



# THE PLAINTIFFS' HOT LIST

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*The National Law Journal's* annual Plaintiffs' Hot List attempts to provide a snapshot of the most successful plaintiffs' practices of the moment. To identify them, we asked firms to provide us with a year's worth of representative cases, verdicts and settlements from June 2010 to June 2011. From there we sifted through dozens of potential firms, reporting on and researching each to come up with our list. In this special report, you'll find the results: We profile 20 firms that are at the cutting edge of plaintiffs' work—and that are giving defense players a run for their money.

# COTCHETT, PITRE & MCCARTHY

Burlingame, Calif.-based Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy scored a series of high-profile wins, including a victory in a rare class action trial and big settlements in cases involving medical lab services and in an antitrust price fixing.

## NOTEWORTHY CASES

- *State of California v. Quest Diagnostics Inc.*, No. 34-2009-00048046 (Sacramento Co., Calif., Super. Ct.). The firm negotiated a \$241 million settlement in a case involving the largest provider of medical laboratory testing. It also reached an additional \$49.5 million settlement with Laboratory Corp. of America. The defendants were accused of overcharging California patients. Cotchett's Niall McCarthy served as lead and worked with fellow Cotchett lawyer Justin Berger. On the defense were Dechert's Frederick G. Herold and Ober Kaler's S. Craig Holden.

- *In re Static Random Access Memory (SRAM) Antitrust Litig.*, No. M: 07-CV-01819-CW, MDL No. 1819 (N.D. Calif.). The firm was appointed lead counsel in an antitrust price-fixing class action involving technology companies, which resulted in settlements of \$76.8 million. Cotchett's Steven Williams and Joseph Cotchett served as lead counsel. Co-counsel were from Hagens Berman; Saveri & Saveri; Freed Kanner London & Millen and others. Defense lawyers were from Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton; Mayer Brown; McDermott Will & Emery and others.

- *HL Leasing Inc. v. Massoyan*, No. 09 CEG 0189 (Fresno Co., Calif., Super. Ct.). Cotchett went to trial in a class action—a rarity—winning in a case involving HL Leasing, which allegedly victimized more than 1,200 people in a Ponzi scheme. The jury entered a verdict of \$46.5 million against two senior HL officers. HL and related companies were held liable for \$114 million. Cotchett's Ara Jabaghourian led the case with Aron Liang. Local co-counsel and second chair was Donald Fischbach. On the defense were attorneys C. Russell Georgeson, David St. Louis, Marc Miles and Kristy Schlesinger.