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MAJOR RECENT FILINGS



CPM FILES SUIT FOR FIRST MAJOR WAVE OF MILLENNIUM CONDO OWNERS

In February, CPM filed their first group of lawsuits on behalf of individual homeowners in San Francisco's Millennium Tower – the massive, 58-story condominium building that continues to sink and tilt with no solution in sight. By some estimates, the building eventually could tilt or sink as much as 31 inches or more. "There is plenty of finger-pointing among those who contributed to and concealed the ongoing movement of the building from Millennium Tower homeowners," said Frank Pitre, the lead attorney at CPM. "The homeowners deserve swift answers and accountability very quickly." The developers, engineers, architects, and builders of the Millennium Tower acknowledge that the skyscraper sank during the course of its construction. The case is being handled by **Frank Pitre, Niall McCarthy, Eric Buescher, Julie Fieber and John Thyken.**

City of Richmond Files Lawsuit Against President Trump for his "Sanctuary Jurisdictions" Executive Order for All Cities in California



CPM filed a lawsuit for the City of Richmond in the Federal District Court in San Francisco against President Donald Trump, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly, seeking to have declared unconstitutional an Executive Order issued by President Trump concerning "Sanctuary Jurisdictions." The

lawsuit alleges that Executive Order 13768, issued on January 25, 2017, is an unconstitutional action by the President as it provides unfettered discretion to the Attorney General and Secretary of Homeland Security to take away all federal funds from "sanctuary jurisdictions" which they believe do not follow federal immigration law. The suit alleges that the President does not have authority under the Constitution or any Congressional act to restrict federal funds based on such an Executive Order. Under the vague and far-reaching language of the Executive Order, Richmond could lose federal funds without violating any federal immigration law. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Nancy Fineman, Alexandra Summer, Camilo Artiga-Purcell and Brian Danitz.**

CPM Lawsuit Filed Against Yahoo! Executives and Verizon Relating to Massive Data Breaches



CPM represents Yahoo! shareholders who filed a lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior court on behalf of the Company, and against certain Yahoo officers and directors, over their recent disclosure that "senior executives" and legal staff knew about a massive data breach back in 2014 – one of the largest in U.S. history, impacting five hundred million users – yet failed to inform impacted users and shareholders until September 2016, two months after Yahoo entered into a proposed transaction with Verizon Communications, Inc. In December 2016, Yahoo then disclosed that it had been subject to an even larger hack in 2013, involving one billion users. The case is being handled by **Mark Molumphy, Alexandra Summer and Stephanie Biehl.**

CPM Takes U.S. Government to Court for Children Over the Issue of Clean Air Regulation in the U.S.

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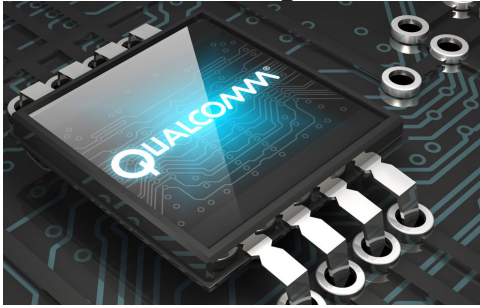


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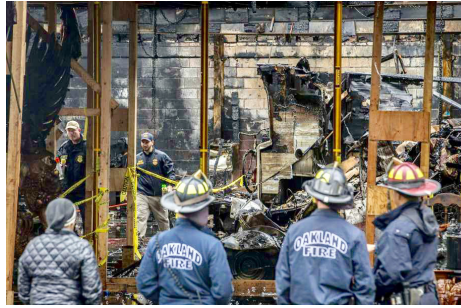
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Qualcomm Over-Reaching on Licensing Fees



In February 2017, CPM filed a major class action lawsuit against Qualcomm, accusing the company of federal Sherman Act anti-trust violations in its patent licensing business. Our federal court complaint on behalf of consumers alleges San Diego-based Qualcomm forced cell-phone makers to pay royalties on patents covering modem chipsets, thus harming members of the public who bought cell phones. In January, the Federal Trade Commission filed an action under the antitrust laws that Qualcomm used its dominance in supplying chips for smartphones and tablets to obtain higher royalties for patents in what the FTC complaint said was a “no license-no chips” policy. Historically, Qualcomm has faced a series of antitrust investigations by regulators around the globe. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Steve Williams, Philip Gregory, Adam Zapala, Alexandra Summers, Joyce Chang** and team.

CPM Files Lawsuit on Behalf Victims of Oakland Ghost Ship Fire



CPM filed a lawsuit on behalf of the parents of Alex Vega, a twenty-two year old man who lost his life in the Oakland Ghost Ship Fire on December 2, 2016. The Ghost Ship was a warehouse in Oakland that was illegally converted into a live-work space and used as an underground music venue, referred to as the “Rave Cave.” Alex was lured to the warehouse and charged admission for an unpermitted music event without any awareness that the venue lacked a fire suppression system and fire alarms, had exposed electrical wires and nails, pirated electricity, no exit signs, no emergency lighting or sprinkler system, unpermitted construction and repairs, and was overflowing with clutter, junk, and haphazard partitions. Not to mention, the music was staged on the second floor and blocking one of only two stairwells, effectively forcing all attendees up and down one flight of stairs that was narrow, poorly constructed from wooden pallets, and did not directly lead to an exit. Essentially, the warehouse was a deathtrap for unsuspecting attendees. The case is being handled by **Frank Pitre, Alison Cordova** and team.

Lawsuit Filed Against PetSmart for Abuse to Animals



CPM filed a lawsuit on behalf of Terrie Peacock and Stefan Zier, whose beloved dachshund puppy, Henry, was crushed to death at the hands of a PetSmart groomer, Juan Zarate. Henry was more than just a pet, he was a member of the Peacock-Zier family. On May 15, 2016, Henry was brought to a PetSmart location in San Mateo, California for a routine nail trim and went from healthy to having two broken ribs and a punctured lung. Henry died minutes later on-site. The Complaint alleges that an alarming number of consumers have reported serious injuries and/or death while their pets were being groomed at PetSmart. The case is led by **Alison Cordova, Toriana Holmes** and team.



Phil Gregory outside court

CPM Goes to Court to Save the Planet for Our Kids Over Climate Change Regulations

“The biggest trial of the century.”

- Washington Post

“‘Biggest Case on the Planet’ Pits Kids vs. Climate Change and Washington.”

- National Geographic

“The highest-stakes climate lawsuit on the planet.”

- Rolling Stone magazine

On International Youth Day, August 12, 2015, CPM along with Oregon counsel Julia Olson, filed a **constitutional climate change lawsuit** on behalf of 21 young people from across the United States against the federal government in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. Together with climate scientist **Dr. James Hansen** and the youth organization **Earth Guardians**, plaintiffs assert that, in causing climate change, the federal government has violated the youngest generation’s constitutional rights and has failed to protect essential public trust resources. The plaintiffs seek a court order requiring the President to immediately implement a national plan to decrease atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide from over 440 to 350 parts per million by the year 2100. The fossil fuel industry strongly opposes the case. The original case was against President Obama and now against President Trump and the new administration. On November 10, 2016, U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken **rejected** all arguments to dismiss the case and determined the young plaintiffs’ constitutional and public trust claims could proceed. In recent developments on February 9, 2017, the plaintiffs filed a notice in a federal court in Oregon, naming Donald J. Trump as a defendant in their landmark climate case on pace for trial this fall. Finally, both the federal government and the fossil fuel industry are seeking to certify the November 10 Order for appeal to the Ninth Circuit, calling the claims “extraordinary” and “unprecedented in scope.” Led by **Philip Gregory, Pete McCloskey, Joe Cotchett, Alexandra Summer, Camilo Artiga-Purcell** and team.

FALSE CLAIMS & CONSUMER FRAUD UPDATES

Chevron Oil Royalties Case in California

In March 2017, the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court granted certification of claims for oil royalty owners against Chevron for underpaying the royalties owed. CPM, and co-counsel Don Ernst and Chris Edgington, represent a class of over 100 oil royalty owners from the San Ardo Oil Field, just north of Paso Robles. The complaint alleges Chevron hid the actual prices it received for the oil and took improper deductions of costs to reduce the royalty payments it made to the class. The case is handled by **Niall McCarthy, Eric Buescher** and **Tamarah Prevost**.

American Automobile Association Tow Trucks Employment Claims



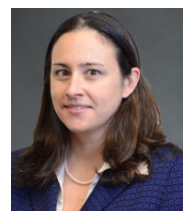
Class certification was granted in April 2017 of CPM's lawsuit against American Automobile Association (AAA) for misclassification of tow contract stations and employees as independent contractors by the Contra Costa County Superior Court. The court certified a class of all people who performed emergency road service for AAA in California for 30 hours per week, but were not classified or paid as employees from December 2009 to the present. Both the superior court and the court of appeals rejected AAA's opposition to certification, and the case is proceeding forward on behalf of all those workers who were harmed. The case is moving toward trial. The case is handled by **Niall McCarthy** and **Stephanie Biehl**.



Niall McCarthy



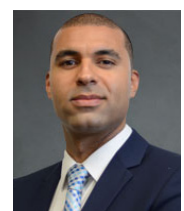
Justin Berger



Anne Marie Murphy



Eric Buescher



Emanuel Townsend



Adam Shapiro



Tamarah Prevost

Case Against BP for Overcharging the State of California



Nationwide depositions are ongoing in **CPM's** case against oil company BP for overcharging the State of California millions of dollars on purchases of natural gas. The California Attorney General's office joined the case. CPM attorneys **Niall McCarthy, Justin Berger** and **Adam Shapiro** lead a large team along with Houston-based co-counsel Steidley & Kelly. The complaint alleges that BP overcharged state, county, and local governments hundreds of millions of dollars for natural gas purchases. The case claims that BP utilized exotic financial product structures to charge far more than fair market value for natural gas. Trial is set for July 2017.

Debt Collection Settlement Finalized Against ProSolutions



The court has approved a class action settlement with debt collection company ProSolutions. The action alleged that ProSolutions participates in unlawful debt collection practices in violation of federal and California law. The proposed settlement provides for: (1) substantial changes in Pro Solutions' practices and procedures; (2) 40% debt relief to Class Members with open accounts; and (3) a cash settlement fund. Through the settlement ProSolutions has agreed to change essentially all of the business practices that gave rise to the litigation. Thousands of California homeowners will benefit from the settlement which is set for final approval in late April. The case is being handled by CPM attorneys **Justin Berger** and **Emanuel Townsend**, along with Oakland-based co-counsel Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA).

Class Action Against Nissan Leaf on Hardware Upgrades



CPM's class action lawsuit against Nissan North America, Inc. alleges that tens of thousands of consumers throughout California purchased Nissan LEAF electric vehicles based on Nissan's false and misleading claims about the LEAF's CARWINGS telematics system. The lawsuit seeks to prevent Nissan from requiring owners and leasees of 2011-2015 model LEAFs to pay for the hardware upgrade needed to maintain use of the CARWINGS system. The case is handled by **Niall McCarthy, Justin Berger, Emanuel Townsend** and **Brian Danitz**.

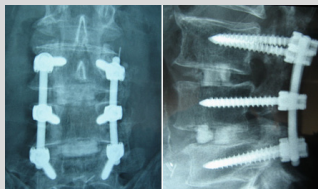
CPM Seeks Justice for Elderly Ponzi Scheme Victim



In February, CPM obtained a million dollar judgment on behalf of an elderly Bay Area resident who was the victim of financial elder abuse. As detailed in the Complaint, Kofman lost every penny of his carefully saved retirement totaling over \$1 million—in a merciless scam. As alleged in the Complaint, over the past fifteen years Defendant Alexy Pitt left a series of failed business ventures which harmed employees and investors, while running a pyramid scheme, and used Kofman as a personal piggy bank; Pitt went so far as to fly the elderly Kofman down to Irvine when more money was needed. Kofman pursued the case not just in the hopes of recovering some of his retirement funds but also with the hope of protecting others who could fall prey to Pitt. The case is being handled by **Anne Marie Murphy** and team.

MASS INJURIES UPDATES

Victims of Fake Surgeries Implanted with Counterfeit, Non-FDA Approved Medical Devices in Los Angeles County Superior Court



The case is now in the discovery phase and crucial depositions will begin soon. CPM represents 145 individual plaintiffs who contend they were subjected to unnecessary spinal fusion surgery without knowing their surgeon was getting an illegal kickback for scheduling their surgery at a particular hospital. According to guilty pleas by several defendants the surgeon typically got \$15,000 for a lumbar fusion and \$10,000 for performing a cervical fusion. In many cases the surgeons obtained additional illegal kickbacks from the distributor of the implantable hardware that was used to stabilize the fusion site and in many cases the hardware was not made in accordance with FDA regulations. The kickback scheme clearly influenced medical decisions by the doctors, their opinion on the necessity of surgery, the choice of procedure, and the choice of the implantable hardware best suited for the surgery and the patient. In many cases the hardware failed due to its poor manufacture and had to be removed through a second major surgery increasing the risks to the health and well-being of the patient. The cases are being handled by **Frank Pitre, Robert Hutchinson, Alison Cordova, Joel Gordon** and **Neda Lotfi**.

Porter Ranch Residents Hold Southern California Gas Company Accountable for Major Gas Leak



CPM and Kabateck, Brown & Kelner represent over 300 residents in the Porter Ranch area of Southern California who are suffering various ill health effects as well as potentially severe loss of home values. Southern California Gas Company acknowledged the leak in late October of 2015 although evidence exists that the company knew the storage well was leaking years before but failed to do anything about it. The leak spewed Methane and other potentially toxic gases. **Frank Pitre, Robert Hutchinson** and **Julie Fieber** are representing residents and their families who suffer from difficulty with breathing, dizziness, nose bleeds and nausea.

PG&E Being Held Accountable For Destroying Homes In Calaveras And Amador Counties for Faulty Power Lines

Over one year ago, CPM filed a lawsuit against PG&E for damages suffered by hundreds of California residents resulting from the Butte Wildfire, which ignited after a PG&E electrical power line came in contact with a neighboring tree that had been hazardously trimmed making it vulnerable to falling on the power line. The fire burned 70,868 acres and 575 homes. People lost everything, and are still living out of tents and trailers on barren properties where trees, vegetation and wildlife once inhabited the region. While CPM has achieved great settlements on behalf of some clients, others have not resolved through mediation. Therefore, CPM is vigorously deposing PG&E employees and demanding the Court set trial dates to bring swift justice for all clients. These cases are being handled by **Frank Pitre, Alison Cordova, John Thyken** and team along with co-counsel.

Water Contaminated by Oil Production in Kern County



CPM is part of a consortium of law firms to taking oil industry waste water dumping practices that have contaminated fresh water aquifers used for irrigating of almond crops in Kern County. The first of several cases is set to commence trial in February of 2018. The public agencies established to enforce regulations to prevent contamination of water sources have failed to do so. **Frank Pitre** and **Julie Fieber** are leading the team.



Exploding Samsung Smartphones Across The Country

The recent recall of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones due to safety risks posed by overheating and exploding, is just the tip of the iceberg. CPM, along with Stonebarger Law, have filed suit against Samsung for defects in its Galaxy S6 Active phone for exploding due to overheating and caused serious injuries to consumers. Samsung attempted to stay the case twice, but CPM prevailed both times, pushing the case forward to discovery where CPM anticipates obtaining critical information as to how and why Samsung Galaxy S6 phones are exploding. **Frank Pitre, Alison Cordova** and team re handling the case.



Frank Pitre



Robert Hutchinson



Alison Cordova



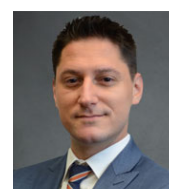
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ANTITRUST & BUSINESS FRAUD UPDATES

Local Candy Store and CPM Deliver Over \$25,000 for Children's Toys



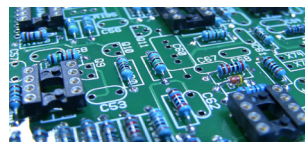
John Kevranian of "Nuts for Candy" in Burlingame and CPM presented checks totaling \$25,287.30 to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and the Central County Fire Department Toy Drive – just in time for the organizations to purchase Christmas gifts for children this past holiday season. United States District Judge Richard Seeborg of the Northern District of California granted CPM's motion to have residual settlement funds from the *In re: Webkinz Antitrust Litigation* case distributed to the two local charities. The case, spearheaded by CPM's **Steve Williams** and **Joyce Chang**, was a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of injured consumers such as plaintiff Nuts for Candy. Upon receiving the Court's approval, Williams generously matched the entire donation in order to provide double the amount of gifts this Christmas Day noting, "It's our pleasure to match the cy pres funds approved by the Court this week, and it's our hope that by doing so, twice as many deserving children will receive a present on Christmas."

Price-Fixing of Domestic Air Travel



The Court has upheld the complaint in this case, allowing the case to move forward against defendants based on an alleged illegal agreement to fix, raise, and maintain the price of domestic air passenger transportation through various means, including by eliminating or restricting the supply of domestic air transportation – otherwise known as seating "capacity." The case is pending in Washington, D.C. The case is being handled by **Steve Williams**, **Joyce Chang** and team.

Price-Fixing of Resistors for Electronic Equipment



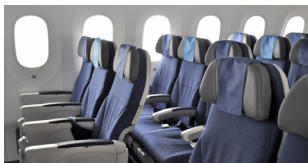
CPM is Lead Counsel for a class of indirect purchasers of resistors purchased from defendants who allegedly conspired to unlawfully inflate, fix, raise, maintain or artificially stabilize prices. This case is pending in the Northern District of California. CPM plaintiffs have filed a Consolidated Complaint, and have begun discovery. The case is being handled by **Adam Zapala**, **Elizabeth Tran**, **Demetrius Lambrinos**, **Mark Ram** and team.

\$604 Million Settlement of Price-Fixing Claims for U.S. Consumers and Businesses in Auto Parts Litigation



CPM's **Steve Williams** and his antitrust team who serve as co-lead counsel for consumers have reached more than \$604 million in settlements on behalf of American consumers and businesses. *In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation* ("Auto Parts") is a class action pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan stemming from an alleged long-running, international conspiracy involving price-fixing, bid-rigging, and market allocation. The case claims that the leading global automotive suppliers engaged in a decade-plus conspiracy to rig bids and to fix the prices of automotive parts sold to vehicle manufacturers.

Price-Fixing of Overseas Airline Tickets



In January 2017, **Steve Williams** argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on the important issue of whether or not federal courts have the power to adjudicate illegal conduct in violation of the antitrust laws or whether the courts must defer to regulatory agencies. Plaintiffs argue that the deregulation of air transportation renders the filed rate doctrine inapplicable in this case. The Ninth Circuit's pending decision will have broad implications for many cases. The case is being handled by **Steve Williams**, **Adam Zapala** and team.

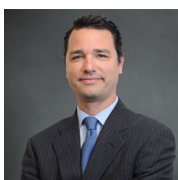
Price-Fixing of Capacitors Used in Electronic Devices



CPM is Lead Counsel and represents indirect purchasers of capacitors against defendants, the leading manufacturers of capacitors sold in the United States, for engaging in two separate conspiracies to unlawfully inflate, fix, raise, maintain or artificially stabilize prices for electrolytic and film capacitors. Settlements have been reached with three defendants and more defendants are expected to settle rather than face trial before a jury. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett**, **Steve Williams**, **Elizabeth Tran** and **Joyce Chang**.



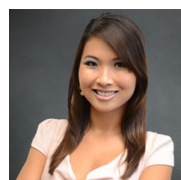
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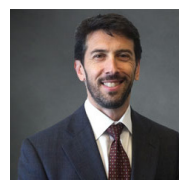
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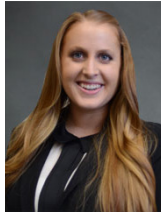
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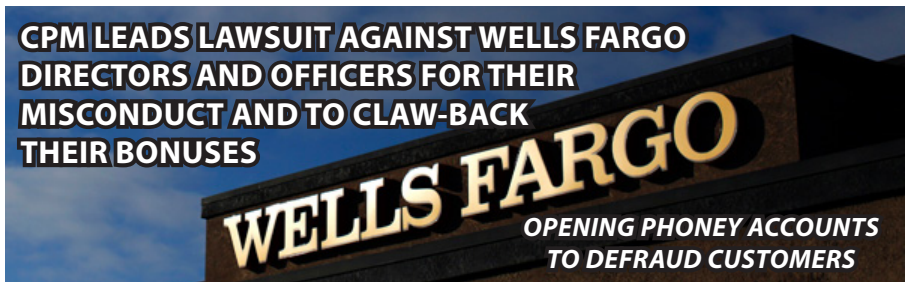
Pete McCloskey

The Fight to Maintain Historical Access to Martins Beach



Surfrider Foundation's ongoing legal battle over public access to Martins Beach remains on appeal, with the three year anniversary of the filing of the lawsuit passing in March. The parties filed further briefs in February and are awaiting a date for oral argument. The legal battle also entered a new arena when the owners filed suit against the State Lands Commission, California Coastal Commission, and San Mateo County in federal court. The owners allege their equal protection and due process rights have been violated because they have been singled out for unfair treatment in the dispute over access to Martins Beach. On behalf of San Mateo County, CPM filed a motion to dismiss the owner's complaint, as did the California Attorney General, and a hearing is scheduled for June. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett**, **Pete McCloskey** and **Eric Buescher**.

CPM LEADS LAWSUIT AGAINST WELLS FARGO DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR THEIR MISCONDUCT AND TO CLAW-BACK THEIR BONUSES



CPM is moving forward in San Francisco County Superior Court on behalf of shareholders against Wells Fargo officers and directors, for allowing the creation of over **2 million phony accounts** and charging unknowing customers unwarranted fees. The complaint alleges that Wells Fargo's senior management allowed the bank to commit a major fraud on consumers resulting in serious harm to the bank. This is because Wells Fargo employees, for years, were pressured to secretly open unauthorized accounts to meet sales targets that allowed executives to receive bonuses. The suit seeks a claw-back or return of all bonuses paid to officers and directors including CEO John Stumpf. In September 2016, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fined Wells Fargo Bank \$100 million for unlawful sales practices. The case is being led by **Joe Cotchett**, **Mark Molumphy**, **Nancy Fineman**, **Alexandra Summer**, **Stephanie Biehl** and team.



Tribes Sue Caltrans for Destroying Historic Sites During Willits Highway Construction

CPM filed suit in 2015 on behalf of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and the Round Valley Indian Tribes in federal court against Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Willits Bypass Project is a six-mile long re-routing of Highway 101 through Little Lake Valley, near Willits, CA. The Tribes allege Caltrans and FHWA failed to properly identify and protect their historic site. In March 2017, a District Court Judge determined the plaintiffs had properly requested, in government-to-government consultation, that FHWA reassume jurisdiction over the Willits Bypass Project instead of Caltrans. The case is led by **Philip Gregory**, **Pete McCloskey** and team.

Credit Card Fraud Allegations in Court Filing Against Visa



CPM has filed a class action lawsuit against Visa on behalf of California merchants. The complaint alleges that Visa unfairly sets charges that merchants must pay to process credit cards that are anti-competitive and have no economic justification, costing California merchants an average of six times more than cash transactions. CPM seeks to recover damages for the merchants and to have these practices stopped. The case is pending in San Mateo County Superior Court. The case is handled by **Joe Cotchett**, **Nancy Fineman**, **Gwendolyn Giblin** and team.



CPM Recovers for California Public Entities for Fixing Rates of Muni Derivatives

CPM has now recovered millions of dollars for California public entities in the Municipal Derivative Litigation. The cases were filed back in 2008 and are now resolving after lengthy delays in discovery. Public entities were vulnerable to numerous deceptive financial dealings prior to 2008 through the sale of deceptive financial products. The cases are led by **Nanci Nishimura**, **Alexander Barnett**, **Ian Atkinson-Young** and **Pouneh Almasi** and her public entity team at CPM.

HONORS FOR CPM

CPM Announces Alexandra Summer as New Partner



Alexandra Summer is a graduate of Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts cum laude in Sociology and History of Art and Architecture, and received her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School with honors. She interned for Judge Robert Sack, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and for the Legal Aid Society. After law school, she clerked for Judge William Alsup, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Prior to joining the firm, Alexa was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of California, San Francisco, assigned to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Section of the Criminal Division. As an AUSA, she was responsible for felony criminal cases including violations of drug-trafficking statutes, violent crimes, wire fraud, money laundering, and obstruction of justice.



Pitre Receives Honor American Board of Trial Advocates S.F. Chapter of the Year Award

Under the stewardship of **Frank Pitre** as President, the San Francisco Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates was unanimously selected as the ABOTA Chapter of the Year by National ABOTA. ABOTA chapters from around the country competed for this honor. The SF Chapter won the award in 1998 (See enclosed).



Cotchett Honoree Learned Hand Award from the American Jewish Committee

In June, **Joe Cotchett** will be awarded **Learned Hand Award** by the American Jewish Committee having practicing for over 50 years. The Judge Learned Hand Award is given to those who are outstanding leaders in the legal community who exemplifies both the high principles of justice, freedom and fairness.



Celebrating 47 Years of Earth Day

Pete McCloskey is one of the nation's first environmental lawyers. On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day launched the environmental movement across the country. McCloskey co-founded the movement as a member of Congress representing the San Francisco Peninsula, with **Senator Gaylord Nelson** and **Denis Hayes**, a former Stanford student body president with support from key students and faculty. McCloskey, a Stanford Law graduate and recipient of the Navy Cross, the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts while a U.S. Marine Officer in Korea, continues to lead from the front on the environment. (See enclosed).



Senior Paralegal Serves on San Mateo Police Activities League Board

CPM's Senior Paralegal **Darren Kelley** will serve as Vice Chair for Strategic Planning for the San Mateo Police Activities League for 2017-2018. San Mateo PAL is an organization that builds bonds between police officers and San Mateo youth. A former 82nd Airborne paratrooper, he is a youth leader in our community.

NEW ATTORNEYS AT CPM



TAMARAH P. PREVOST

- Simon Fraser University, B.A.
- Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D.
- Civil litigation including consumer protection, employment, elder abuse, false claims act and complex litigation



MARK F. RAM

- Haverford College, B.A.
- University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D.
- Antitrust law and complex litigation including consumer fraud and false claims act



ADAM M. SHAPIRO

- University of Rochester, B.A.
- Harvard University, M.P.P.
- Stanford Law School, J.D.
- False claims act litigation, consumer protection, class actions and other complex civil litigation as well as appellate practice



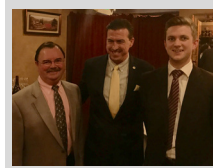
AILEEN T. NGUYEN

- Emory University, B.A.
- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
- Mass torts, consumer fraud, environmental law and complex civil litigation involving water rights

Cotchett Receives a Lifetime Achievement Award as one of America's Top 100 Attorneys



Joe Cotchett has been recognized for his Lifetime Achievement as one of America's Top 100 Attorneys. As reported in the *San Francisco / Los Angeles Daily Journal*, he is "considered one of the best trial strategists in the state who built a career out of representing the underdog against powerful interests."



Pictured: CA State Assemblymember Rich Gordon, CA Assembly Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin and Diarmaid Murphy

Irish Delegate Visits Bay Area as Guest of CPM

Every year, CPM hosts delegates through the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. In March, **Diarmaid Murphy** from Dublin, Ireland came to learn about the U.S. legislative process and law. He practices civil and commercial law in Dublin and on the Midland Circuit. During his stay, he joined CPM attorneys at legal events, court hearings, a Giants game, toured Facebook in Silicon Valley and got to experience Broadway's hit new musical, *Hamilton*.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Artiga-Purcell Co-Authors "El Pais Que Viene, Jovenes En El Exterior"

CPM's **Camilo Artiga-Purcell** co-authored a book titled "El Pais Que Viene, Jovenes En El Exterior," featuring 60 Salvadorans and children of Salvadorans living around the world. The book shines a light on the positive contributions of Salvadoran youth internationally, including artists, professors, economists, environmentalists, and lawyers. The book aims to (1) alter the false narrative that all Salvadoran youth are dangerous, (2) inspire Salvadoran youth to reach lofty goals, and (3) create new synergies so that Salvadoran youth, wherever they reside, can work together to build an inclusive, prosperous El Salvador. The book was presented in February in San Salvador, El Salvador.

McCarthy Speaks at the American Board of Trial Advocates Constitutional Law Lecture with Several Judges



Niall McCarthy recently moderated a panel discussion for the American Board of Trial Advocates on Constitutional Law for high school students. The keynote speakers were Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court **Tani Cantil-Sakauye** and United States District Court Judge **Susan Illston**.



CPM Attorneys Volunteer to Assist Immigrants to Obtain U.S. Citizenship

CPM's **Camilo Artiga-Purcell**, **Anne Marie Murphy** and **Adam Shapiro** volunteered at a Citizenship Workshop at Capuchino High School in Millbrae, California. The goal of the workshop, hosted by the International Institute of the Bay Area, was for pro bono attorneys and other volunteers to help immigrants file applications for U.S. citizenship for qualifying long-term permanent residents (Green Card holders) in the community. Approximately 240 potential applicants attended the event. Given the current political climate, there is heightened panic around immigration issues, and heightened need for pro bono attorneys to advise immigrants of their rights and avenues to U.S. citizenship. With just a little of our time, we can change people's lives for the better in our community. Many attorneys at CPM volunteer to represent undocumented children in the Bay Area.

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— Judge of the Superior Court (Retired)

*The greatest achievement, and we didn't know it at the time,
was we held an Earth Day in 1970, and out of that Earth Day,
a lot of students got involved in saving the environment.*

Pete McCloskey, Former U.S. Congressman



PETE McCLOSKEY

One of the Nation's First Environmental Lawyers

A Founder of Earth Day

April 22, 1970

In 1970, the first Earth Day launched the environmental movement across the country. **Pete McCloskey** co-founded the occasion as a member of Congress representing the San Francisco Peninsula with **Senator Gaylord Nelson** and **Denis Hayes**, a former Stanford student body president, who were supported from key students and faculty.

McCloskey, a Stanford Law graduate and recipient of the Navy Cross, the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts while a U.S. Marine Officer in Korea, continues to lead from the front to save the environment. He leads the charge on climate change, oil drilling and pollution, and he is still battling for all of us.

We are proud to have Pete as our partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy.

We honor him on this special day.

EARTH DAY

April 22, 2017

Frank Pitre

Completes Term as President of the San Francisco Chapter American Board of Trial Advocates



From left to right: Christopher Beeman, Richard Bennett, Frank Pitre, Joseph McMonigle, Donald Carlson

2016 was a historic year for the San Francisco Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Late in 2016, **Frank Pitre** was notified by National ABOTA that under his leadership as President the SF Chapter was unanimously selected as the ABOTA Chapter of the Year - a feat last achieved in 1998.

Last year, ABOTA's SF Chapter is comprised of outstanding trial lawyers who stood up to speak out to the public on the importance of Judicial Independence to our system of governance. The SF Chapter was the major voice to address what had become a one-sided, local and statewide public outcry over a Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge's sentencing in a high-profile case that prompted demands for his recall. ABOTA spoke out loudly under Frank and the Board's leadership to support the Judiciary and all Judges around the State.