

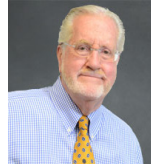
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HUGE VERDICT FOR CHILDREN IN LEAD PAINT CASE: \$1.15 BILLION FOR REMOVAL OF LEAD IN HOMES



In January, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge James P. Kleinberg entered a **\$1.15 billion** judgment against three national lead paint manufacturers. The monies will be used in 10 California cities and counties to remove lead paint from pre-1978 homes. **Joe Cotchett** and **Nancy Fineman** led the CPM team, which also included **Brian Schnarr**, **JoAnne Lein**, **Laurie D’Elia** and **Kristen Lein**. Along with public counsel and other private counsel, they tried this public nuisance case in a **six week court** trial involving



Joe Cotchett



Nancy Fineman



Brian Schnarr

30 witnesses as well as historical and medical evidence. **This landmark decision will dramatically improve the lives of children, most of them poor and minority, to hold the lead paint companies responsible for promoting lead in paint while knowing it was toxic and causes brain damage.** This decision comes after 14 years of vigorous litigation, including going to the Court of Appeal twice and the California Supreme Court before trial. It will now be appealed again, according to the paint company defendants.



Pete McCloskey Philip Gregory

VICTORY FOR OLD GROWTH REDWOODS OVER BIG TRUCKS AGAINST CALTRANS

The **California Court of Appeal** ordered **CALTRANS** to stop all work to widen Highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park and comply with California law. The Park is home to ancient redwood trees 300 feet tall and thousands of years old. Caltrans initiated a project to widen the road to allow extra-large trucks to pass through the Park. Finalized in 2010, Caltrans’ plan would have authorized the cutting of old growth roots, affecting approximately 74 old growth redwood trees. The Court said Caltrans’ project report shortcuts legal requirements by omitting “any information that enables the reader to evaluate the significance” of impacts on the old growth redwood trees. The Court found Caltrans had disregarded California’s environmental laws. The case was handled by CPM attorneys **Pete McCloskey**, **Philip Gregory**, and environmental co-counsel, **Sharon Duggan**.



CAOC HONORS McCARTHY

Niall McCarthy was awarded CAOC’s **Marvin E. Lewis Award**, given “in recognition of continued guidance, loyalty and dedication, all of which have been an inspiration to fellow attorneys.” CAOC’s president in 2012, McCarthy has continued to serve the association and its members as co-chair of the **Open Courts Coalition**, a group dedicated to restoring badly-needed funding to the Courts.

CPM NAMED ONE OF THE **TOP 20** LITIGATION LAW FIRMS IN COUNTRY - 2014 -

CPM has once again been named to the **The National Law Journal’s Top 20** litigation law firms in the country. The National Law Journal compiled this year’s list by selecting nationally ranked firms in the country that have done exemplary, cutting-edge work in litigation.

MAJOR RECENT FILINGS

AAA Sued For Unfair Labor Practices By Northern California Towing Companies

Phil Gregory, Matthew Edling and Brian Schnarr represent a group of Northern California tow truck companies in a lawsuit against AAA for its wrongful misclassification of road side service providers to avoid paying benefits and other compensation. CPM's lawsuit alleges that AAA exerts total control over every manner of the towing business, and even requires tow companies to incur high costs to obtain AAA compliant vehicles, uniforms and equipment. The class action complaint was filed in December 2013 in the Superior Court of Contra Costa County.



Joanna LiCalsi

CPM Files Lawsuit On Wide-Ranging Fraud Which May Have Put US Homeland Security at Risk

CPM filed a lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior Court on behalf of Silicon Valley's Xilinx, Inc. (the world's leading provider of programmable semiconductor chips) against Flextronics International, Ltd. and subsidiaries for wide-ranging fraud. Xilinx's highly advanced devices are used by customers including the United States Air Force, Marine Corps, and the Navy. One of Xilinx's main concerns is ensuring that its technology has not been sold to unidentified purchasers without the proper governmental licenses to ensure national security. The case is handled by Steve Williams, Nancy Fineman and Joanna LiCalsi.



Frank Pitre



Mark Molumphy

SHAREHOLDER LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST PG&E OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR LOSSES

CPM is seeking to hold PG&E's senior management accountable for millions of dollars already expended by PG&E, settlements, and regulatory fines emanating from the devastating explosion that leveled a San Bruno neighborhood in 2010. PG&E has admitted that the utility is the target of a criminal investigation, exposing it to even greater losses. Prior to the San Bruno Explosion, PG&E's Board had reviewed their risk management practices revealing that PG&E was in "crisis" mode prior to the accident, and that, in 2007, PG&E determined that the Company's Enterprise Risk Management program "seems unactionable because almost everything is broken." The team, headed by Mark Molumphy, Frank Pitre, and Jennifer Crutchfield, also seek the return of lucrative executive compensation packages allegedly approved by senior management at the same time safety budgets were being slashed. Plaintiffs are also represented by Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro.



Bryan Payne

TIMCO WORLDWIDE ACCOUNTING NEGLIGENCE

In January, CPM attorneys Matthew Edling and Bryan Payne filed a complaint on behalf of Timco Worldwide against the accounting firm Perry-Smith for failing to perform accounting services it was contractually obligated to perform. Instead of performing sufficient review procedures Perry-Smith allegedly rubber-stamped the financials that Timco relied upon in its forecasting and capital investments. As a result of Perry-Smith's alleged negligence, Timco, a company which had consistently grown for 25 years, was liquidated and sold for pennies on the dollar.

23andMe, Inc. Consumer Litigation



Matthew Edling

In December, CPM's Matthew Edling, Jennifer Crutchfield, and co-counsel filed a class arbitration claim alleging that 23andMe, Inc. violated the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act ("FDC Act") as well as numerous California

statutes and common law. The complaint alleges that 23andMe falsely advertised that its Personal Genome Service ("PGS") is able to find details regarding one's risk for serious illness, despite failing to conduct clinical and analytical studies. CPM's clients allege that although the PGS is a device that has not obtained proper clearance from the FDA, the PGS is branded as a medical tool that delivers a diagnosis, rather than just a prediction of risk and an overview of genetic traits.

JPMORGAN LITIGATION



Jennifer Crutchfield

CPM, on behalf of JPMorgan shareholders, has filed a lawsuit against JPMorgan for its active participation in subprime mortgages that contributed to the recent financial crisis. The complaint alleges that JPMorgan aggressively pushed into the subprime Mortgage Backed Securities market without disclosing the risks. JPMorgan authorized or recklessly allowed the company to commit deceptive actions in selling subprime mortgages. JPMorgan has accrued over \$31 billion in fines relating to its recent conduct. The CPM team is headed by Joe Cotchett, Mark Molumphy, and Jennifer Crutchfield.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



CPM SPONSORS COMMUNITY GATEPATH EVENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

CPM was a sponsor for the Community Gatepath Power of Possibilities Recognition annual fundraiser. Community Gatepath is the largest non-profit organization in San Mateo County serving children and adults with disabilities. Both **Niall McCarthy** and **Steven Williams** of CPM are past board **Chairs** of Community Gatepath. A special appearance was made by Superbowl MVP and former Niner's quarterback, **Steve Young**, who was introduced by **Niall McCarthy**.



HANOI - VIETNAM

Nanci Nishimura met with U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, **David Shear**, in Hanoi to discuss advances in diplomatic relations and business development between the U.S. and Vietnam on a trip sponsored by the **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS**.

In January, San Francisco **Mayor Ed Lee** appointed **Nishimura** to the **Commission of the Asian Art Museum**. She previously served as a Trustee of the Asian Art Museum Foundation in San Francisco.



ARTIGA-PURCELL SERVES AS INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS OBSERVER IN EL SALVADOR

Over 80 U.S. delegates, including political figures and CPM's **Camilo Artiga-Purcell**, convened in El Salvador in February as international elections observers to ensure fair and just presidential elections. They served at the request of the Salvadoran Supreme Electoral Tribunal. The **SHARE Foundation** of Berkeley selected Artiga-Purcell to serve as a monitor to observe the polls during the February elections. **Fue un honor servir como observador electoral internacional. En general, las elecciones de febrero fueron transparentes y realizado con impresionante eficiencia logística. La segunda vuelta será igualmente justa, transparente y exitosa.**

WHO'S WHO OF COMPETITION LAWYERS AND ECONOMISTS SELECT WILLIAMS FOR 2014



Steve Williams has been selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of the International **Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists**. This selection recognizes Steve's status as one of the leading competition lawyers as determined through a survey of clients and competition specialists from around the world. Steve also serves on the **Executive Committee of the Antitrust Section** of the California State Bar and on the Advisory Committee of the American Bar Association's Cartel and Criminal Practice Committee.



CPM sponsors the **Filipino Bar Association of Northern California** fundraiser in San Francisco for Typhoon Haiyan victims.



CPM staff volunteers at **S.F. Food Bank** on behalf of **Asian Law Caucus**



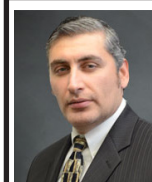
NEW CPM LOS ANGELES OFFICE

After almost 35 years in Beverly Hills. CPM has moved their L.A. office to: **2716 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 3025, Santa Monica, CA 90405.**



Robert Hutchinson

Robert Hutchinson and **Joanna LiCalsi** head up the Los Angeles office, located next to the Santa Monica airport.



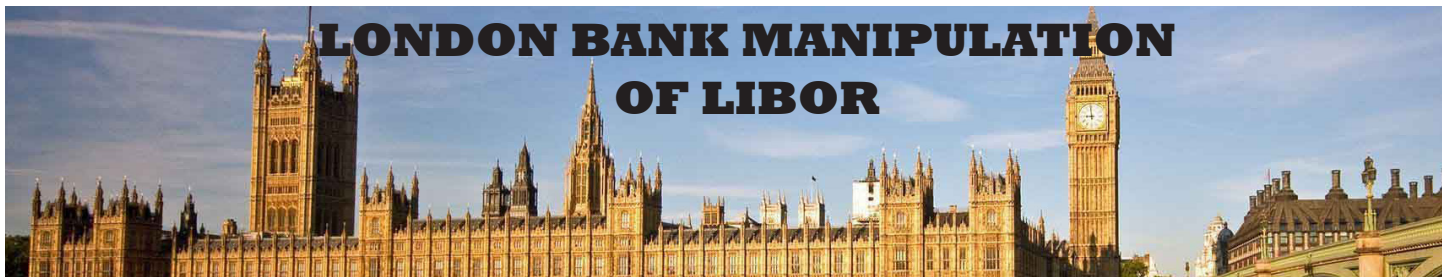
JABAGCHOURIAN SPEAKS AT CAOC CONFERENCE

Ara Jabaghourian was a speaker at the Consumer Attorneys of California convention. There he discussed **Trial by Fire** - Major errors made in trial.



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CASE UPDATES



LONDON BANK MANIPULATION OF LIBOR

LIBOR MANIPULATION CASES

CPM continues to investigate damages and filing suit on behalf of public entities that had investments or financial instruments with interest rates set to the **London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)**. The major banks that set LIBOR each day are being investigated for manipulating this benchmark rate used globally for all types of transactions. By late 2013, JP Morgan Chase and Citigroup were among six LIBOR banks fined by the European Union for a total to date of \$2.3 Billion. The EU has settled with these banks and has charges pending against others, and is trying to pressure the U.S. government and the district court presiding over these cases, to move more aggressively in what The Economist calls a “widening scandal”. CPM has cases on file for more than a dozen public entities in California and Texas. The CPM team of **Nanci Nishimura** heads up these cases and has traveled to London and Europe to investigate the claims on behalf of many California public entities including the U.C. Board of Regents.

MUNICIPAL DERIVATIVE CASES

CPM is representing more than **20 public entities and non-profit health care facilities** in California and New York seeking to recover damages in a massive bid-rigging scandal involving municipal derivative investments of bond proceeds. To date, CPM has obtained multi-million dollar settlements for its clients. In related government investigations, federal prosecutors obtained guilty pleas from 13 individuals and one brokerage firm, and criminal convictions of six former employees of key brokers and providers. The SEC, IRS, DOJ, and a coalition of state attorneys general have also obtained over \$743 million in settlements. In mid-February, the criminal trial is scheduled to begin for other former Bank of America employees. CPM’s individual cases are coordinated with numerous class actions in federal court in New York. **Nanci Nishimura** is leading the CPM team on these cases.



Alexandra Hamilton

DISCOVERY COMMENCES AGAINST CHEVRON FOR REFINERY EXPLOSION

The City of Richmond, represented by CPM, filed a lawsuit against Chevron Corporation and Chevron U.S.A. over the August 2012 refinery explosion. The Contra Costa County Superior Court overruled Chevron’s demurrer and opened discovery, allowing CPM access to Chevron’s documents. Years of neglect, lax oversight, and corporate indifference resulted in extreme corrosion to the ruptured pipeline. The CPM team is led by **Frank Pitre, Chris Lavorato and Alexandra Hamilton**.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL / SAN JOSE LITIGATION UPDATE

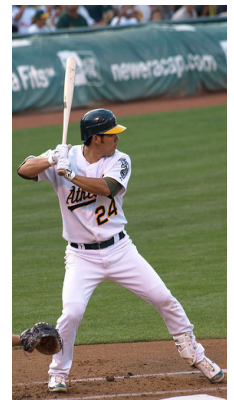


Mayor Chuck Reed and Joe Cotchett

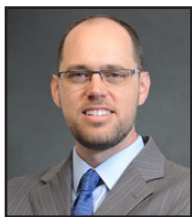


Anne Marie Murphy

In January, CPM filed its Federal Appeal in the City’s antitrust case against Major League Baseball and Commissioner Bud Selig. The City seeks a speedy review of the trial court’s order dismissing the City’s antitrust and unfair competition claims. CPM’s **Philip Gregory** stated: “The City is asking the Court of Appeal to promptly consider San Jose’s antitrust claims that MLB and Commissioner Selig are preventing relocation of the A’s to San Jose.” As Judge Ronald W. Whyte ruled in Federal Court, “[T]he A’s are unable to exercise the option due to MLB’s delay in conducting the vote to approve or deny relocation... MLB [was] aware of the Option Contract and has engaged in acts... indicating an intent to frustrate the contract.” The City of San Jose has now filed claims for tortious interference against MLB and Commissioner Selig in Santa Cruz County Superior Court. That new complaint contains allegations concerning a secret letter, allegedly sent to Lew Wolff by Commissioner Selig on June 17, 2013. The CPM team is headed by **Joe Cotchett, Phil Gregory, Frank Damrell, Steve Williams, Anne Marie Murphy and Camilo Artiga-Purcell**.



MAJOR SETTLEMENTS



Justin Berger

SETTLEMENT IN PORSCHE CLASS ACTION

Niall McCarthy, Justin Berger, and Eric Buescher are co-lead counsel for Plaintiffs in a class action against Porsche which alleges that several models of Porsche’s popular Cayenne SUV were designed with dangerously defective coolant pipes that can cause catastrophic engine failure. A settlement has been reached that will provide reimbursement for the defect of up to \$1,800 per owner. A hearing for final approval of the settlement is set for March 2014.

MEDICAL CAPITAL SETTLEMENTS DISTRIBUTED TO INVESTORS OVER \$200 MILLION

In January, more than three years of litigation ended when the District Court in Santa Ana authorized CPM to distribute a massive settlement to investors. Wells Fargo agreed to pay \$105 million and Bank of New York agreed to pay \$114 million to resolve all actions relating to their work for Medical Capital, which turned out to be a ponzi scheme. Thousands of investors are benefiting from the settlements, which represent two of the largest recoveries against indenture trustees in United States history. The case is led by Mark Molumphy and his CPM team.



\$1.6 BILLION TOYOTA SETTLEMENT READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONSUMERS

Frank Pitre, along with CPM team members, Chris Lavorato, Ryan Manuel and Oni Szeto, worked in cooperation with their co-lead counsel, Hagens Ber- man and Susman Godfrey, to resolve all remaining obstacles to final approval and distribution of \$1.6 Billion in benefits to consumers who were part of the nationwide economic loss class action filed in 2010. This outstanding result for consumers was the by-product of years of hard work and the expenditure of significant resources. Many consumers have congratulated the CPM team for their effort in securing a historic recovery on behalf of consumers and purchasers of Toyota automobiles.



Christopher Lavorato

PRO-BONO CASES

“... until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

CPM regularly represents people who are underprivileged or in need of legal help. CPM lawyers, clerks and paralegals all spend a good deal of time every year on cases of just cause for those in need. CPM’s pro-bono work may be for individuals or groups, for civil liberties, environmental, or public policy issues. Examples of CPM’s pro-bono environmental cases are highlighted below.



CPM SPEARHEADS NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION

CPM has brought major litigation to force the federal government to implement a Climate Recovery Plan. The case is based on our government’s constitutional public trust obligation to protect the rights of children in fundamental natural resources, such as the atmosphere. Philip Gregory stated that “Neither Congress nor the President are taking the steps necessary to avert a human-made climate disaster. It is up to our courts to put politics aside and protect our essential natural resources for our children and future generations.” The federal judge who dismissed the case said **the lawsuit raises fundamental questions about the nature of our democracy and our Constitution.** The case has been supported by more than twenty prominent environmental and Constitutional law scholars from across the country, noted international climate scientists, national security, military, and faith-based groups. The CPM team is headed up by Philip Gregory, Pete McCloskey and Camilo Artiga-Purcell.



CPM SUES CALTRANS TO PREVENT INJURY TO THE SMITH RIVER

CPM filed federal and state actions to prevent a large-scale construction project along the Smith River in Northern California. The construction will be part of Caltrans’ project to develop a network of roads in rural Northwestern California on which large trucks are allowed to travel from the Oregon border to the San Francisco Bay Area – without using the freeways. The Smith River is the last major undammed river in California. Its basin is an important and irreplaceable habitat for numerous animal and plant species especially for salmon. The complaint alleges that “Caltrans plans to do major roadwork along the wild and scenic Smith River, in northwestern California; and neither Caltrans nor the National Marine Fisheries Service have met the legal obligations to adequately analyze the proposed roadwork’s environmental impact.” The CPM team is headed up by Philip Gregory, Pete McCloskey and Camilo Artiga-Purcell.

HONORS FOR CPM

PITRE NAMED CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OF CALIFORNIA'S 2013 ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR



CPM's Frank Pitre and Steve Campora of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora of Sacramento were named CAOC's 2013 Attorneys of the Year for their work on PG&E San Bruno Fire Cases forcing new safety measures after the gas line explosion and disaster.

GOV. BROWN APPOINTS DAMRELL TO DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

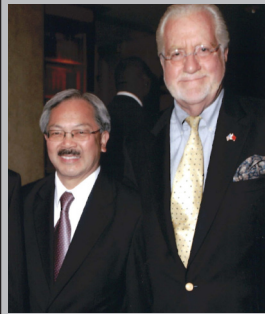


Former State Federal Judge Frank Damrell, a principal at CPM, received a 5-0 vote from the Senate Rules Committee recommending his confirmation as a member of the DSC. Damrell was appointed by Governor Brown to sit on the board created to provide a more reliable water supply for California and to protect, restore, and enhance the Delta ecosystem. Damrell's final confirmation will now go for vote before the full State Senate.

NIALL McCARTHY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association honored Niall McCarthy as the 2013 Trial Lawyer of the Year. McCarthy was recognized for winning an elder abuse jury trial for the victim of nursing home abuse.

MAYOR ED LEE PRESENTS COTCHETT WITH PROCLAMATION HONORING 50 YEARS OF PRACTICE



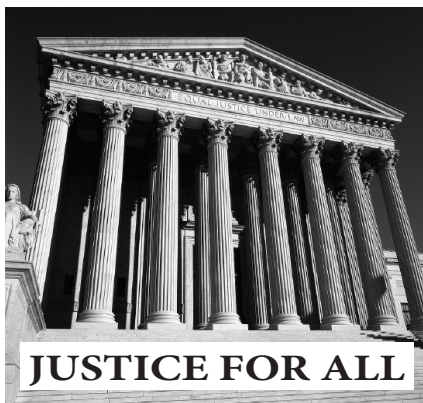
Honoring 50 years of law practice, Mayor Ed Lee of San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County and San Francisco, each presented a proclamation recognizing Joe Cotchett's 50 year legal career and his hard work pursuing justice in January at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco attended by over 330 guests and family.

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YEAR OF THE HORSE

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"We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."

- Nelson Mandela

WHISTLE BLOWER CASES

SPINE SURGERY FALSE CLAIMS:

CPM currently represents whistleblowers in a California action under the California False Claims Act and the California Insurance Code, against Paul Richard Randall, Michael Drobot and several other individuals and entities involved in an alleged vast scheme of fraud emanating from Southern California involving spinal surgeries. The case alleges that defendants have defrauded the government and various California workers compensation insurance carriers, by systematically arranging and performing spinal surgeries that: (1) are medically unnecessary; (2) use non-FDA approved, counterfeit surgical hardware, including rods and screws that are implanted in a patient back; (3) result from a vast array of kickbacks; and (4) are billed to insurance carriers and government payers at illegally inflated rates. The case is being handled by **Niall McCarthy**, **Justin Berger** and **Darren Kelley**.

VITAS QUI TAM FALSE BILLING:

In January 2014, the U. S. Department of Justice intervened in a case brought by CPM against Vitas, the largest hospice company in the United States. The case, brought on behalf of a whistleblower who formerly worked for Vitas, alleges that Vitas routinely placed and kept patients on hospice who did not have a terminal illness. As a result, Vitas billed Medicare tens of millions in taxpayer dollars for services that were not appropriate. CPM is now working with DOJ attorneys to recoup the fraudulent proceeds. The case is being handled by **Niall McCarthy**, **Justin Berger**, and **Demetrius Lambrinos**.

MEDICAL OVER-BILLING CASE RESOLVES ON EVE OF TRIAL:

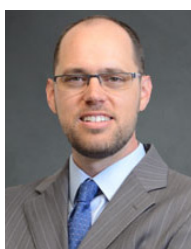
Just as trial was set to begin in Federal Court in Los Angeles, the defendants agreed to pay **\$19.4 million** in a medical over-billing case. This represents one of the largest settlements in 2013 of a False Claims case in which the federal government declined to participate. The team was led by **Niall McCarthy**, **Justin Berger** and **Eric Buescher**. As a result of CPM's efforts, millions of taxpayer dollars will be returned to the government.

INVESTIGATIONS:

We continue to investigate potential cases involving **overbilling of the government** in areas including: Medical Billing; Medicare and Medicaid Fraud; Information Technology; Education and Federal Student Loans; Defense Contracting; and others. It is estimated that the public pays over \$40 billion a year in false medical billing practices. CPM works with the Department of Justice on a number of cases. As shown in the QUEST case, it is a growing problem in America.



Niall McCarthy



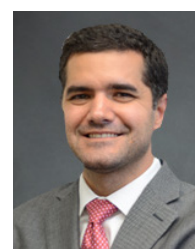
Justin Berger



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Darren Kelley

CPM's Quest settlement leads to industry-wide changes. The record setting Quest settlement continues to have a ripple effect throughout the lab industry. In 2013, the lab industry had a major overhaul as a result of the CPM litigation. One of the many press stories on the case is below.

The Mercury News

Quest Diagnostics to pay \$241M for overcharges

By SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER

LOS ANGELES—California's biggest provider of medical lab testing has agreed to repay the state \$241 million for more than 15 years of overcharges to Medi-Cal, the state attorney general's office said Thursday.

The settlement from Quest Diagnostics Inc. is the result of a 2005 lawsuit brought by a whistleblower who alleged the labs systematically overcharged patients of Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program for the poor.

The lawsuit also claimed Quest gave illegal kickbacks to doctors, hospitals and clinics that referred Medi-Cal patients and charged Medi-Cal up to six times more than other customers for tests.

"Medi-Cal providers and others who seek to cheat the state through false claims and illegal kickbacks should know that my office is watching and will prosecute," Attorney General Kamala Harris said in a written statement.

The settlement is the largest ever recovered under California's False Claims Act, according to Harris' office.

In a statement, Quest officials acknowledged the settlement but denied all allegations of wrongdoing in the lawsuit.

"This agreement allows us to put the lawsuit behind us and provides for an orderly process for

resolving any remaining interpretation issues," said Michael E. Prevoznik, Quest's senior vice president and general counsel.

The Madison, N.J.-based company vowed to pursue legislative action to clarify regulatory standards in California for the clinical laboratory industry.

The whistleblower in the lawsuit was a competitor, Hunter Laboratories Inc., whose CEO Chris Riedel complained that it was a struggle to compete with Quest's low rates for doctors, hospitals and clinics, noting they were much lower than what Medi-Cal was being charged.

Riedel's lawyer, Niall P. McCarthy, said his client risked everything to bring the scheme to light, calling it "just one example of the bilking of the U.S. and California governments that routinely takes place in the health care industry."

The state attorney general's office launched a three-year investigation that found Quest made deals with medical providers to keep lab test prices low in exchange for referrals of Medi-Cal patients.

The attorney general's office says similar cases are pending against four other defendants, including Laboratory Corporation of America, known as LabCorp, the second largest lab in the state.

The LabCorp case is expected to go to trial early next year.

ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT UPDATE

ANTITRUST AND UNFAIR COMPETITION



Steve Williams



Nancy Fineman



Frank Damrell



Adam Zapala



Gene Kim



Elizabeth Tran



Joanna LiCalsi



Ji-Young
"Jessica" Hwang

Our Supreme Court recognizes that “Every violation of the antitrust laws is a blow to the free-enterprise system envisaged by Congress. This system depends on strong competition for its health and vigor, and strong competition depends, in turn, on compliance with antitrust legislation.” The Honorable Lucy H. Koh of the Northern District of California recently noted that “to ‘open[] the door of justice’ to individuals harmed by antitrust violations while at the same time penalizing antitrust violators, Congress chose to allow individuals to serve as private attorneys general in antitrust actions and to recover treble damages for their injuries.”

Global price-fixing cartels destroy the free-enterprise system, imposing hidden taxes on consumers, businesses, and governments throughout the Country. The United States Department of Justice recognizes that private, civil enforcement serves an important role in protecting the free-enterprise system, and CPM continues to play a leading role in the private civil enforcement of the antitrust laws. Some of CPM’s pending antitrust cases are updated below:

Lithium Battery Antitrust Litigation

CPM was appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the class of consumers of products containing rechargeable lithium ion batteries. These batteries are a substantial component of products such as cell phones and laptop computers. The case alleges that the major manufacturers of these products conspired to raise their prices for many years, and the Court ruled that plaintiffs have properly alleged that the defendants conspired for at least nine-years to fix the prices of these products. **Steve Williams**, **Nancy Fineman**, and **Joanna LiCalsi** are heading up the CPM team.

Freight Forwarders Antitrust Litigation

Plaintiffs have now secured over \$150 in settlements in this case involving a global price-fixing conspiracy in the freight forwarding industry. Plaintiffs allege that the defendant companies engaged in shipping goods throughout the world colluded to raise prices. The CPM team is headed by **Steve Williams** and **Adam Zapala**.

Major League Baseball / San Jose Litigation

This case challenges the out-dated claim that Major League Baseball – a multi-billion dollar business – should be exempt from the antitrust laws. CPM is seeking an emergency appeal to present this issue to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and expects that the ultimate resolution will come before the United States Supreme Court. At the same time, CPM is proceeding with claims in state court alleging that Major League Baseball wrongfully interfered with the City of San Jose’s efforts to build a stadium for the Athletics in San Jose. The CPM team is **Joe Cotchett**, **Philip Gregory**, **Frank Damrell**, **Steve Williams**, **Anne Marie Murphy**, and **Camilo Artiga-Purcell**.

“Free and open competition is fundamental to the well-being of our society. One of our firm’s primary goals is helping to further these values by using the tools given to us by our Legislature to vindicate the victims of price-fixing, and to bring the wrongdoers to court.”

- Adam Zapala

Auto Parts Antitrust Litigation

This massive antitrust case involves international conspiracies to fix the prices of more than two dozen parts for new cars. Consumers end-up paying the overcharges which are passed on to them by the auto makers. The first settlements were recently announced. **Steve Williams, Frank Damrell, Gene Kim, and Elizabeth Tran** are playing key roles in the prosecution of these numerous cases.

New Car Shipping Antitrust Litigation

This case alleges an international conspiracy by the major shipping companies to inflate the charges for bringing new cars into the United States and has been centralized in the United States District Court in Newark, New Jersey. The inflated charges are ultimately paid by the purchasers of new cars. **Steve Williams** and **Elizabeth Tran** are helping to lead this case for CPM.

Transpacific Air Transportation Antitrust Litigation

This case involves a multi-year conspiracy to impose charges, including fuel surcharges, on passengers flying between the United States and Asia. More than \$20 million in settlements have been accomplished to date. The case is being led by **Steve Williams, Nancy Fineman, and Adam Zapala**.

CPM IS INVESTIGATING ANTITRUST AND UNFAIR COMPETITION CLAIMS INVOLVING FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, PRECIOUS METALS, AND PHARMACEUTICALS.

- CPM IS INVESTIGATING TESTOSTERONE SUPPLEMENTS as recent medical studies have demonstrated that the risk of heart attacks and strokes occurring in men over age 65 using testosterone supplements has more than doubled. In January, the FDA issued a Safety Announcement on the supplement.

CPM WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATES



JI-YOUNG “JESSICA” HWANG

Received her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from **Johns Hopkins University**. She received her J.D. from **Brooklyn Law School**. Ms. Hwang’s practice focus is antitrust and financial fraud litigation.



DEMETRIUS X. LAMBRINOS

Received his Bachelor of Art in Philosophy from the **University of Redlands Johnston College**. He received his J.D. from **University of Iowa College of Law**. Mr. Lambrinos’ practice focus on false claim acts and complex commercial litigation, along with a background in antitrust.

RING OF FIRE

T.V. SHOW

CPM attorneys appear Sunday mornings on the nationally syndicated show, **Ring of Fire**, to discuss legal matters which are at the forefront of today’s society. The show is hosted by **Robert Kennedy, Jr.** and **Michael Papantonio** and features other lawyers and elected officials around the country. Available on Channel 348 for DIRECTV.

Former US Ambassador Gregg and Former Congressman McCloskey Visit North Korea

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Donald Gregg, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, arrives at Sunan Airport in Pyongyang, accompanied by former Congressman Pete McCloskey, at the invitation of North Korea's foreign ministry, Feb. 10. (AP/Newsis)

It is not yet known whether Donald Gregg is traveling to North Korea to seek release of imprisoned American Kenneth Bae

By Lee Seung-jun and Park Min-hee, staff reporters and Jung E-gil, senior staff writer

Donald Gregg, a former US ambassador to South Korea, arrived in Pyongyang on Feb. 10, Korean Central News Agency and APTN reported. Gregg is visiting North Korea at a time when the release of Kenneth Bae, a Korean American who has been detained in North Korea for 15 months, is a sensitive issue between Washington and Pyongyang.

APTN reported that Gregg was accompanied by four representatives of the Pacific Century Institute, a non-governmental organization where he is chairman. Gregg said before his visit, "I'm very happy to be back in Pyongyang, my first time in about eight years. So we're looking forward to having talks."

A member of the delegation, former US diplomat concerned with North Korea Lynn Turk said that the group was visiting North Korea at the invitation of North Korea's Foreign Ministry. He also said that the purpose of the visit is to "build bridges" between the North and the US. Gregg declined to discuss whether he would consult with North Korean officials regarding the release of Bae.

Former US congressman Pete McCloskey and Pacific Century Institute founder Spencer Kim also joined the group. An expert who met Gregg right before his visit to North Korea said, "It is important to note that Pete McCloskey is part of the delegation. He is a Korean War veteran who served in US congress for 16 years. His reputation and leverage are much greater than Gregg's in Washington."

It is not known whether Gregg's visit to North Korea was arranged with the Obama administration. Given that the US government officially announced the cancellation of Robert King's visit to North Korea on Feb. 9, it is unlikely that the delegation was dispatched as an envoy by the Obama administration. But Gregg could have reported to and consulted with the US State Department about his visit and the Obama administration does not appear to have opposed it. Since both Gregg and McCloskey are influential figures in Washington, it is expected that they will have discussions with senior North Korean officials about how relations between Pyongyang and Washington can be improved beyond the release of Bae.

Meanwhile, Democratic Party lawmaker Jung Chung-rae, who met Gregg last month in Washington, held a press conference at the National Assembly where he said, "Gregg said that he received an invitation from the North and asked me whether he should visit or not. At that time, Gregg did not mention anything related to Kenneth Bae. It doesn't seem like he is visiting to solve a particular issue. He was willing to contribute to the improvement of the North and South relations and peace on the Korean peninsula."



From left to right, former US Congressman Pete McCloskey, former U.S. ambassador to South Korea Donald Gregg, Spencer Kim and former US diplomat Lynn Turk pose for photos after arriving at Sunan Airport in Pyongyang, Feb. 10.