SELECTED CLASS ACTION AND COMPLEX CIVIL LITIGATION REPRESENTATIONS

OVERVIEW

BuckleySandler represents the nation's leading banks, thrifts, insurance companies, securities firms, and other financial services institutions, in a wide range of class actions and complex civil litigation. The Firm's lawyers have acted as lead defense counsel in close to 100 high-stakes class action cases in federal and state courts throughout the country, representing banks, insurers, mortgage, credit card and auto lenders, and other financial services companies. Our practice includes the defense of major corporations and their executives in multi-district, mass, class action, and other complex civil litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the United States, as well as in arbitrations and other alternative dispute resolution proceedings domestically and internationally. The Firm's lawyers regularly defend clients in cases involving allegations of discrimination, predatory lending, unfair competition and deceptive trade acts and practices, fraud, false statements, false claims, and breach of contract, as well as other claimed violations of regulations and laws governing their business activities. Many such matters involve parallel government enforcement litigation and investigations and/or multiple class actions, requiring a sophisticated, comprehensive, and effective response strategy to resolve the challenges confronting our clients.

Our attorneys have represented clients in the following representative matters:

LENDING PRACTICES

Gomez v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. 308418 (Circuit Court, Montgomery County, MD 2009) – Statewide class action litigation alleging improper sales practices related to sale of financial products, including refund anticipation loans, to consumers.

Jordan v. Paul Financial, LLC, et al., No. 3:07cv04496 (N.D. Cal. 2007): Represent RBS Financial Products, Inc. and RBS Acceptance Corp. in putative borrower class actions alleging, among other things, violations of the Truth in Lending Act with regard to origination and subsequent sale or assignment of "Option ARM" mortgage loans. Briefing on motions to dismiss is ongoing in all three cases after obtaining dismissals without prejudice in several instances.

City of Cleveland v. Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., et al., Case No. 1:08-CV-00139 (N.D. Ohio. 2008) – Lawsuit brought by the City of Cleveland against twenty-one financial service providers alleging that these companies caused a public nuisance in Cleveland through their varying levels of involvement in sub-prime mortgages for real property in Cleveland. Dismissed.

City of Cleveland v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA, et al., Case No. CV-08-668608 (Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio) – State court action by City of Cleveland against twenty-six financial services providers asserting an Ohio common law public nuisance claim as well as two Ohio state statutory claims for demolition costs and alleged violations of Ohio's Corrupt Activities statute in connection with certain foreclosure actions.

Brewton v. Deutsche Bank Trust Company, et al., Case No. 1:08-cv-00516-JRA (N.D. Ohio) – Pro se lawsuit against twenty-one financial services providers in which Plaintiff, a Cleveland resident, asserts an

Ohio common law public nuisance claim alleging defendants were responsible for "the propagation of subprime mortgages in Cleveland and corresponding foreclosures" of certain homes in Cleveland. Dismissed with prejudice.

Edwards v. Accredited Home Loans, Inc., et al., No. 07-cv-160-C (S.D. Ala. 2008) – Putative statewide class action brought by Alabama borrowers alleging that lender violated Truth in Lending Act by not excluding from the finance charge fees that the borrowers alleged were improperly marked up by title company. Court granted lender's motion for summary judgment.

Weller v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., No. 08-cv-02798-JRT-SRN (D. Minn. 2008) – Putative statewide class action alleging that lender violated various Minnesota state laws limiting title fees, preventing borrowers from being placed into lower investment grade loans without notice, and other causes of action. Dismissed without prejudice.

Cabrejas v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., No. AW-06-0975 (D. Md. 2008) – Putative statewide class action alleging that lender violated Maryland's Secondary Mortgage Loan Law by charging fees other than fees denominated "origination fee." Court granted lender's motion for summary judgment.

Brooks v. ComUnity Lending, Inc., et al., No. 5:07-cv-04501-JF (N.D. Cal. 2008) – Nationwide class action against loan originator, servicer, securitizer and trust alleging inadequate disclosures, breach of contract and unfair and deceptive trades practice claims in connection with Payment Option ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) loans.

Saavedra v. GMAC Mortgage LLC, et al., Case No. CV 07-07050 AG (CTx) (C.D. Cal. 2008) – Nationwide class action against loan originator, servicer, securitizer and trust alleging inadequate disclosures, breach of contract and unfair and deceptive trades practice claims in connection with Payment Option ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) loans.

Brown v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. 1:06-CV-02632-PAG (N.D. Ohio 2006) No. CV-06-602376 (Cuyahoga County, OH 2008) – Statewide class action litigation alleging improper sales practices related to sale of financial products, including refund anticipation loans, to consumers.

Chapman v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. 07-2910 (D. N.J. 2007) – Nationwide class action alleging deceptive practices and RICO claims with respect to allegedly false tax returns and failure to pay on tax guarantee product. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed after motion to dismiss filed.

Wooley v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. 07C2201 (N.D. Ill. 2007) – Nationwide class action alleging deceptive practices and RICO claims with respect to allegedly false tax returns and failure to pay on tax guarantee product.

Monroe Retail, Inc., et al. v. Charter One Retail, NA, et al., No. 3:06-CV-02391 (N.D. Ohio 2007) – Lawsuit brought by putative class of garnishor-creditors against banks alleging that the banks assessed improper garnishment fees in violation of Ohio state law. Dismissed.

Hunter v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. 3:06-CV-00919 (S.D. W. Va. 2006) – Statewide class action litigation alleging improper sales practices related to sale of financial products, including refund anticipation loans, to consumers.

Brailsford v. Jackson Hewitt Inc., No. C06-00700 (N.D. Cal. 2006) – Statewide class action alleging violation of California consumer protection statutes with respect to refund authorization loans.

Reuter v. Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of Florida, No. 2004 CA 008164 MB (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2004) – Statewide class action alleging unfair and deceptive sales practices in operation of payday lending business.

Kucan v. Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of North Carolina, No. 04-CVS-2860 (N.C. Super. New Hanover County 2004) – Statewide class action alleging unfair and deceptive trade practices and usury violations with respect to payday lending.

Graley v. EMC Mortgage Corporation, No. 03-C-47 (Cir. Ct. of Lincoln County, West Virginia 2003) – Statewide class action alleging unfair and deceptive mortgage servicing and collection practices.

McCall v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, No. BC 293396 (Cal. Super. Los Angeles County, California 2003) – Nationwide class action alleging fraud and violation of California's Unfair Competition Law based on claimed misuse of federally-authorized loan discount fees.

Cooper v. EMC Mortgage Corporation, No. 02-C-266-K (Cir. Ct. of Raleigh County, West Virginia 2002) – Statewide class action alleging improper balloon loan disclosures and other improper mortgage loan origination practices.

Fitzgerald v. EquiCredit Corporation, No. 4:03-CV-00107-WAP (N.D. Miss. 2002) – Statewide class action settlement involving allegations of fictitious payees at closings, fraud, and predatory lending in connection with real estate secured lending in Mississippi.

Lucas v. Fairbanks Capital Corporation, No. 2:03-0061 (S.D. W. Va. 2002) – Statewide class action alleging unfair and deceptive practices regarding mortgage loan servicing and collections.

Morales v. Associates First Capital Corporation, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4197 (Cal. Super. San Francisco County 2002) – Nationwide class action alleging predatory lending activities in connection with real estate secured and personal loans resolved as part of global nationwide settlement including FTC lawsuit.

Orr v. EquiCredit Corporation, No. 2:02-CV-2394-ER (E.D. Pa. 2002) – Class action involving allegations of predatory lending activities in connection with refinance and home improvement loans in Pennsylvania.

Pierceall v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company and Ameriquest Capital Company, No. 415620 (Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4162) (Cal. Super. San Mateo County 2001) – Multi-state consumer class action alleging violation of California's Unfair Competition Law based on purported "bait and switch" lending practices.

Samuel v. EquiCredit Corporation, No. 2:00-CV-06196-ER (E.D. Pa. 2000) – Class action involving allegations of predatory lending activities in connection with refinance and home improvement loans in Pennsylvania.

Tomlin v. Associates Financial Services, No. 99-CVS-003551 (N.C. Super. New Hanover County 1999) – Statewide class action alleging predatory lending and the charging of fees in violation of state unfair trade practice and usury statutes in connection with residential real estate loans.

Troy v. Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., No. 99-CVS-01487 (N.C. Super. Duplin County 1999) – Statewide class action alleging predatory lending and the charging of fees in violation of unfair trade practice and usury statutes in connection with residential real estate loans.

LENDING DISCRIMINATION

City of Birmingham v. Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, et al., Case No. CV-2008-903691 (Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama 2008) – Lawsuit brought by the City of Birmingham alleging that discriminatory reverse redlining led to a rise in foreclosures in Birmingham's minority neighborhoods

and foreclosure-related losses to the City. Case dismissed following filing of voluntary stipulation of dismissal by the City of Birmingham.

Guerra v. GMAC LLC, et al., Case No. 2:08-cv-01297-LDD (E.D. Pa. 2008) – Nationwide borrower class action alleging racial discrimination in GMAC's mortgage lending in violation of the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and the Civil Rights Act.

Ramirez v. GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., Case No. 3:08cv00369 (TEH) (N.D. Cal. 2008) – Nationwide borrower class action alleging racial discrimination in loan pricing in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

Baltimore v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al., Case No. 1:08-CV-00062-BEL (D. Md. 2008) – Lawsuit brought by Baltimore City alleging "reverse redlining" under the FHA on the theory that Defendants offered African-American borrowers subprime loans at higher costs than their similarly situated Caucasian counterparts, which, in turn, triggered a disparate amount of foreclosures in the City's predominately African-American neighborhoods, thereby reducing city revenues and increasing city costs.

Alleyne v. Flagstar Bank, FSB, C.A. No. 07-12128-RWZ (D. Mass. 2007) – Nationwide borrower class action alleging racial discrimination in Flagstar's mortgage lending in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

NAACP v. Ameriquest Mortgage Co. et al., No. 8:07-cv-00794-AG-AN (C.D. Cal. 2007) – Nationwide class action litigation alleging violations of the Fair Housing Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Civil Rights Act based on a purported disparity between the interest rate charged minority borrowers as compared to white borrowers.

NCRC v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. et al., No. 1:07-cv-01357-EGS (D.D.C. 2007) – Lawsuit by consumer advocacy group alleging that lender violated the Fair Housing Act by adopting policies against making loans secured by row homes or by properties valued below a specified threshold.

Taylor v. Accredited Home Loans, Inc., et al., No. 07-cv-1732-JAH-JMA (S.D. Cal. 2007) – Putative nationwide class action alleging that lender's "discretionary pricing policy" violated Fair Housing Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

Jones v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., No. BC 337821 (Cal. Super. Los Angeles County 2005) – Statewide class action alleging discrimination against minority mortgage loan borrowers by charging them higher prices than similarly situated white borrowers.

Logan v. Firstar and U.S. Bancorp, No. 3:02-CV-0681 (M.D. Tenn. 2002) – Nationwide class action alleging discriminatory pricing in connection with dealer provided motor vehicle financing.

Osborne v. Bank of America, N.A., No. 3:02-0364 (M.D. Tenn. 2002) – Nationwide class action alleging discriminatory pricing in connection with dealer provided motor vehicle financing.

Russell v. Bank One, K.Y., N.A., No. 3-02-0365 (M.D. Tenn. 2002) – Nationwide class action alleging discriminatory pricing in connection with dealer provided motor vehicle financing.

Johnson v. EquiCredit Corporation, No. 1:01-CV-05197 (N.D. Ill. 2001) – Class action alleging Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Housing Act, Civil Rights Act, and state law violations in mortgage lending.

Stackhaus v. NationsBank Corporation, No. 96-CV-01077-SS (D.D.C. 1996) – Class action alleging a pattern or practice of racial discrimination against African-Americans in the underwriting of home mortgage loans in violation of the Fair Housing Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Civil Rights Act of 1866.

Lathern v. NationsBank Corporation, No. 1:95-CV-01805-SS (D.D.C. 1995) – Class action alleging a pattern or practice of racial discrimination against African-Americans in the underwriting of home mortgage loans in violation of the Fair Housing Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and Civil Rights Act of 1866.

LENDING REPURCHASE

Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization, LLC v. The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Index No. 600733/2009 (Sup. Ct. N.Y.) – Repurchase litigation brought by investor against lender alleging that lender breached representations and warranties of mortgage sale agreement in selling certain loans to investor.

DB Structured Products, Inc. v. The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., et al., Index No. 603852/2009 (Sup. Ct. N.Y.) – Represent seller of mortgage loan in action brought by investor alleging that seller breached representations and warranties of mortgage sale agreement in selling certain loans to investor and demanding repurchase.

Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. v. First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, No. 8:09-cv-813 (D. Md.) – Repurchase litigation brought by investor against lender alleging that lender breached representations and warranties of mortgage sale agreement in selling certain loans to investor.

Sovereign Bank v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., No. 5:08-cv-2106 (E.D. Pa. 2008) – Repurchase litigation brought by investor against lender alleging that lender violated investor's underwriting guidelines in originating certain loans.

Beal Bank, S.S.B. v. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Case No. 1:02-cv-02146 (D.D.C. 2002) – Lawsuit alleging breach of contract in connection with loans sold by the FDIC as receiver for Superior Federal Bank FSB. The case was settled for $90 million

U.S. Bank N.A. v. GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., No. 600352/2009 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) – Represent mortgage lender in suit by securitization trust and bond insurers seeking repurchase of approximately 30,000 mortgage loans valued at approximately $1.5 Billion.

INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION

The Housing Advocates, Inc. v. American Fire & Casualty Company, No. CV-04-539290 (Ohio Com. Pleas Cuyahoga County 2004) – Appeal of Ohio Civil Rights Commission no discrimination finding as to allegations of discriminatory pricing practices in the provision of homeowners insurance by territorial pricing.

The Housing Advocates, Inc. v. Farmer's Insurance of Columbus, Inc., No. CV-04-527392 (Ohio Com. Pleas Cuyahoga County 2004) – Appeal of Ohio Civil Rights Commission no discrimination finding as to allegations of discriminatory pricing practices in the provision of homeowners insurance by territorial pricing.

Lumpkin v. Farmers Group, Inc., No. 05-2868 MAV (W.D. Tenn. 2005) – Class action alleging racial discrimination based on use of credit scores for homeowners insurance risk analysis.

Ojo v. Farmers Group, Inc., No. 05-5818 FMC (C.D. Cal. 2005) – Class action alleging racial discrimination based on use of credit scores for homeowners insurance risk analysis in violation of the Fair Housing Act and California Unfair Competition Law.

Ochoa v. Farmers Group, Inc., No. 03-3451 MMM (C.D. Cal. 2003) – Class action alleging racial discrimination based on use of credit scores for homeowners insurance risk analysis in violation of Sections 1981 and 1982 and the Fair Housing Act.

National Fair Housing Alliance, Inc. v. Travelers Property Casualty Corporation, No. 1:00-CV-01506 (D.D.C. 2000) – Lawsuit by fair housing organizations alleging racially discriminatory practices in the provision of homeowners insurance in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Toledo Fair Housing Center v. Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, No. G-480I-CI-19901339 (Ohio Com. Pleas Lucas County 1999) – Lawsuit by fair housing organizations alleging Ohio Fair Housing Act violations in the sale of homeowners insurance.

Hewitt v. AAA Insurance Company, et al., No. 98-19548 (La. Civ. Dist. 1998) – Class action alleging discrimination in violation of state law in the sale and provision of automobile insurance.

Nocita v. Allstate Insurance Company, et al., No. 1:98-CV-08295 (N.D. Ill. 1998) – Class action alleging violations of Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Canady v. Allstate Insurance Company, et al., No. 4:96-CV-0174 (W.D. Mo. 1996) – Class action alleging discrimination against homeowners in minority neighborhoods in connection with homeowners insurance in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY

In re Tennent v. TJX Companies, et al., No. 07-484 (S.D. Cal. 2007) – Putative class action alleging negligence, common law bailment and statutory claims related to third-party intrusion of retailer's computer system to obtain credit and debit card information and other personal identifying information.

Fyhrie v. Fleet Mortgage Corporation, No. CX-01-438 (Minn. Dist. Court Otter Tail County 2001) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and unfair and deceptive trade practices violations by information sharing and telemarketing with respect to mortgage customers.

Gates v. Fleet Mortgage Corporation, No. 01-CV-708 (D. Md. 2001) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and unfair and deceptive trade practices violations by information sharing and telemarketing with respect to mortgage customers.

Koluncich v. Fleet Mortgage Corporation, No. R-CV-RS 052783 (Cal. Super. San Bernadino County 2001) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and Section 17200 violations by information sharing and telemarketing with respect to mortgage customers.

Lassman v. Fleet Mortgage Corporation, No. 01-4806 (Super. Ct. Middlesex County, Mass. 2001) – Privacy class action alleging unfair and deceptive trade practices violations by information sharing and telemarketing with respect to mortgage customers.

Mirfasihi v. Fleet Mortgage Corporation, No. 1:01-CV-722 (N.D. Ill. 2001) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts, Truth in Lending Act and unfair and deceptive trade practices violations by information sharing and telemarketing with respect to mortgage customers.

Sevilla v. Citigroup Inc., No. 318010 (Cal. Super. San Bernadino County 2001) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and Section 17200 violations by sharing of customer information with third party vendors.

Ades v. Chase Manhattan Bank, USA, N.A., 2000-600343 (N.Y. App. Div. 2000) – Class action alleging invasion of privacy torts by sharing of customer information with third party vendors. Complaint dismissed and dismissal upheld on appeal.

Smith v. Chase Manhattan Bank, USA, 2000-08199 (N.Y. App. Div. 2000) – Class action alleging invasion of privacy torts by sharing of customer information with third party vendors. Complaint dismissed and dismissal upheld on appeal.

Dublin v. Citibank, N.A., No. 304653 (Cal. Super. San Francisco County 1999) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and Section 17200 violations by sharing of customer information with third party vendors.

Utility Consumers' Action Network and Rupp v. Texaco Credit Card Services, No. CGC-99-306233 (Cal. Super. San Francisco County 1999) – Privacy class action alleging invasion of privacy torts and Section 17200 violations by sharing of customer information with third party vendors.

CREDIT CARD PRACTICES

Crowley v. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Chase Bank USA, N.A., Index No. 112540/09 (Sup. Ct. N.Y.) – Putative class action brought on behalf of credit card customers who were charged an overlimit fee as a result of card issuer's reduction in cardholders' credit limits.

Eisele v. MasterCard International, Inc., Associates First Capital Corporation, and Associates National Bank, No. 99-CV-8743 (S.D.N.Y. 1999) – Nationwide class action alleging that defendants facilitate, participate in, and profit from Internet gambling through gamblers use of their credit cards in violation of state and federal laws.

Eisele v. VISA International Service Association, Associates First Capital Corporation, and Associates National Bank, No. 99-5065 (N.D. Cal. 1999) – Nationwide class action alleging that defendants facilitate, participate in, and profit from internet gambling through gamblers use of their credit cards in violation of state and federal laws.

ARBITRATION

Citigroup, Inc. v. Chubb Atlantic Indemnity Ltd. – Arbitration in London, England seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

Citigroup, Inc. v. Starr Excess International – Arbitration in London, England seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

Citigroup, Inc. v. ACE Bermuda – Arbitration in London, England seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

Livingston v. Associates Finance, Inc., No. 01-CV-1659 (N.D. Ill. 2001) – Class action alleging Truth in Lending Act violations. Obtained reversal by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit of denial of motion to arbitrate and certification of class. *Livingston v. Associates Finance, Inc.*, Nos. 02-3624, 02-8025, 339 F.3d 553 (7th Cir. 2003).

Phillips v. Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., No. 01-CV-1944 (N.D. Ill. 2001) – Class action alleging Truth in Lending Act violations. Arbitration clause upheld.

Ogilvie v. Associates National Bank, No. CGC-99-304439 (Cal. Super. City and San Francisco County 1999) – Class action alleging breach of contract in calculation of late fees for credit cardholders. Obtained enforcement of arbitration agreement and then favorable arbitration decision.

INSURANCE COVERAGE DEFENSE

Bruno, et al. v. ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., Case No. 08-2762 (E.D. La. 2008) – Purported class action consisting of plaintiffs' attorneys seeking to establish the lien priority of claims by plaintiffs' counsel, lenders and the Road Home Program to insurance proceeds for Hurricane Katrina-related damages.

State of Louisiana v. AAA Insurance, et al., Case No. 07-5528 (E.D. La. 2007) – Lawsuit brought by the State of Louisiana on behalf of itself and current and future recipients of grants under the Road Home Program, alleging inadequate coverage for Hurricane Katrina-related damages.

Abram, et al. v. AAA Ins., et al., Case No. 07-5205 (E.D. La. 2007) – Lawsuit brought by policyholder claiming inadequate coverage for Hurricane Katrina-related damages.

Acevedo, et al. v. AAA Ins., et al., Case Nos. 07-5199 and 07-5208 (E.D. La. 2007) – Lawsuit brought by policyholder claiming inadequate coverage for Hurricane Katrina-related damages.

Terrebonne, et al. v. Allstate Insurance Company, No. 2:06-CV-04697-SSV-ALC (E.D. La. filed Aug. 25, 2006) – Class action alleging breach of contract by insurers refusing to provide coverage for Hurricane Katrina related flooding.

In re Katrina Canal Breaches Litigation, No. 2:05-CV-04182-SRD-JCW (E.D. La. filed Sept. 19, 2005) – Class action alleging breach of contract by insurers refusing to provide coverage for Hurricane Katrina-related flooding.

Chehardy v. Louisiana Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Wooley, et al., No. 05-CV-1140-FJP-CN (M.D. La. 2005) – Class action on behalf of residents in and around the City of New Orleans whose homes were flooded following Hurricane Katrina's landfall seeking declaration that the negligence of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers caused failure of levy system as to avoid the application of the flood exclusion in their homeowners' insurance policies.

Cox v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, et al., 05-CV-0436 (S.D. Miss. 2005) – Class action on behalf of all insured property-owners of Mississippi who suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Katrina, claiming breach of contract and seeking tort-based relief from insurers.

Craddock v. Safeco Insurance Company, et al., No. 05-CV-06365-GTP-JCW (E.D. La. 2005) – Class action on behalf of all Louisiana residents who suffered a loss of trees as a result of the hurricane, and who have been denied coverage for replacement of trees because they are not insured property.

INSURANCE COVERAGE (POLICY HOLDER REPRESENTATIONS)

Citigroup, Inc. v. National Union Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh, et al., No. H-06-3666 (S.D. Tex. 2006) – Action seeking coverage from nine insurance companies with respect to the insured's settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class actions.

Citigroup, Inc. v. Chubb Atlantic Indemnity Ltd. – Arbitration seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

Citigroup, Inc. v. Starr Excess International – Arbitration seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

Citigroup, Inc. v. ACE Bermuda – Arbitration seeking coverage from insurer with respect to insured settlement of a governmental enforcement action and related class action.

REPARATIONS

In re African-American Slave Descendants Litigation, No. 02 C 7764 (N.D. Ill.) and Nos. 05-3265, 05-3266, 053305 (7th Cir.) – Purported class action filed by alleged African-American slave descendants against a number of defendants from the financial, textile, insurance, railroad and tobacco industries seeking reparations for slavery. In a December 2006 opinion, the Seventh Circuit affirmed the district court's dismissal of the plaintiffs' reparations claims for lack of standing and untimeliness and, on October 1, 2007, the Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari. The Seventh Circuit permitted the plaintiffs' consumer protection claims to proceed.

PRO BONO

Fikre Wondimante v. Fana Assefa, et al., No. 8:04-cv-03718-JKS (D. Md. 2007) – Jury verdict of $61,375 on claims for unjust enrichment brought by an exploited domestic worker who performed cooking, cleaning and elder care services in defendants' home for approximately four years without pay.

Leslie Griffith v. Paul Barnes, et al., Case No. 1:06CV01648 (HHK) (D.D.C. 2006) – Judgment of $278,079 compensatory damages and $100,0000 punitive damages in action arising out of a fraudulent foreclosure relief scheme that obtained title of plaintiff's home.

Johnson, et al. v. Cracker Barrel Old County Store, Inc., No. 7:03-cv-00170-FL (E.D.N.C. 2003) – Favorable settlement in action alleging that several Cracker Barrel restaurants discriminated against the plaintiffs by providing service that was inferior to that provided to white patrons and, in certain cases, no service at all.

Brad Williams v. Central Money Co., Civil Action No. 96-1993 (JR) (D.D.C. 1998) – Jury award on action to enjoin foreclosure, rescind a loan and obtain damages brought under the D.C. Consumer Protection Procedures Act for approximately $25,000 in damages and $200,000 in attorney's fees.

SECURITIES

In re Radian Securities Litigation, Class Action No. 07-3375 (E.D. Pa. 2008) – Consolidated securities class action alleging a failure to write down in a timely fashion the value of an investment in a privately owned company which generated revenue through, among other things, the purchase and servicing of subprime and Alt-A residential mortgage loans.

In re Riggs National Corp. Litigation, Consolidated CA No. 370-N (Ct. Chanc. Del. final judgment entered Nov. 9, 2005) – Shareholder class action alleging Riggs Bank officials failed to prevent illegal bank activities and improperly disclosed information relating to bank merger.

Freeport Partners, L.L.C. v. Allbritton, No. 04-CV-02030 (D.D.C. filed Nov. 18, 2004) – Class action on behalf of investors alleging securities law violations.

Horgan v. Allbritton, No CA 370-N (Del. Ch. filed Apr. 7, 2004) – Class action on behalf of investors alleging securities law violations.

In re Baan Company Securities Investigation, No. 1 :98CV02465-ESH (D.D.C. 2003) – Class action on behalf of investors alleging securities law violations.

MISCELLANEOUS

In re IndyMac Bancorp, Inc., No. 2:08-21752-BB (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2008) – Representation of the Chapter 7 Trustee of the estate of IndyMac Bancorp, Inc. ("Debtor") in connection with the Trustee's investigation of the financial affairs of the Debtor, collection of the property and assets of estate, and defense of government enforcement and litigation matters against the Debtor.

Vernon W. Hill, II, et al. v. Dennis M. DiFlorio, et al., Case No. 1:08-cv-00059 (RBW) (D.D.C. 2008) – Lawsuit alleging breach of employment and service contracts and copyright infringement, as well as deprivation of the plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

Harold H. Huggins Realty, Inc. et al. v. FNC, Inc., No. 3:09-cv-00007-WAP-SAA (N.D. Miss. 2007) – Putative nationwide class action by real estate appraisers alleging that online appraisal service improperly stored and used appraisal report data to build a national database of property information in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, among other causes of action. Court dismissed case.

City of Harper Woods Employees' Retirement System v. Olver and BAE Systems PLC, Case No. 1:07-cv-01646 (D.D.C. 2007) – Lawsuit alleging breach of fiduciary duty by directors and former controlling shareholders of Riggs Bank.

Freeport Partners, L.L.C. v. Joseph L. Allbritton, et al., Civil Action No. 04-2030 (D.D.C. 2006) – Civil RICO action alleging Riggs Bank management failed to implement mandatory anti-money laundering requirements in violation of the Bank Secrecy Act and breached fiduciary duties owed to shareholders resulting in the decline of Riggs Bank stock.