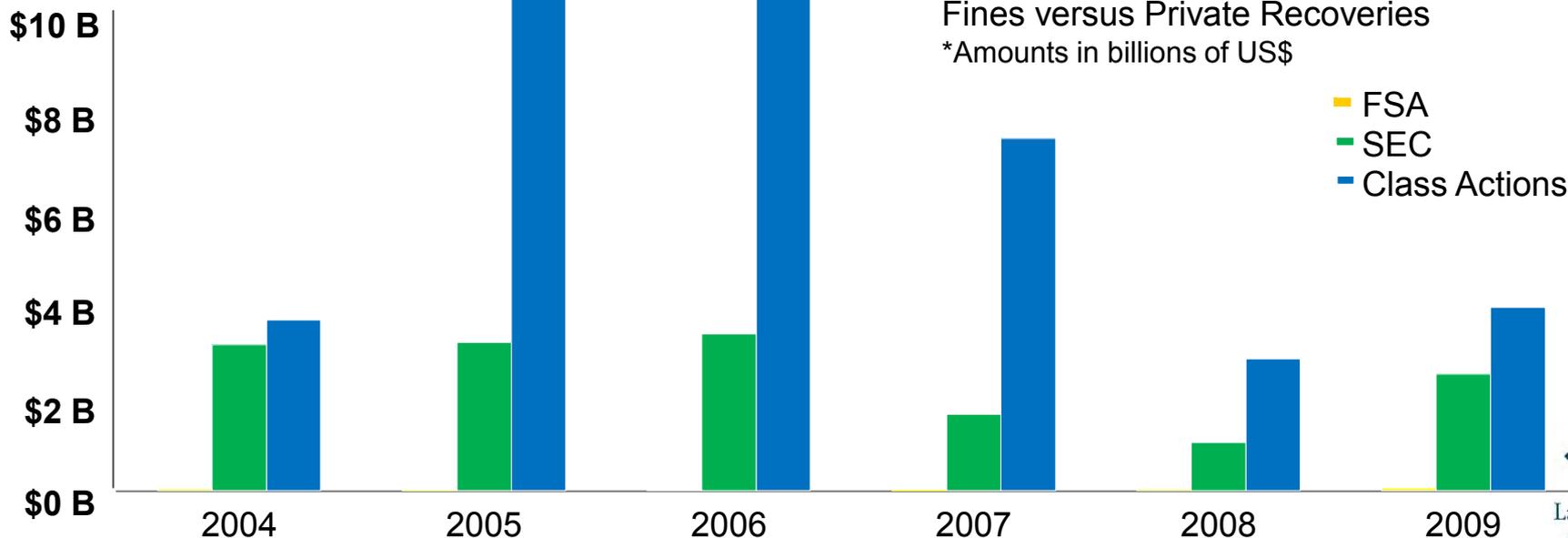
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## Investors are the Most Effective Market Regulators

Comparison of UK FSA and US SEC  
Fines versus Private Recoveries

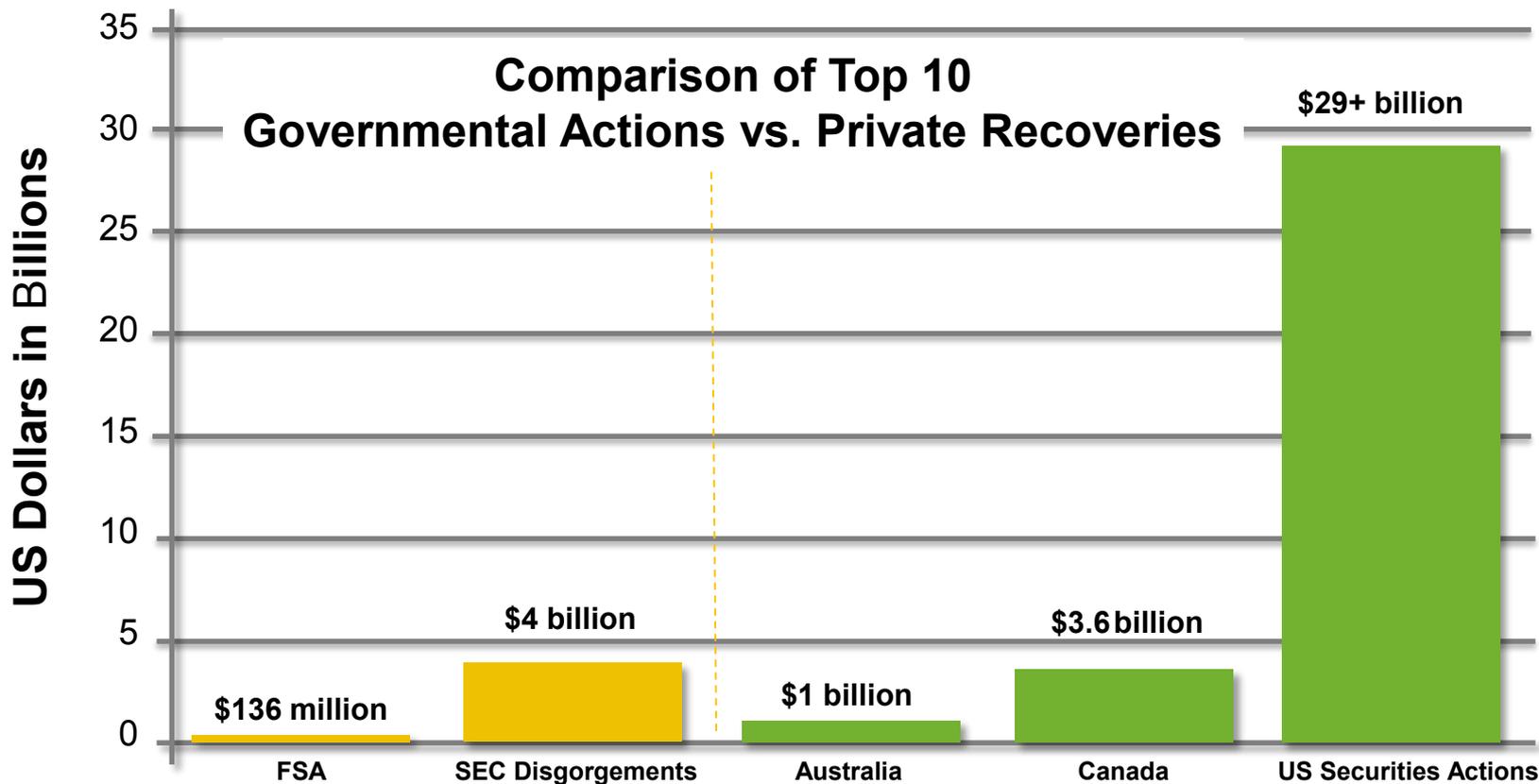
\*Amounts in billions of US\$



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## The New York Times

December 4, 2007

### Accounting Errors Cause Plunge in VeriFone Shares

By BLOOMBERG NEWS

VeriFone Holdings, the maker of electronic-payment equipment, lost nearly half its market value in New York trading yesterday after accounting errors erased four-fifths of pretax profit for the first nine months of 2007.

The record 46 percent slide in the stock wiped as much as \$1.79 billion off VeriFone's market value. Pretax profit was probably about \$29.7 million lower than reported, VeriFone, which is based in San Jose, Calif., said yesterday. The company said it had made errors in valuing inventory in transit as well as in allocating manufacturing and distribution costs to inventory.

In September, VeriFone said nine-month pretax profit fell to \$37 million from \$69.9 million a year earlier because of costs associated with its takeover of Lipman Electronic Engineering in 2006. Revenue rose to \$666 million, from \$424 million, because Lipman sales were added.

Shares of VeriFone fell as much as \$24.36, to a price of \$23.67, before closing at \$26.03 a share, a drop of \$22.. Before yesterday, shares had risen 36 percent this year.

The company's equipment is used by retailers at checkout counters to process credit card transactions. Its electronic-payment device for credit cards was the first approved for use by New York City's 13,000 medallion taxis.

VeriFone said it expected to have restated nine-month earnings and fourth-quarter results completed in January.

"I am very disappointed to have to bring you this news and am committed to ensuring that we promptly and thoroughly remedy this situation," the chief executive, Douglas G. Bergeron, said in the statement. "I am committed to regaining your confidence in VeriFone."

The board ordered delaying the release of fourth-quarter results, originally scheduled for Thursday this week, pending the restatements. VeriFone said it expected to report revenue for its fiscal year ended Oct. 31 of about \$904 million. Fourth-quarter sales probably reached \$238 million, it said.



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Under the judgments, both defendants will be enjoined from committing securities law violations of the nature of the wrongdoing alleged in the complaint, and defendant Periolat will pay a \$25,000 fine.

Facsimile: 415-705-2501

The Court previously denied, without prejudice, the request of the National Elevator Industry Pension Fund for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief herein, objecting to the settlement agreement between the parties. Because National Elevator will not have the opportunity to renew its request before the stipulations are evaluated, its previously submitted brief will be considered *sua sponte*.

24 Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has filed a Complaint for  
25 Permanent Injunction and Other Relief ("Complaint") in this action and Defendant Paul Periolat  
26 ("Defendant") has entered a general appearance and has submitted the Consent of Paul Periolat

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24 Permanent Injunction and Other Relief ("Complaint") in this action and Defendant VeriFone  
25 Holdings, Inc. ("VeriFone") has entered a general appearance and has submitted the Consent of

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**\$95 M Recovery**

Courthouse News Service  
**Verifone Securities Class Action for \$95 Million**

By PHILIP A. JANQUART

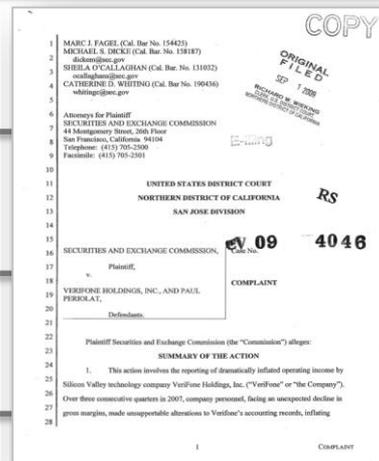
(CN) - Shareholders and securities regulators will accept \$95 million to settle claims over share prices in Verifone that dropped 45 percent, a federal judge ruled.

After shares in Verifone dropped over 45 percent in one day in December 2007, the San Jose-based maker of electronic-payment systems admitted that it had misstated earnings for three consecutive quarters.

Nine groups of investors immediately filed suit for securities fraud, and the Securities Exchange Commission followed suit in 2009. Those cases were eventually consolidated with the National Elevator Industry Fund as lead plaintiff.

**\$ 0 mil**

**Private Action**



**\$25 K SEC Settlement**

**SEC**

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## Background

### Class Action Lawsuits

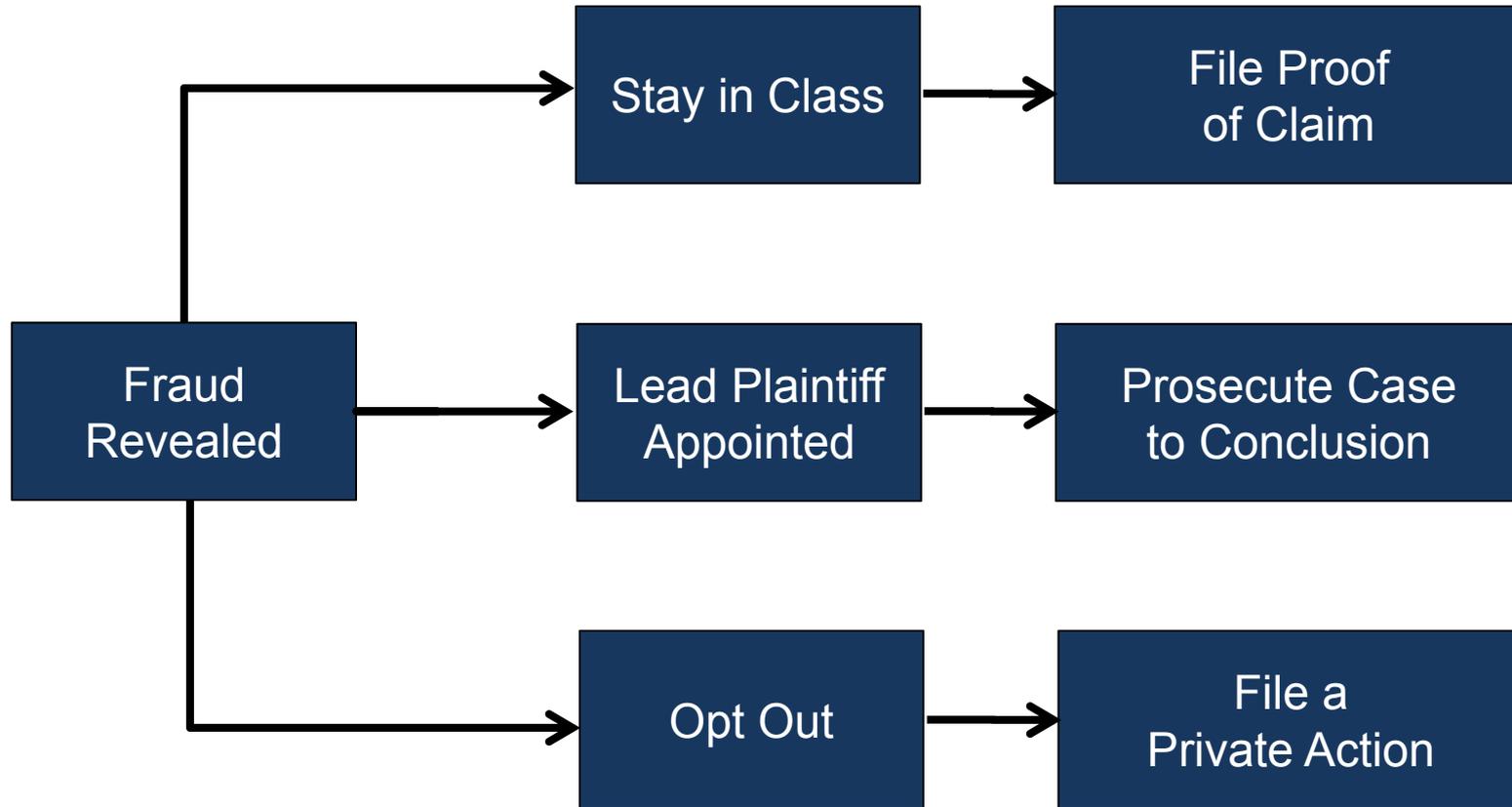
- Initiated by investor(s) who suffer damages due to securities fraud
- Several complaints may be filed by several law firms
- All are consolidated and heard in one court when Lead Plaintiff is appointed



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**REMAIN PASSIVE CLASS MEMBER - FILE CLAIM**



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## **SERVE AS LEAD PLAINTIFF**

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## Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (PSLRA)

- Requires federal courts to appoint class member(s) with largest financial interest as Lead Plaintiff
- Lead Plaintiff represents interests of all class members and selects “Lead Counsel”
- Lead Counsel prosecutes class action

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VICES REPORT

## Securities Litigation Update— The Pension Fund Factor

By Steven Skalak and Daniel Dooley

Public pension funds are playing a greater role in securities litigation. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers research, courts are increasingly choosing city, state and union pension funds to serve as lead plaintiffs. It is also apparent that where pension funds are involved as lead plaintiffs, the average settlement amounts are greater. The increasing involvement of pension funds in securities class actions may be one of the most profound outcomes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act ("PSLRA").

The PSLRA directs courts to assume that the class member(s) with the largest financial interest serve as lead plaintiff(s). Since passage of the PSLRA, more than 50 securities class actions settled wherein

Where pension funds are involved as lead plaintiffs, the average settlement amounts are greater.

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### Public Pension Funds—Pre- and Post-Cendant Corporation Settlement

Although the PSLRA paved the way for institutional investors to serve as lead plaintiffs, public pension funds were slow to pursue lead plaintiff status. The dynamic shifted in December 1999 when the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") and the New York State Retirement Fund announced a record \$2.8 billion settlement with the Cendant Corporation (the settlement later grew to over \$3 billion). The multi-billion dollar Cendant settlement was more than ten times the previous settlement record, and included a variety of corporate governance changes.

Following Cendant, public pension funds have been more inclined to seek lead plaintiff appointments. More than 50 cases filed in 2002 have a public pension fund as lead plaintiff, and many more are anticipated in 2003. The increasing public awareness of corporate governance issues is inspiring greater involvement on the part of pension funds in securities class actions. Additionally, pension funds benefit from free portfolio monitoring services offered by plaintiffs' firms to pension funds and other institutional investors.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Cendant case, which settled for over \$3 billion

<sup>2</sup> This analysis is based on a review of over 190 settlements between January 1, 2002 and November 6, 2003

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## Institutional Monitoring



Lawsuits with an institutional lead plaintiff are **less likely to be dismissed** and have **significantly larger settlements.** In fact “an institutional lead plaintiff can reduce the dismissal probability by **38.2%.**”

Found that the presence of an institutional lead plaintiff increases the “total settlement amount by approximately **59.8%,**”



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Securities Class Action Settlements  
2012 Review and Analysis

Ellen M. Ryan

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ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING AND EXPERT TESTIMONY

Securities Class Action Filings  
2013 Mid-Year Assessment

## Institutional Investors as Lead Plaintiff

In our analysis of institutional investors, we continued to find that the presence of public pensions as lead plaintiffs is associated with significantly higher settlement amounts.<sup>11</sup> The median “estimated damages” for settlements involving public pensions in 2012 was five times the median “estimated damages” figure for settlements without a public pension as lead plaintiff.

We observe that the filings with an institutional investor as the lead or co-lead plaintiff were **less likely to be dismissed** and more likely to reach a ruling on summary judgment than those that did not have an institutional investor as the lead or co-lead plaintiff



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## Top 10 Shareholder Class Action Settlements

(2008) 1 Enron Corp.	\$7.242 bil	UC Regents
(2005) 2 WorldCom, Inc.	\$6.158 bil	New York Pension Fund
(2005) 3 Cendant Corp.	\$3.561 bil	CalPERS, New York Pension Fund
(2007) 4 Tyco International, Ltd.	\$3.200 bil	Louisiana SERS, P&P Nat'l Pension Fund
(2006) 5 AOL Time Warner Inc.	\$2.650 bil	Minnesota St. Bd. of Inv.
(2013) 6 Household International, Inc.	\$2.464 bil	Intl. Union of OE Local 132 Pen. Plan, PACE Industry Union Management Pension Fund, Glickenhau & Co.
(2013) 7 Bank of America Corporation	\$2.425 bil	OPERS, STRS of Ohio, Texas TRS
(2006) 8 Nortel Networks (I)	\$1.143 bil	Ontario Public Employees' Union
(2006) 9 Royal Ahold, NV	\$1.100 bil	COLPERA & Generic Trading
(2006) 10 Nortel Networks (II)	\$1.074 bil	Ontario Teachers' and New Jersey

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CORNERSTONE RESEARCH

## Securities Class Action Settlements

2009 Review and Analysis

*Ellen M. Ryan  
Laura E. Simmons*



## 2010 Cornerstone Report

**67% of securities class  
actions are led by  
Institutional Investors**

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## **OPT-OUT AND PRIVATE ACTIONS**

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**BusinessWeek**

## Fractured Class Actions "Opt-outs" are a growing headache for companies

By Lorraine Woelert  
FEBRUARY 27, 2008

When Time Warner Inc. (TWX) said it would spend \$2.4 billion to settle an investor class action alleging securities violations, Chairman and CEO Richard D. Parsons proved that the company had made swift work of its

Clients sue separately to recover more cash

"When the California Public Employees' Retirement System quit the WorldCom deal, it recovered \$187 million, or 67% of its claimed bond losses...."

over 10% of Time Warner and over 3% of America Online (TWX) when the companies announced their merger in September, 2000, is pursuing its own settlement. BusinessWeek has learned. So are several state pension accounts and more than 100 other institutional investors with alleged losses ranging from less than \$50,000 to more than \$600 million. All are exercising their right to opt out of a class settlement in hopes of winning more money by suing if alone.

No hard statistics are available, but opt-outs appear to be a more popular tactic for plaintiffs

Examples of big investors that opted out of class-action settlements

<b>Enron</b> \$7.1 billion	<b>WorldCom</b> \$6.1 billion
<b>OPT-OUTS</b> All, Hudson and Ohio state pension funds	<b>OPT-OUTS</b> Sun First Bank, New York City pension funds
<b>Time Warner</b> \$2.4 billion	<b>Quest Communications</b> \$400 million
<b>OPT-OUTS</b> Janus Capital and nearly 1,000 other institutional investors	<b>OPT-OUTS</b> State Law Retirement System of Illinois, Calif. State Teachers Retirement System

by stinking out on their own, but there's enough evidence to the...  
When the California Public Employees' Retirement System quit the WorldCom deal, it recovered \$187 million, or 67% of its claimed bond losses. New York City Pension Fund also opted out of WorldCom, recovering close to 100% of losses, its lawyers say. The final return for WorldCom class members remains to be seen, but it's expected to be far less.

Excerpted from | BusinessWeek

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## Robbins Geller's Clients' Recoveries vs. WorldCom Class Member Recoveries



Estimated Class Action Recovery	\$358,445,820
Robbins Geller's Clients' Private Action Recovery	\$657,966,658

**\$300** Million  
Premium Recovery  
over Class Action\*\*

\*\* Net of Fees/Expenses



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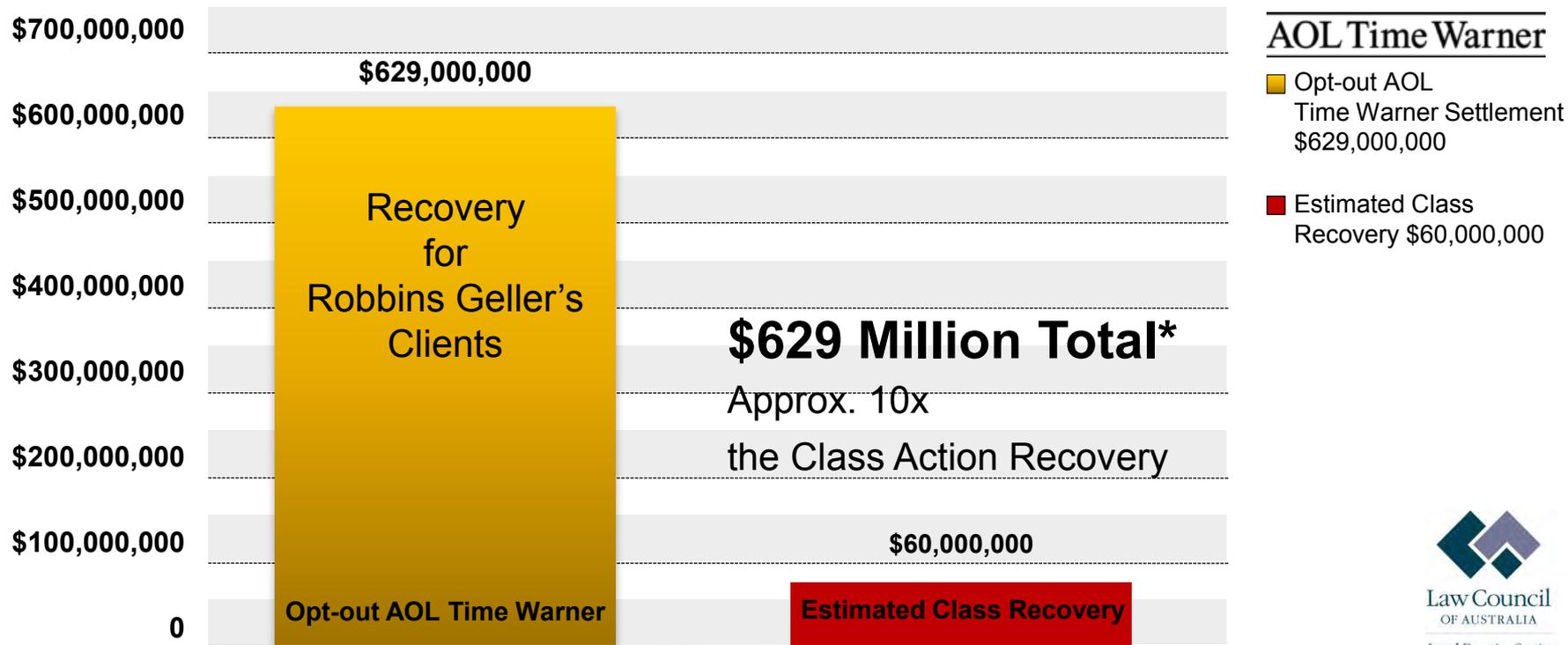
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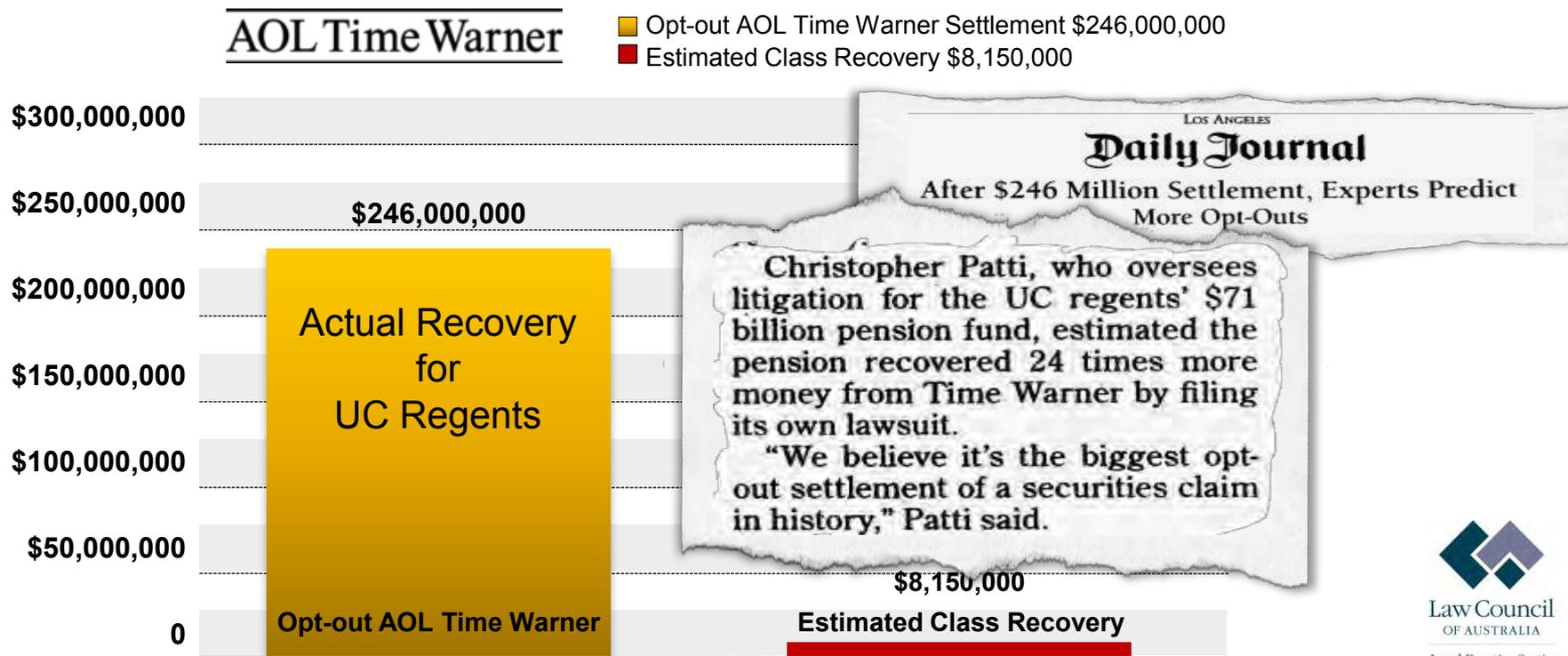
## Collective Recovery of Robbins Geller's Clients in AOL TIME WARNER Private Actions



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## Recovery for the Regents of California in AOL TIME WARNER Private Action



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THE LAWYER  
MARCH 17, 2007

## UK pension funds go it alone in AOL class action

The UK funds together won \$45m (£23.35m) of a total award of \$600m (£311.28m) after they broke away from a \$2.6bn (£1.35bn) shareholder class action

award of \$600m (£311.28m) after they broke away from a \$2.6bn (£1.35bn) shareholder class action that claimed securities violations during the 2001 merger of AOL and Time Warner.

Lerach New York managing partner Patrick Daniels said:

“Had these funds done nothing and filed passively in a class action, the most they could have collectively recouped would have been \$5m (£2.59m).”

that represent firemen, municipal workers and more diluted the award. By filing private suits, individual

parties can land bigger awards. Daniels said UK-based institutional investors in US-listed companies were becoming more attuned to suing



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**Individual Opt-Out suits by institutions are an increasingly important option**



**Metzler Investment  
Railway Pension  
(RAILPEN)**

**Alabama Fund  
California Regents  
CalPERS  
CalSTRS  
LACERA  
NYC Pension Funds  
Ohio Funds  
Pimco  
Sun Trust Bank**

**ABP  
Baillie Gifford  
British Steelworkers Pension Fund  
Deka Bank  
London Pension Fund  
Lothian Pension Fund**

**Alaska Fund  
Amalgamated Bank  
CalPERS  
CalSTRS  
LACERA  
New Jersey Fund**

**New South Wales State Super  
Norges Bank  
North Yorkshire Pension Fund  
Robeco/Rabo Bank  
Scottish Widows Investment Partnerships  
Standard Life  
University Superannuation Scheme (USS)  
Wiltshire Pension Fund**

**New Jersey Fund  
Ohio Funds  
Pennsylvania  
West Virginia**

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### Opt-outs

#### Austria

ERSTE-SPARINVEST  
DWS Austria Investmentgesellschaft mbH  
DWS Investmentgesellschaft mbH

#### Belgium

KBC Asset Management NV

#### Canada

Caisse de Depot et Placement du Quebec

#### Denmark

Danske Invest Administration A/S

#### France

AGF Asset Management, S.A.

#### Ireland

Irish Life Investment Managers Limited  
Pioneer Investment Management Ltd

#### Italy

ALetti Gestielle SGR S.p.A.  
Capitalia Asset Management SGR, S.p.A.  
Eurizon Capital SGR S.p.A.  
Italfortune International Fund  
Novara Aquilone Sicav

#### Germany

Allianz Global Investors  
Baden Wurttembergische Investmentgesellschaft mbH  
HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG  
Kapitalanlagegesellschaft MBH Limited  
Alecta Pensions for sakring  
Metzler Investment GMBH  
Union Asset Management Holding AG  
MEAG Munich Ergo Assetmanagement GmbH  
MEAG Munich Ergo -Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH  
Nordcon Investment Management AG  
Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH

#### Spain

Varma S.A.

#### Sweden

Andra AP-Fonden  
Tredje AP-Fonden  
Fjarde Ap-Fonden  
Forsta AP-Fonden  
Swedbank Robur Fonder AB  
Sjunde Ap-Fonden

#### Switzerland

Swiss Life Holding AG

#### UK

Scottish Widows PLC  
Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes  
Allianz Global Investors Ireland  
Metzler Ireland Ltd

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## Why Implement the Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup> ?

- *Know what you lost and what you can do about it.*
- *Make informed decisions.*
- *Recover money owed to your institution.*



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## Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup>

- Alerts investment professionals to fund losses from securities fraud
- Provides investment professionals information required to make informed decisions
  - Case information
  - Accurate loss estimates
  - Timely reporting of litigation and claims

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SERVICES REPORT

## Securities Litigation Update— The Pension Fund Factor

By Steven Skalak and Daniel Dooley

Public pension funds are playing a greater role in securities litigation. According to PricewaterhouseCoopers research, courts are increasingly choosing city, state and union pension funds to serve as lead plaintiffs. It is also apparent that where pension funds are involved as lead plaintiffs, the average settlement amounts are greater. The increasing involvement of pension funds in securities class actions may be one of the most profound outcomes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act ("PSLRA").

The PSLRA directs courts to assume that the class members with the largest financial interest serve as lead plaintiffs. Since passage of the PSLRA, more than 50 securities class actions settled wherein

**Pension funds benefit from free portfolio monitoring services offered by plaintiffs' firms to pension funds and other institutional investors.**

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pension funds as lead plaintiffs, and 60 percent of these cases involve accounting issues.

### Public Pension Funds—Pre- and Post-Cendant Corporation Settlement

Although the PSLRA paved the way for institutional investors to serve as lead plaintiffs, public pension funds were slow to pursue lead plaintiff status. The dynamic shifted in December 1999 when the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") and the New York State Retirement Fund announced a record \$2.6 billion settlement with the Cendant Corporation; the settlement later grew to over \$3 billion. The multi-billion dollar Cendant settlement was more than ten times the previous settlement record, and included a variety of corporate governance changes.

Following Cendant, public pension funds have been more inclined to seek lead plaintiff appointments. More than 50 cases filed in 2002 have a public pension fund as lead plaintiff, and many more are anticipated in 2003. The increasing public awareness of corporate governance issues is driving greater involvement on the part of pension funds in securities class actions. Additionally, pension funds benefit from free portfolio monitoring services offered by plaintiffs' firms to pension funds and other institutional investors.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Cendant case, which settled for over \$3 billion.  
<sup>2</sup> This analysis is based on a review of over 130 settlements between January 1, 2002 and November 6, 2002.

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## Search the Database

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Investor Database - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar contains "Investor Database". The page header includes "Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup>" and a "Database:" dropdown menu set to "All Funds".

The main content area is titled "search" and contains a search form with the following fields:

- 1 Security name contains
- 2 Class Period begins  and ends
- Expand class period by 7 days before and 90 days after.

At the bottom of the search form are two buttons: "Search Holdings" and "Search Transactions".

At the bottom of the browser window, the status bar shows "Done", "Local intranet", and "100%".

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## Calculate Loss Estimates

Name	Shares Purchased	Shares Sold	Shares Sold on Last Day of Class Period	Gain/(Loss)	Opening/ FIFOed Sales
<b>Largest Pension Fund Losses</b>			<b>Class Period: 10/29/2009-05/24/2013</b>		
Client 1	1,537,422	828,511	0	(\$25,131,442.52)	697,500 shs/697,500 shs
Client 2	633,360	453,016	0	(\$14,364,291.37)	2,400 shs/2,400 shs
Client 3	1,135,220	585,220	0	(\$13,933,818.18)	0 shs/0 shs
Client 4	2,500,000	1,700,000	0	(\$14,605,364.78)	0 shs/0 shs

**Shares Sold on Last Day of Class Period**

Name	Shares Purchased	Shares Sold	Shares Sold on Last Day of Class Period	Gain/Loss
<b>Client 1</b>	<b>1,537,422</b>	<b>828,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(\$25,131,442.52)</b>

Client 11	699,452	963,377	0	(\$4,300,827.56)	263,925 shs/263,925 shs
Client 12	375,691	258,495	0	(\$8,441,845.30)	194,472 shs/194,472 shs
Client 13	370,900	284,437	0	(\$3,245,123.71)	138,137 shs/138,137 shs
Client 14	476,260	492,060	0	(\$2,739,078.32)	128,200 shs/128,200 shs
Client 15	171,360	330,350	0	(\$3,043,212.21)	285,290 shs/285,290 shs
Client 16	288,800	153,100	0	(\$2,671,443.87)	38,100 shs/38,100 shs
Client 17	553,192	670,592	0	(\$5,485,114.60)	117,400 shs/117,400 shs
Client 18	298,400	295,000	0	(\$2,786,198.46)	125,700 shs/125,700 shs
Client 19	181,300	198,800	0	(\$2,722,543.99)	70,190 shs/70,190 shs
Client 20	232,563	98,000	0	(\$2,642,341.84)	0 shs/0 shs
Client 21	277,000	204,300	0	(\$2,529,181.87)	0 shs/0 shs
Client 22	186,290	265,360	0	(\$2,074,619.70)	79,070 shs/79,070 shs
Client 23	211,303	211,303	0	(\$2,278,341.63)	0 shs/0 shs
Client 24	53,200	345,100	0	(\$1,492,134.57)	369,300 shs/345,100 shs
Client 25	94,551	10,929	0	(\$1,867,546.99)	0 shs/0 shs

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## **Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup>**

- Quarterly Portfolio Monitoring Report - Details each class action filed in which the Fund has an interest
- Monthly Settlement Reports - Identifies securities class action settlements



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## Report the Results

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### Portfolio Monitoring Report

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#### I.G. Investment Management, Ltd. - Investors Global Fund December 31, 2014 Monitoring Report

The Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup> has generated preliminary loss amounts in the following new securities class actions. Certain of these cases were filed by other law firms. We have not evaluated the merits of such cases. Case summaries can be viewed by clicking on the case name. Certain loss amounts may not have been verified and may be missing recent activity which may significantly alter the losses shown.

Case	Financial Interest	Class Period	Motion Due
Aeterna Zentaris, Inc.	No loss	June 26, 2012 - November 06, 2014	January 10, 2015
Albany Molecular Research, Inc.	No loss	August 05, 2014 - November 05, 2014	January 11, 2015
Alcolac Ltd.	No loss	March 28, 2014 - November 14, 2014	January 18, 2015
Akregan, Inc.	4,049 shares held	Sellers February 25, 2014 - April 21, 2014	February 15, 2015
American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust, Inc.	0 shares held	Current Shareholders	January 15, 2015
China Genat Advanced Materials Group Ltd.	No loss	January 31, 2012 - September 04, 2014	January 25, 2015

### Case

### Financial Interest

### Class Period

### Motion Due

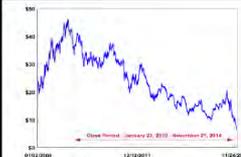
Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras **-\$5,770,006 (ADR)** May 20, 2010 - November 21, 2014 February 06, 2015

Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras	<b>-\$5,770,006 (ADR)</b>	May 20, 2010 - November 21, 2014	February 06, 2015
Pingtan Marine Enterprise Ltd.	No loss	May 14, 2013 - November 06, 2014	January 23, 2015
Rayonier, Inc.	No loss	January 27, 2014 - November 10, 2014	January 11, 2015
RCS Capital Corporation	No loss	February 12, 2014 - October 31, 2014	February 27, 2015
Rota Biosciences, Inc.	No loss	July 17, 2014 - November 06, 2014	February 22, 2015
Sandridge Energy, Inc.	No loss	February 28, 2013 - November 04, 2014	January 10, 2015
Sarepta	<b>-\$1,494,157 (SEDDOL Daily Rate)</b>	February 07, 2013 - December 03, 2014	February 02, 2015
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.	No loss	April 21, 2014 - October 27, 2014	February 06, 2015
Seadrill Limited	No loss	July 10, 2014 - November 25, 2014	February 03, 2015
Share plc	No loss	June 20, 2014 - October 14, 2014	January 25, 2015

### Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras

#### Summary of the Case:

The complaint charges Petrobras, Petrobras International Finance ("PFCO"), Petrobras Global Finance B.V. ("PGF"), their directors and the underwriters of certain debt offerings of with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 a Act of 1933. Petrobras is a semi-public Brazilian energy corporation headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one of refineries, oil tankers, and is a major distributor of



#### Class:

Purchasers of Petrobras securities between January 22, 2010 and November 21, 2014, including debt securities issued by PFCO and PGF on the NYSE, as well as all persons or entities who purchased PFCO or PGF debt securities pursuant and/or traceable to any of three registered public offerings on or about February 3, 2012; May 15, 2013 and March 11, 2014.

#### Lead Plaintiff Motion Date:

February 6, 2015

#### Tickers/CUSIP:

PBR71954V408

#### Defendants:

Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras, Petrobras Global Finance B.V., Maria Das Graças Silva Foster, Almo Guilherme Barbosa, Mariângela Monteiro Tizato, Josué Christiano Gomes Da Silva, Daniel Linde Oliveira, José Ramundo Brandão Pereira, Sérgio Túlio

alleges that during the Class Period, Petrobras issued and misleading statements regarding its business, operation and the intrinsic value of Petrobras commonly, defendants highlighted the Company's purportedly Ethics, including that its business was conducted "with integrity, creating credibility with its shareholders," and led by the principles of promoting "honest and fair without receiving inappropriate advantage through use of insider information and other practices of such nature." These false and misleading statements, Petrobras ADSs inflated prices during the Class Period, reaching a high ADS.

complaint alleges that certain defendants made false and misleading statements and failed to disclose material adverse information to investors filed with the SEC in connection with the issuance of PFCO and PGF notes in February 2012, May 2013 and

a former Petrobras Chief Downstream Officer, Paulo "Costa", was arrested on money-laundering charges and plea bargain for a reduced sentence. According to commonplace at Petrobras, and from 2005 until at

#### Date Filed:

December 8, 2014

#### Court:

Southern District of New York

#### Judge:

Rakoff

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## Settlement Report

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### The Pension Fund December 31, 2014 Settlement Report

RGFD has identified the following settled shareholder class actions with upcoming claims deadlines. Check marked and shaded cases are those whose the Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>SM</sup> indicates that an eligible claim may exist. The range of data analyzed in the context of this report is approximately Oct 2004-current. Where data is incomplete, potential claims may not be identified.

Claims Deadline	Case	Class Period	Gross Class Recovery	Claims Administrator
01/09/2015	LHC Group, Inc.	07/30/2008-10/26/2011	\$7,850,000	The Garden City Group, Inc.
01/13/2015	Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation	01/01/1992-present	\$126,325,000	Rust Consulting, Inc.
01/15/2015	Morgan Stanley MBS	See Notice	\$95,000,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC
01/22/2015	Nevsun Resources Ltd.	03/28/2011-02/06/2012	\$5,995,000	The Garden City Group, Inc.
✓ 01/24/2015	Bankrate, Inc.	09/18/2011-10/15/2012	\$18,000,000	The Garden City Group, Inc.
✓ 01/26/2015	Body Central Corp.	11/10/2011-08/18/2012	\$3,425,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC

# Settlement Reports

Case	Class Period	Gross Class Recovery	Claims Admin.
Psychiatric Soutlions, Inc.	02/21/2008-02/25/2009	\$65,000,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC

02/25/2015	LightinTheBox Holding Co., Ltd.	06/06/2013-08/18/2013	\$1,550,000	Strategic Claims Services
✓ 03/06/2015	Miller Energy Resources, Inc.	12/16/2009-08/09/2011	\$2,950,000	Angelion Group
✓ 03/08/2015	Wynn-Dixie Stores, Inc.	Owned 03/09/2012	See Notice	Gilardi & Co. LLC
✓ 03/09/2015	ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc.	08/28/2007-06/08/2012	\$4,000,000	Epiq Systems, Inc.
03/10/2015	Tennessee Commerce Bancorp, Inc.	04/18/2008-01/27/2012	\$2,600,000	The Garden City Group, Inc.
03/18/2015	CRM Holdings, Ltd.	12/21/2005-11/05/2008	\$1,950,000	The Garden City Group, Inc.
04/03/2015	China Agritech, Inc.	Held or owned 10/17/2012	\$3,250,000	Strategic Claims Services
04/08/2015	NIVS IntelliMedia Technology Group, Inc.	03/24/2010-03/25/2011	\$1,350,000	Epiq Systems, Inc.
✓ 04/21/2015	Fuji International, Inc.	05/15/2009-03/27/2011	\$7,500,000	Angelion Group

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- **F**oreign Plaintiffs who transacted in
- **F**oreign shares on a
- **F**oreign exchange

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## MORRISON v. NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK 130 S. Ct. 2869 (June 24, 2010)

(By Opinion)      OCTOBER TERM, 2009      1

Syllabus

NOTE: Where it is feasible, a syllabus (statement) will be released, as in this case, in connection with the case, at the time the opinion is read. The syllabus summarizes the page of the opinion of the Court but has been prepared by the Reporter of Decisions for the convenience of the reader. See United States v. Edwards, Fletcher & Lumber Co., 2001, 532, 137.

### SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Syllabus

MORRISON ET AL. v. NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK  
LTD ET AL.

CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR  
THE SECOND CIRCUIT

No. 08-1191. Argued March 29, 2010—Decided June 24, 2010

In 1990, respondent National Australia Bank (National), a foreign bank whose “ordinary shares” are not traded on any exchange in this country, purchased respondent Homelife Lending, a company headquartered in Florida that was in the business of servicing mortgages—seeing to collection of the monthly payments, etc. In 2001, National had to write down the value of Homelife’s assets, causing National’s share prices to fall. Petitioners, Australians who purchased National’s shares before the write-down, sued respondents—National, Homelife, and officers of both companies—in Federal District Court for violation of §10(b) and DDAJ of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5. They claimed that Homelife and its officers had manipulated financial models to make the company’s mortgage-servicing rights appear more valuable than they really were, and that National and its chief executive officer were aware of this deception. Respondents moved to dismiss for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) and for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6). The District Court granted the former motion, finding no jurisdiction because the deceptive acts were, at most, a link in a securities fraud that concluded abroad. The Second Circuit affirmed.

**Held:**

1. The Second Circuit erred in considering §10(b)’s extraterritorial reach to raise a question of subject-matter jurisdiction. The allowing dismissal under Rule 12(b)(1). What conduct §10(b) reaches is a merits question. While subject-matter jurisdiction refers to a tribunal’s power to hear a case—*Chin, Pacific E. Co. v. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Gen. Comm. of Adjustment, Central*

**“The Supreme Court's June 2010 decision in Morrison v. NAB was the nail in the coffin for f-cubed private securities fraud actions.”**



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## MORRISON v. NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK 130 S. Ct. 2869 (June 24, 2010)

**Section 10 (b) does “not extend to foreign securities trades executed on foreign exchanges even if purchased or sold by American investors, and even if some aspects of the transaction occurred in the United States.”**

*Cornwell v. Credit Suisse Group*, 1:08-cv-03758-vm (SDNY) (Marrero, J.)

**Section 10(b)’s focus does “not encompass purchases and sales of covered securities that occur outside of the United States.”**

*Alstom*, 2010 WL 3069597 (SDNY) (Marrero, J.)

**“[T]he Supreme Court’s discussion of the problems of conflicting laws of various countries leaves little doubt that it believed that United States laws should defer to the law of the country where the security is exchanged”**

*Stackhouse v. Toyota Motor Co.* 2:10-cv-00922 (C.D. Cal.) (Fisher, J.)

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**“In Morrison, the Supreme Court roundly (and derisively ) buried the venerable ‘conduct or effect’ test the Second Circuit devised and for years had employed.”**

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**“The Morrison Court unequivocally repudiated this longstanding Jurisprudence.”**

\* \* \*

**“[T]he conduct and effect analysis as applied to § 10(b) extraterritoriality disputes is now dead letter. Plaintiffs’ cosmetic touch-ups will not give the corpse a new life.”**

\* \* \*

**“This Court is not convinced that the Supreme Court designed Morrison to be squeezed, as in spandex, only into the factual straitjacket of its holding...”**

**Cornwell v. Credit Suisse Group, 1:08-cv-03758-vm (SDNY) (Marrero, J.)**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DAVID SGALAMBO, Individually And  
On Behalf of All Others Similarly

## MORRISON v. NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK 130 S. Ct. 2869 (June 24, 2010)

[T]he Supreme Court's recent decision in **Morrison v. National Australia Bank Ltd.** forecloses any potential class members who purchased [ ] common stock on a foreign exchange – in this case, the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSV) – from recovering in this action... and the claims of any potential class members who purchased [ ] common stock on a foreign exchange are therefore **dismissed**.

Sgalambo v. Mc Kenzie, No. 09 Civ. 10087(SAS), Opinion and Order  
(S.D.N.Y. Aug. 6, 2010) (Scheindlin, J.)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), and Rule 10b-5  
promulgated thereunder, against five former officers of Canadian Superior – Craig

<sup>1</sup> See Amended Complaint ("Compl.") ¶¶ 1, 22.

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11-0221-cv  
Absolute Activist v. Ficeto

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

August Term, 2011

(Argued: November 21, 2011)

Decided: March 1, 2012)

Docket No. 11-0221-cv

This Court has long recognized that meritorious private actions to enforce federal antifraud securities laws are an essential

“A plaintiff must allege facts suggesting that **irrevocable liability was incurred** or **title was transferred** within the United States.”

HEATHERINGTON, CIC GLOBAL CAPITAL LTD., SEAN EWING, ULLRICH ANGERSSBACH,  
JOHN DOES, 1 TO 3, JANE DOES, 1 TO 3, DOE, ENTITIES 1 TO 3,

*Defendants-Appellees.*

Before:

NEWMAN, WINTER, and KATZMANN, *Circuit Judges.*

Appeal from a judgment of the United States District Court for the Southern District of  
New York (Daniels, J.) dismissing complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Although

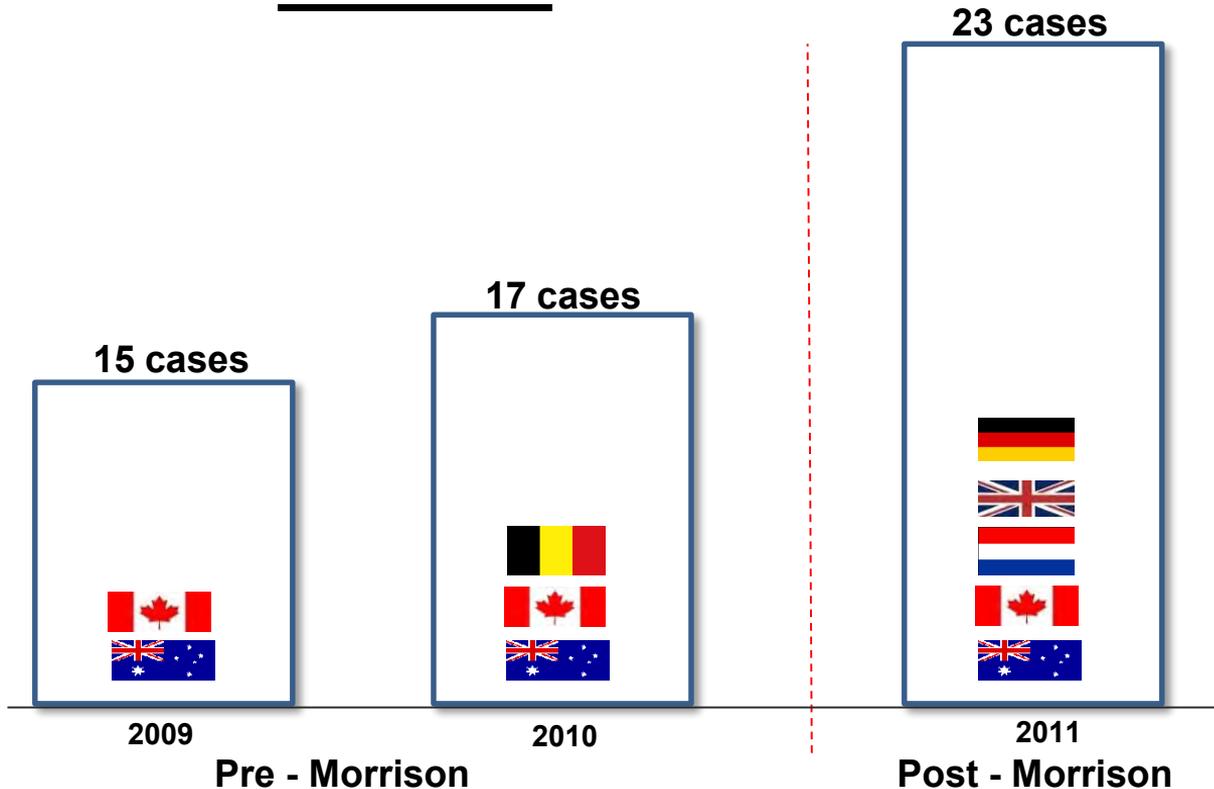
and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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## The Effect of Morrison on Global Securities Actions

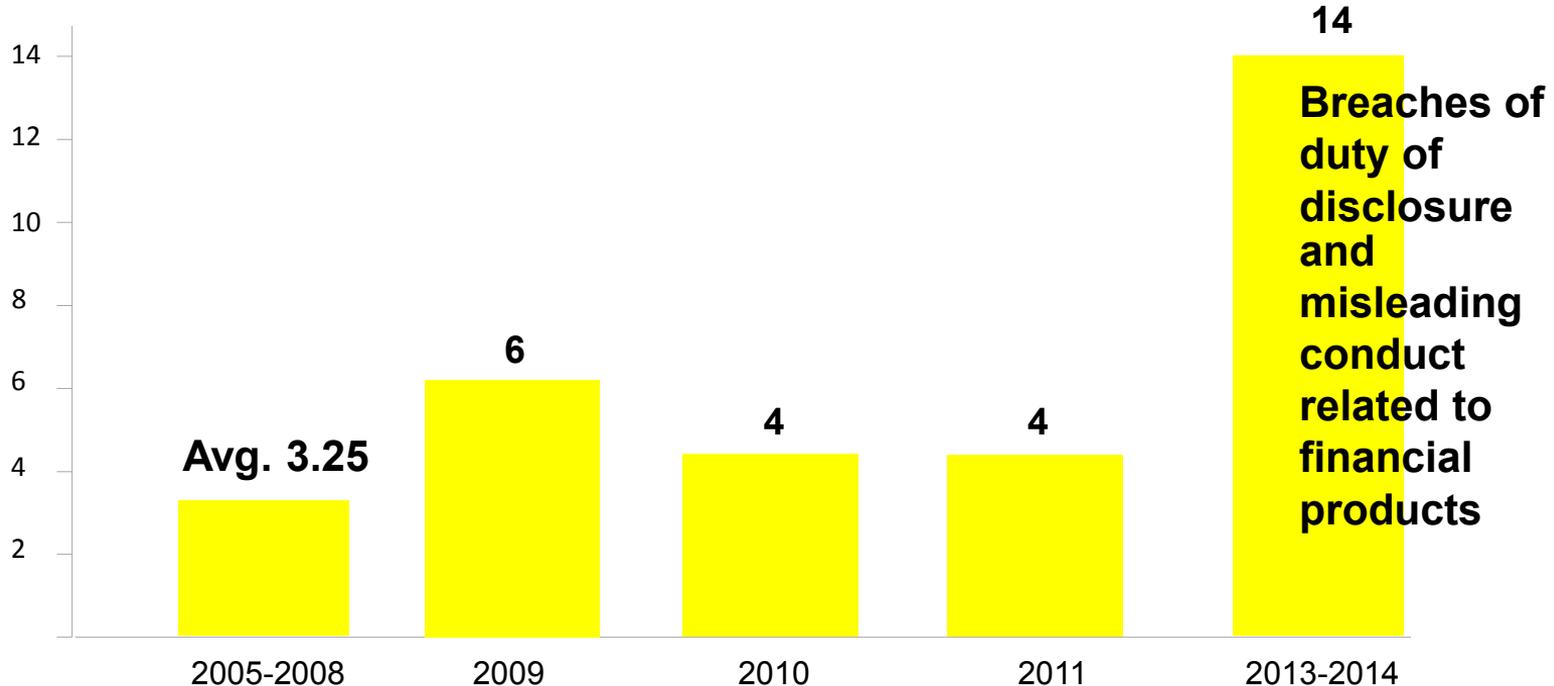
Cases Filed Outside of the U.S.



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## Securities Class Actions Filed in Australia



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## Securities Class Action Settlements in Australia

YEAR	COMPANY	SETTLEMENT AMOUNT
2003	GIO	\$112,000,000
2004	Tracknet	\$4,300,000
2006	Concept Sports	\$3,000,000
2006	Harris Scarfe	\$3,000,000
2007	Telstra	\$5,000,000
2008	Aristocrat	\$144,500,000

**2012 Centro \$200,000,000**

2009	Sons of Gwalia	\$70,000,000
2010	news.com.au	\$39,500,000
2011	news.com.au	\$110,000,000

### Centro verdict 'a win for shareholders'

• May 09, 2012 1:10PM

**THE success of a \$200 million class action case against the property group Centro Retail Australia is a win for all Australian investors, lawyers for the shareholders say.**

Law firm Maurice Blackburn, which represents thousands of investors who have been battling the debt-ridden company, confirmed today that an in-principal agreement for the company to pay out \$200 million had been reached.

"This is a very good day for Centro shareholders and a very good day for the Australian investor community generally," the firm's class action principal Martin Hyde told reporters.

\$1,113,150,000

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