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CPM PURSUES CLAIMS AGAINST ELON MUSK FOR MANIPULATING MARKET PRICE ON HIS PURCHASE OF TWITTER

CPM and **Bottini & Bottini Inc.** serve as co-lead counsel representing Twitter shareholders against Elon Musk for allegedly manipulating the market price of Twitter stock to attempt to renegotiate his deal to purchase the company. The suit alleges that Musk's false statements and tweets depressed Twitter's stock price and damaged shareholders who sold their Twitter shares at artificially low prices. The case seeks damages for Twitter's selling shareholders. On September 27, 2024, the Court certified Plaintiffs' class claims under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against Elon Musk. The case is set for trial on January 26, 2026. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Mark Molumphy, Tyson Redenbarger, Gia Jung, Caroline Yuen** and team.

CPM SUES APPLE FOR FALSE ADVERTISING OF "APPLE INTELLIGENCE" ON IPHONE 16



CPM represents a nationwide class of tens of millions of consumers who purchased iPhone 16s based on Apple's false promise that it would include a break-through AI technology marketed as "Apple Intelligence." The centerpiece of this touted revolution in artificial intelligence was an enhanced Siri personal assistant that could integrate information across apps while maintaining user privacy. Apple saturated the market with ads featuring these advanced AI capabilities. However, the reality is that enhanced Siri did not actually exist. The U.S. district court for the Northern District of California appointed CPM, Kaplan Fox and the Clarkson firm as co-lead counsel. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Brian Danitz, Karin Swope, Caroline Yuen, Pierce Stanley** and team.

WRONGFUL DEATH TRIALS SET IN ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES BOEING CRASH IN AFRICA



Trials are set to begin in **Chicago** this November and December on behalf of the families of victims of the Boeing 737 MAX 8 airplane crash in Ethiopia in March 2019. The crash was caused by a defective flight control system called MCAS, which took control of the airplane and dove it towards the ground, killing all 157 people onboard. The jury will determine the amount of compensation owed to the families for the loss of their loved ones. The case is being handled by **CPM's Frank Pitre, John Thyken, Nabilah Hossain** and **Andrew Britton** with co-counsel. Pitre has led the firm's litigation on air crash cases around the country and worldwide and he is one of the leaders in the field.

CPM FINALIZES \$4 BILLION GLOBAL SETTLEMENT FOR MAUI FIRE VICTIMS



CPM's **Frank Pitre, Nabilah Hossain, Duffy Magilligan, Andrew Britton** and **Cynthia Wong** led a team of law firms, who recently secured a historic tentative global settlement of **\$4.037 billion** for

the victims of the August 2023 Maui wildfires. This settlement, reached within one year, allows affected individuals to rebuild their lives quickly. Under the proposed settlement, Hawaiian Electric Industries will pay \$1.99 billion, Kamehameha Schools \$872.5 million, and the state of Hawaii approximately \$800 million. Additional defendants will contribute between \$300-\$400 million. The settlement is an agreement in principle and includes a condition requiring the resolution of insurance subrogation claims. The Lahaina Fire destroyed over 2,000 structures and claimed the lives of at least 102 people.

CPM FILES SUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR THE EATON FIRE IN LOS ANGELES



CPM's **Frank Pitre, Duffy Magilligan, Andrew Britton, Carlos Urzua, Alexa Adalian** and **Gary Praglin** are representing over 600 families that lost their homes in the Eaton Fire. The January 7, 2025 tore through the historic town of Altadena after igniting near a 100-year-old electric transmission tower. The fire destroyed over 9,000 structures and killed 19 people by the time it was contained twenty-four days later. CPM has filed suit against Southern California Edison for negligent maintenance, which led to this catastrophic fire and deaths.

MAJOR NEW FILINGS

CPM REPRESENTS BURLINGAME FAMILY IN TRAGIC CHILD'S DEATH



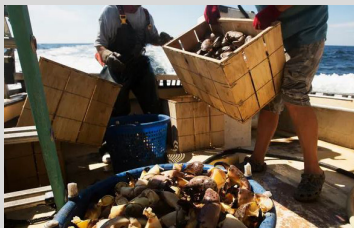
CPM represents the parents of a four-year-old boy who was killed in downtown Burlingame. In August, a 19-year-old driver collided with a person riding an e-bike when exiting a poorly designed parking lot driveway. The car then veered into a restaurant where the toddler was playing outside on the sidewalk. The case is being handled by **Niall McCarthy, Zachary Zaharoff** and **Regina Wang**.

CPM FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY - ZELIS



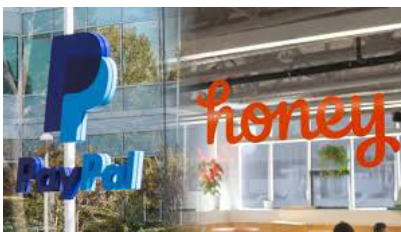
CPM has filed a class action case against a group of companies, collectively known as "Zelis," as well as against a group of other private, commercial health insurance companies. Defendants allegedly formed, worked to preserve, and successfully concealed a conspiracy designed to suppress payments made to healthcare service providers performing services on an out-of-network basis, thus having an effect of permitting Zelis and its co-conspirators to reap windfall profits from healthcare professionals. This case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Chris Jeu** and **Christian Ruano**.

CPM FILES COMPLAINT ON BEHALF OF FLORIDA FISHERIES OF STONE CRABS AND SPINY LOBSTERS



CPM has filed a class action case on behalf of fisheries in Florida against a group of seafood wholesaler and processing centers that allegedly coordinated their purchasing conduct to eliminate competition among themselves, depress prices paid to fishermen, and artificially widen their own profit margins to the detriment of fishermen. This case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Elizabeth Castillo, Christian Ruano, Chris Jeu** and team.

CPM PROCEEDS AGAINST PAYPAL/HONEY ONLINE COMMISSION STEALING CASE



CPM partner **Nanci Nishimura** is co-lead attorney, concerning the Honey browser extension which purports to offer shoppers discounted prices and cash back for online purchases. Undisclosed is the fact that Honey systematically replaces the affiliate codes of online content creators and steals commissions creators should have earned by referring the shopper to the merchant website for the purchase. This case is one of a series of cases concerning browser extensions stealing commissions. The case is being led by **Nanci Nishimura** along with **Tom Loeser, with Karin Swope, Brian Danitz, Jacob Alhadeff** and team.

CPM TAKING ON UBER ALLEGING UBER'S NEGLIGENCE IN PASSENGER SAFETY



CPM represents Jane Doe in a lawsuit against San Francisco-based Uber Technologies, Inc. for its negligence in failing to properly train its drivers, and failing to transport Jane Doe safely to her scheduled destination. On May 28, Jane Doe ordered an Uber to go home, shortly before 10:00 pm. During the ride, she became ill in the vehicle. Jane Doe's Uber driver chose to kick her out of the vehicle, miles away from her scheduled destination at home, in an unsafe and unfamiliar area, without her phone and keys, which had been left behind in the vehicle - disoriented and vulnerable, without a phone. The case is being handled by **Nazy Fahimi, Regina Wang** and **Valerie Barretto**.

CPM FILES NEW LAWSUITS AGAINST ROBLOX AND DISCORD OVER CHILD EXPLOITATION ALLEGATIONS



CPM filed a major lawsuit against tech companies Roblox Corp. and Discord, Inc. for their roles in allegedly facilitating the sexual exploitation of children online. The suit was filed on behalf of a thirteen-year-old child who was targeted by a predator. The lawsuit alleges that Roblox and Discord enable dangerous child predators to hunt, groom, and sexually exploit children on their apps, and that Roblox and Discord's pervasive misrepresentations about safety lull parents into believing their apps are safe places for children. The case is being handled by **Anne Marie Murphy, Nazy Fahimi** and **Pierce Stanley**.

CPM FIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES

CPM has filed lawsuits across the State of California against mortgage brokers and lenders who have failed to comply with state and federal lending laws, resulting in borrowers being subjected to unconscionable loan terms and facing the threat of homelessness. The lawsuits allege that brokers and lenders engaged in illegal behavior in an attempt to circumvent consumer protection laws. CPM obtained a preliminary injunction to allow a disabled client to remain in her home while her rights are being adjudicated. The cases are being handled by the CPM Santa Monica office by **Kelly Weil, Alexa Adalian, Cailin Ruff** and team.

ENVIRONMENTAL & POLLUTION CASES



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL NON-PROFITS' CASE AGAINST EXXON'S CREATION OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC POLLUTION PROCEEDS FORWARD

CPM represents a coalition of non-profit environmental organizations, including the **Surfrider Foundation**, the **Sierra Club**, **Heal the Bay** and **San Francisco Baykeeper** against ExxonMobil ("Exxon"), the world's largest producer of single-use plastic polymers. The non-profits allege that Exxon overproduced single use plastics and led the public to believe that single-use plastic waste is easily and safely disposable. On September 5, 2025, the district court denied Exxon's motion to dismiss the non-profits' nuisance claim. The court found that non-profits satisfactorily alleged that Exxon "created products that it knew would harm the environment and lied about the inevitable harm by suggesting it could be mitigated through recycling." The district court also denied Exxon's motion to strike large portions of non-profits' complaint on the ground it infringed Exxon's First Amendment rights. The district court found that the public interest exemption to California's Anti-SLAPP statute applied because "[e]ven a cursory glance at the complaint confirms that [non-profits] brought this case solely to protect public interests." The case is being handled by **Niall McCarthy, Tyson Redenbarger, Grace Park, Regina Wang** and team.



COURT ALLOWS WALNUT CREEK BUSINESS CONTAMINATION CASE AGAINST OIL COMPANY

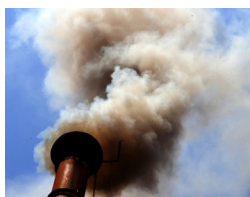
A Federal District Court judge will allow the local owner of Dutch Girl Cleaners to move forward with a suit over the failure by Defendants Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC, Tesoro Environmental Resources Company, Tesoro Sierra Properties, LLC, and Tesoro Companies, Inc. to clean up a toxic plume from a "Speedway Express" gas station in downtown Walnut Creek. The health of Plaintiff Dutch Girls' customers, employees, and all people working or living in the vicinity of Defendants' property is threatened by the ongoing release, the result of a botched remediation attempt by Defendants. The Court rejected Defendants' argument that the lawsuit was untimely and will allow Dutch Girl to move forward on nuisance and trespass claims. The case is being handled by **Brian Danitz, Julie Fieber** and team.



CARSON DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL LAWSUIT HEADS TO TRIAL IN LOS ANGELES

CPM is lead counsel for thousands of plaintiffs in the Carson Dominguez Channel litigation pending in Los Angeles County Superior Court. The case is set to begin a jury trial in November, 2025. The case arises from the Fall 2021 release of foul-smelling Hydrogen Sulfide gas from the Dominguez Channel in the city of Carson and surrounding communities. The Complaint alleges the toxic stench formed as a result of various chemical releases into the Channel, and the resulting Hydrogen Sulfide gas enveloped local communities in a sickening smell that lasted for nearly eight weeks. Local residents became sick and many had to evacuate from their homes. The case is being handled by **Gary Praglin, Kelly Weil, Theresa Vitale** and team in the CPM Santa Monica office.

CPM CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR MAYWOOD RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR EXPOSURE TO CANCER CAUSING ETHYLENE OXIDE



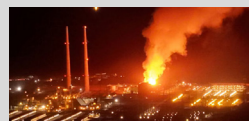
CPM continues to fight on behalf of Maywood, CA residents for their decades long exposure to the potent carcinogen Ethylene Oxide. The case is against Sterigenics, Sotera Health, Griffith Foods International, Inc., and other Defendants for emitting Ethylene Oxide from their sterilization facility into the Maywood neighborhood, poisoning unknowing residents and causing breast, stomach, and blood cancers. The lawsuit seeks an injunction to stop Sterigenics from polluting above health-protective limits, compensation for illness and death caused by cancer, and punitive damages. The case is being handled out of the CPM Santa Monica office by **Gary Praglin, Kelly Weil, Theresa Vitale, Alexa Adalian** and team.

NINTH CIRCUIT RULES IN FAVOR OF CALIFORNIA FARMERS IN CLEAN WATER ACT CASE

The Ninth Circuit issued an order clarifying language in the Clean Water Act which has important implications for California farmers. The decision affirms that the operation of the San Luis Drain, part of an expansive drainage system that takes in water used for irrigation in California's Central Valley, does not violate the Clean Water Act. The case is being handled by **Julie Fieber** and team.



MOSS LANDING EXPLOSION PROCEEDS TO COURT



CPM filed multiple lawsuits on behalf of individuals and businesses in Moss Landing, including local restaurant the Haute Enchilada, based on fires originating at the Moss Landing battery storage facility operated by Texas-based Vistra Corporation. As alleged in the suit, many people in the community have significant health symptoms and businesses are suffering. Property owners in the area are also concerned that this will diminish their property values. The case is being handled by CPM's **Joe Cotchett, Blair Kittle, Caroline Yuen** and team.

BUSINESS FRAUD & ANTITRUST CASES

CPM PREVAILS ON KEY ISSUES IN ANTITRUST SUIT AGAINST AIRLINES



CPM serves as co-lead counsel for purchasers of air transportation against American Airlines, Inc., Delta Airlines, Inc., Southwest Airlines Co., and United Airlines, Inc. for allegedly engaging in a conspiracy to restrict capacity and thereby raise prices for air passenger transportation services. To date, CPM and its co-lead counsel have recovered \$60 million for the class. After defeating the remaining defendants' Summary Judgment motion and their subsequent motion for interlocutory review of the denial of summary judgment, Plaintiffs are now in the process of working with the Court to establish a case schedule for class certification. This case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Elizabeth Castillo, Chris Jeu** and team.

TRIAL SET ON DAMAGES AGAINST IRICO



CPM serves as a member of the Executive Committee and represents direct purchasers against CRT manufacturers for allegedly engaging in a conspiracy to unlawfully inflate, fix, raise, maintain, and/or artificially stabilize the prices of CRTs. To date, counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs has recovered over \$212 million for the class. On May 19, 2025, **Adam Zapala** participated in a trial on the issue of damages in the case. Zapala cross-examined the defense expert on damages and played a major role in the damages trial. The parties are awaiting a decision by the Court. The case is being managed by **Joe Cotchett, Adam Zapala, Christian Ruano** and team.

NO POACHING EMPLOYEE/ANTITRUST CASE AGAINST GEISINGER AND EVANGELICAL HEALTH SYSTEMS SETTLES



CPM's "no poach" case against Geisinger and Evangelical has settled with Defendants agreeing to pay a combined \$28.5 million for the class. CPM and its co-counsel alleged that Geisinger and Evangelical—two competing medical providers in the central Pennsylvania region—conspired to limit or suppress job mobility and wages for healthcare workers by agreeing not to actively recruit each other's employees. This case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Elizabeth Castillo, Christian Ruano** and team.

CPM'S JOHN DEERE CASE PROCEEDS IN ILLINOIS COURT



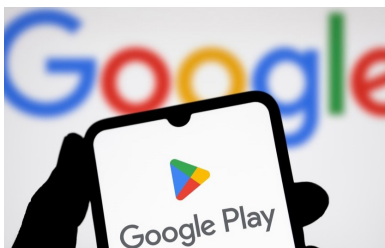
CPM's antitrust litigation against John Deere on behalf of our nation's farmers proceeded after an Illinois Court refused to dismiss the case. The District Court sided with CPM's farmers for their "right to repair" on virtually all of the arguments. Extensive fact discovery is complete, and Plaintiffs' expert has submitted a report. We are awaiting Deere's expert report due in late 2025. Daubert briefing on these reports will begin in early 2026. At CPM, this case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Elizabeth Castillo, Christian Ruano, Chris Jeu** and team.

CPM RECOVERS MONEY FOR RESTAURANTS IN THE CHICKEN CASE IN ILLINOIS FEDERAL COURT



In advance of the scheduled trial, CPM, along with their co-counsel, recovered substantial additional money for a class of restaurants that alleged they paid too much for chicken based on a price-fixing conspiracy. The settlements, approximately \$40 million were finally approved by the Court and have effectively ended the litigation. Previously, along with their co-counsel, CPM obtained over **\$100 million** in settlements on behalf of their restaurant clients. CPM is extremely pleased with the result in this case. The case is being handled by **Adam Zapala, Christian Ruano**, and team.

CPM'S ANTITRUST CASE AGAINST GOOGLE REACHES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SETTLE FOR ALLEGED APP PURCHASES



CPM serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee on behalf of plaintiffs who purchased and paid Google for applications ("apps") through the Google Play Store. Consumers are alleged to have overpaid or otherwise suffered economic losses due to Google's monopolization of the market. After many months of mediation, Consumer Plaintiffs and Google reached an agreement in principle to settle the case. The agreement in principle specifies that Google will pay approximately **\$700 million** to reimburse consumers for their allegedly inflated app purchases. **Nanci Nishimura** is on the Steering Committee and has been managing the case along with **Joe Cotchett, Adam Zapala, Karin Swope** and team.

CONSUMER & PUBLIC ENTITIES CASES



SAN MATEO COUNTY RECEIVING OVER \$48 MILLION FROM LITIGATION AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS - LITIGATION CONTINUING

CPM represents the County of San Mateo in litigation against the companies responsible for the opioid crisis. The lawsuits aim to address the financial burden on the County from the opioid epidemic, and importantly, the high death rate attributable to opioid use. The suits allege that the defendant opioid manufacturers and distributors created a public nuisance by selling billions of opioid pills that have flooded local communities. The San Mateo cases are part of a massive multi-district litigation being overseen by the Federal Courts. Notably, San Mateo was one of the first government entities to highlight the role of the Sackler Family (of Purdue Pharma infamy) in the opioid crisis. The County has already received nearly \$16 million from settlements, with the remaining \$32 million to be received in future years. Claims against several defendants continue to be litigated. Funds are being disbursed within the County for expanded addiction treatment. The attorneys handling the case are **CPM's Joe Cotchett, Anne Marie Murphy** and team.

GALLO WINERY SUES PG&E FOR INCORRECT INFORMATION



In a case in Stanislaus Superior Court, **CPM** represents E. & J. Gallo Winery in seeking damages from PG&E based upon incorrect information PG&E provided to Gallo, which Gallo relied upon to its detriment.

In Fall 2023, Gallo was evaluating whether to convert some facilities to Direct Access and needed to understand the cost implications of that conversion. This required interpreting PG&E's tariffs to identify which electric energy charges Gallo would still pay after conversion. The advice that PG&E provided to Gallo was wrong. Because of PG&E's mistake, Gallo has paid millions in additional charges to PG&E, yet PG&E refuses to offer any remedy for its own mistake. The case is being handled by **Frank Pitre, Julie Fieber** and team.

JUDGE CERTIFIES CLASS LAWSUIT AGAINST TESLA FOR MISLEADING THE PUBLIC ABOUT TESLA'S AUTOPILOT/FULL SELF-DRIVING TECHNOLOGY



A federal judge in California has just issued an order certifying an ongoing lawsuit against Tesla as a class action, which has important implications for California consumer protections. The lawsuit is over Tesla's alleged misrepresentation to consumers that, starting in October 2016, all of its vehicles now have the hardware needed to be fully self-driving. The court noted that since October 2016, Tesla has updated its FSD hardware multiple times, including in 2024 when CEO Musk admitted that a hardware upgrade may be necessary for all earlier FSD customers. The court certified damages classes for consumers seeking a refund for their purchase of Tesla's FSD software. It also certified a class for injunctive relief to stop Tesla from continuing to represent that its vehicles have the hardware needed for full self-driving until they are actually able to do so. The case will now move forward to determine Tesla's liability for the statutory and common law false advertising claims. The case is being handled by **Frank Pitre, Julie Fieber, Tom Loeser, Makena Kershaw** and team.

State Farm JUDGE ORDERS CLASS IN STATE FARM UNDERPAYMENT LAWSUIT



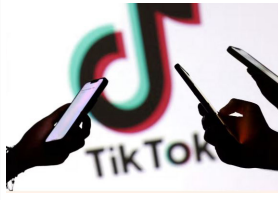
CPM is lead counsel in a class action representing homeowners who were underpaid by State Farm. California federal court certified the class action case against State Farm, involving nearly 200,000 policyholders. The lawsuit, initiated by homeowners whose house burned in the North Bay Fires, centers on State Farm's depreciation of sales tax in its actual cash value (ACV) calculations following a wildfire loss. This practice unlawfully reduced payments under The Insurance Code and has damaged thousands of California residents. **CPM** serves as lead counsel in this case and expects to take this case to trial. The case is being handled by **Tyson Redenbarger, Nabilah Hossain** and **Andrew Britton**.

CPM SEATTLE FILES RICO CASE AGAINST NZXT AND FRAGILE FOR FRAUDULENT GAME RENTAL EQUIPMENT



The Seattle Office filed a new RICO case against gaming computer manufacturer NZXT and its financial partner Fragile, Inc. The complaint alleges that NZXT and Fragile conspired to fraudulently rent gaming computers that had been secretly downgraded to cheaper, out-of-date components, while charging premium prices. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser, Karin Swope, Jacob Alhadeff** and team in the Seattle office.

CONSUMER & DATA BREACH CASES



CPM SEATTLE FILES NEW CASE AGAINST TIKTOK FOR ILLEGAL COLLECTION AND USE OF CHILDREN'S DATA

CPM Seattle filed a new case against TikTok. The complaint alleges that TikTok knowingly collected data of children under 13 years old without parental consent and used that data to enrich itself. The case is being led by **Karin Swope, Andrew Fuller** and team in the Seattle office.

CPM APPOINTED CO-LEAD COUNSEL IN CERNER/ORACLE DATA BREACH CASE IN MISSOURI



CPM's **Tom Loeser** was appointed to co-lead this massive data breach case concerning a health information services provider whose data breach may have affected up to 80 hospital systems throughout the United States. The data breach may have disclosed the personal and health information of tens of millions of patients. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser, Karin Swope** and team in the Seattle office.



PRELIMINARY APPROVAL GRANTED IN \$170 MILLION AT&T DATA BREACH SETTLEMENT

CPM's **Tom Loeser** is on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for this case. Notices have been sent and final approval of the settlement is slated for January 2026. It is one of the largest data breach settlements in the country.



COURT APPOINTS CPM TO LEAD CASE IN LABORATORY SERVICES COOP DATA BREACH CASE

CPM's **Tom Loeser** was appointed to co-lead this case concerning a health information data breach of a laboratory services provider based in Washington. The data breach may have disclosed the personal and health information of over a million patients. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser** and team in the Seattle office.

CPM APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN NYU DATA BREACH CASE IN NEW YORK



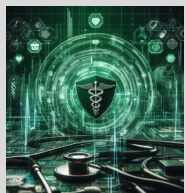
CPM's **Tom Loeser** was appointed to the Executive Committee in this case concerning NYU's loss of application materials spanning over 20 years. The data breach may have disclosed the personal and financial information of hundreds of thousands of NYU applicants. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser** and team in the Seattle office.

CPM APPOINTED CO-LEAD COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON GASTROENTEROLOGY DATA BREACH CASE

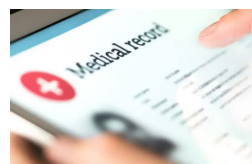


CPM's **Tom Loeser** was appointed to co-lead this case concerning a health information data breach of a healthcare provider based in Washington. The data breach may have disclosed the personal and health information of tens of thousands of people. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser** and team in the Seattle office.

CPM APPOINTED CO-LEAD COUNSEL IN STIIZY DATA BREACH CASE IN LOS ANGELES



CPM's **Tom Loeser** was appointed to co-lead this case concerning a health information data breach of a Cannabis retailer based in California. The data breach may have disclosed the personal and health information of tens of thousands of people. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser** and team in the Seattle office.



CPM CO-LEADS HEALTH EQUITY DATA BREACH CASE IN UTAH

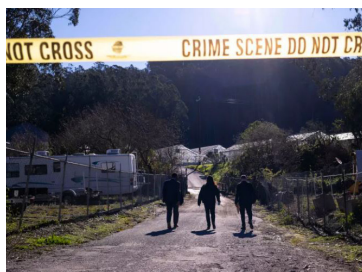
This health information data breach of a Health Savings Account provider based in Utah is ongoing with Orders expected soon on motions to compel arbitration and motions to dismiss. The case involves a massive data breach that may have disclosed the personal and health information of 4.3 million people. The case is being led by **Tom Loeser, Karin Swope, Ellen Wen** and team in the Seattle office.

CPM CO-LEADS RETAILMENOT ONLINE AFFILIATE COMMISSION STEALING CASE IN NEW YORK

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DEATH & INJURY CASES

CPM REPRESENTS VICTIMS OF HALF MOON BAY MASS SHOOTING



CPM is proceeding with wrongful death lawsuits against the owners of a Half Moon Bay mushroom farm that was the site of a mass shooting in January 2023. CPM has named as defendants the owners of the farm and its related entities that operate mushroom farms throughout the state of California. The lawsuits seek to hold the owners responsible for the deplorable living conditions provided to and failure to protect migrant farmworker employees. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Duffy Magilligan, Andrew Britton** and team.

WRONGFUL DEATH CASE FILED FOLLOWING TRAGIC BART INCIDENT



CPM and **Pritzker-Levine** represent the family of **Corazon Dandan** who was tragically killed in July 2024 after being pushed into a BART train by a known gate-jumping criminal with a prior stay-away order from BART. The pusher is facing criminal murder charges. The case is in discovery and motions are pending in San Francisco County Superior Court. Trial has been set for August 3, 2026. **Nanci Nishimura, Nazy Fahimi, Gia Jung** and **Vasti Montiel** of CPM, and **Bethany Caracuzzo** of **Pritzker Levine** are running the case.



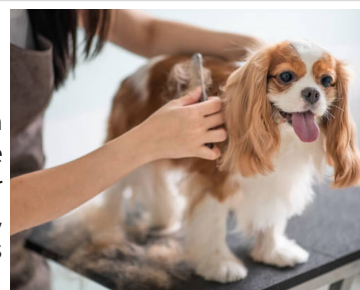
CPM WINS SETTLEMENT FOR VICTIM IN RICHMOND NURSING HOME

CPM recently achieved a favorable settlement for a non-ambulatory adult stroke victim, **Ralph Torrano**, that was neglected by a skilled nursing facility in Richmond. Employees at the facility failed to provide proper care, nutrition, and repositioning of **Torrano**, which caused a stage-IV pressure ulcer, severe weight loss, and irreversible muscle contractures. The team achieved the settlement after over a year of litigation, multiple depositions, and extensive written discovery. The CPM team included **Niall McCarthy, Zack Zaharoff** and paralegal **Jon Deauna**.

ANIMAL PROTECTION CASES

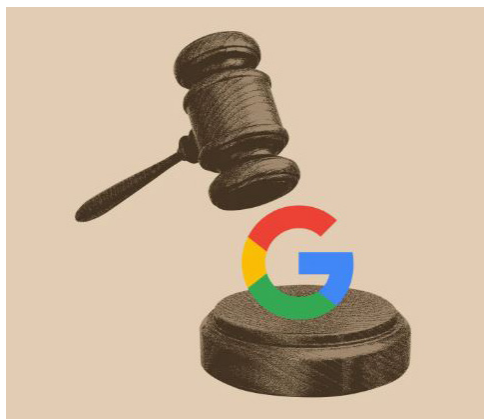
CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT FOR ANIMAL ABUSE AGAINST HEALTHY SPOT DISBURSES SETTLEMENT FUNDS

CPM is active in animal protection and currently disbursing settlement funds to people in the Class Action against **Healthy Spot**, a pet supply chain with stores throughout California. The case arose from grooming injuries to dogs at multiple **Healthy Spot** locations during a two-year period. The \$725,000.00 settlement is being distributed to dog owners whose dogs were killed, seriously injured, or claimed minor injuries as a result of grooming at **Healthy Spot**. The case was handled by **Gary Praglin, Theresa Vitale** and team in the CPM Santa Monica office.



PRIVACY LAWSUIT CASES

GOOGLE "REAL TIME BIDDING" PRIVACY LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT



CPM along with **Pritzker-Levine** and other co-counsel have asked the U.S. District Court in Oakland to approve a historic settlement of this privacy lawsuit brought on behalf of hundreds of millions of Google account holders. Plaintiffs allege that Google sells personal information, including browsing history, in Google's Real Time Bidding auctions for targeted ads billions of times every day, and that Google does this despite its express promise that "Google does not sell your personal information to anyone." Real Time Bidding has been described as the biggest data breach the world has ever seen, resulting in detailed profiles of the interests and browsing habits of internet users. The proposed settlement includes Google's introduction of a new RTB Control that would allow class members to limit the tracking information that is sent out in Google RTB bid requests, along with enhanced disclosures of the information that is shared or used. **Nanci Nishimura** is on the Plaintiffs Executive Committee and leads the CPM team of attorneys including **Brian Danitz** and **Karin Swope**.

SECURITIES & FINANCIAL CASES

COURT ORDERS DEPOSITION OF CEO OF BANK OF AMERICA IN UNEMPLOYMENTS BENEFIT CASE



CPM is co-lead counsel with **Altshuler Berzon** in a multi-district class action against BofA for mishandling its distribution of Californian's unemployment insurance benefits during the pandemic. The complaint alleges BofA violated federal and state law by systematically closing claims of unauthorized transactions and freezing cardholder accounts, leaving many without access to their UI benefits for months on end. In June 2025, the MDL court granted the motion for class certification, and in September 2025 the Ninth Circuit denied BofA's petition to appeal that ruling. Most recently, the MDL court denied BofA's motion to avoid the noticed depositions of its CEO and COO under the Apex doctrine. Discovery has now closed, and the case is moving forward to dispositive motions and trial on a class-wide basis. The case is being handled by CPM attorneys **Brian Danitz, Karin Swope, Blair Kittle, Caroline Yuen, Vasti Montiel** and team.

CPM REPRESENTS SHAREHOLDER CLAIMS AGAINST WELLS FARGO DIRECTORS FOR DISCRIMINATORY HIRING AND LENDING PRACTICES



CPM was appointed co-lead counsel in a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against certain officers and directors of Wells Fargo for their role in the Bank's allegedly discriminatory hiring and lending practices. The action alleges that the Bank's management implemented an internal program called the Diverse Search Requirement requiring at least half of all candidates interviewed for high-paying jobs be diverse, with senior-level approval of any exceptions. Instead, as alleged, the Bank conducted fake interviews of racially and ethnically diverse candidates for already filled positions. The suit also alleges that Wells Fargo engaged in discriminatory lending practices, unfairly harming Black and Hispanic borrowers. On September 20, 2024, the Court denied the director defendants' motion to dismiss allowing this case to proceed. The case is set for trial on April 27, 2026. CPM, Bleichmar, Fonti & Auld, LLP and Motley Rice, LLC serve as co-lead counsel. The case is being handled by **Mark Molumphy, Tyson Redenbarger, Gia Jung** and team.

STEVE WOZNIAK'S BITCOIN SCAM CASE AGAINST YOUTUBE ON APPEAL



CPM represents Steve Wozniak, the Co-Founder of Apple, and victims of a "Bitcoin Giveaway" scam in a lawsuit against YouTube and Google that is testing the limits of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Section 230 broadly immunizes social media sites from liability based on information posted by third parties. The Bitcoin scam uses fake footage of tech heroes, including Steve Wozniak, to convince users to send in their Bitcoin promising double back. In March 2024, the Court of Appeal reversed dismissal of the case based on Section 230 immunity, finding plaintiffs adequately alleged that YouTube is responsible for the "verification badges" that represented to users that the YouTube channels used by the fraudsters were trustworthy. The trial court then dismissed the case again, without permitting discovery, based on Section 230 immunity, and Plaintiffs have again challenged that ruling in the Court of Appeal. The case is being handled by **Joe Cotchett, Brian Danitz, Gia Jung** and team.



CPM PURSUES JUSTICE IN SAN MATEO COLLEGE DISTRICT PAY-TO-PLAY SCANDAL

CPM represents the San Mateo County Community College District in a suit against multiple construction companies related to a pay-to-play scheme involving former Chancellor Ron Galatolo and his Vice Chancellor, Jose Nunez. The alleged scheme involved Galatolo and Nunez's receipt of gifts and favors from Defendants' companies in return for the award of millions of dollars in construction work. Both Galatolo and Nunez were criminally indicted in connection with the scheme, though Nunez accepted a plea deal. Galatolo's trial is set for October of this year. Trial in the civil case being handled by CPM has been set to begin in March, 2026. The team is **Niall McCarthy, Anne Marie Murphy, Nazy Fahimi, Zack Zaharoff** and the powerhouse paralegal team is led by **Jeanette Sanchez**.

INTRODUCING NEW CPM ATTORNEYS

BURLINGAME OFFICE

CHRISTOPHER JEU



Chris is a Senior Counsel at the CPM Burlingame office. He earned his B.A. and M.A. from Columbia University and law degree from Yale Law School. He clerked in the Central District of California for the Hon. Fernando M. Olguin. He was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, in the Northern District of California and the District of New Mexico. Chris specializes in complex civil litigation, including antitrust, intellectual property, mass tort and business fraud.

REGINA WANG



Regina is a Senior Associate at the CPM Burlingame office. She earned her A.B. from Princeton and law degree from Yale Law School. Prior to CPM, Regina worked at large commercial law firms and in the Public Rights Division at the California Attorney General's Office. Regina's practices includes commercial litigation, consumer protection class actions, employment laws and personal injury & wrongful death.

SANTA MONICA OFFICE

GABRIEL BEUGELMANS



Gabriel is a Senior Associate at the Santa Monica office. He earned his B.A. from New York University and law degree from University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. Prior to CPM, Gabriel worked as a litigator for over eight years in Los Angeles. Gabriel's practices includes aviation, products liability, mass torts, and consumer class actions.

STEWART LUCAS



Stewart is an Associate at the CPM Santa Monica office. He earned his B.S. from Arizona State University and law degree from UC Berkeley Law. He clerked for Judges Quinn and Van Aken in the Law and Motion/Discovery Department at S.F. Superior. Stewart's practices include toxic and mass torts, environmental law, personal injury & wrongful death and commercial litigation.

SEATTLE OFFICE

KELLY ARISTIDES



Kelly is an Associate at the CPM Seattle office. She earned her B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and law degree from the UCLA School of Law. Kelly worked with the United Nations and as a District Attorney before specializing in Civil Litigation with a focus on Consumer Protection.

ANDREW FULLER



Andrew is a Senior Associate at the CPM Seattle office. He earned his B.A. from Middlebury College and law degree from University of Florida Levin College of Law. Prior to joining CPM, Andrew practiced for several years in New York and Florida. Andrew's practices includes antitrust, mass tort, intellectual property, employment, privacy, cybersecurity, and consumer protection matters.

INTRODUCING CPM POST-BAR LAW CLERKS

MAKENALANI "ROO" CASH



Makenalani "Roo" is a post-bar law clerk at the **Santa Monica office**. She earned her B.A. from UC Santa Barbara and J.D. from UC Law San Francisco.

LAUREN DEVENS



Lauren is a post-bar law clerk at the **Burlingame office**. She earned her B.A. from UC Santa Barbara and J.D. from UC Law San Francisco

GRACE SEIFERT



Grace is a post-bar law clerk at the **Burlingame office**. She earned her B.A. from St. Mary's College and J.D. from Georgetown Law.

CPM COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

CAROLINE YUEN TEACHES SEMINAR AT UC LAW SF



CPM attorney **Caroline Yuen** has been appointed as Adjunct Professor and Lecturer at two top-tier law schools. She currently teaches a patent law seminar to second-year law students at UC Law SF and legal research and writing to a global cohort of LLM students at UC Berkeley Law School. The firm is proud to have Caroline serve our legal community by mentoring the next generation of lawyers and continues to support her as she rounds out the fall semester.

DUFFY MAGILLIGAN APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF CORA



CPM's **Duffy Magilligan** has been elected to serve as the chair of the board of **Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)**, San Mateo County's only comprehensive provider of intimate partner abuse prevention services including housing, counseling, and litigation support. This will be Duffy's second consecutive term as chair of the board, where he has served since 2022.

NANCI NISHIMURA ATTENDS ANNUAL UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION MEETING IN NEW MEXICO



CPM's **Nanci Nishimura** attended the Uniform Law Commission annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Nanci Nishimura was selected as **Vice Chair of the Commission**, where she serves on the Artificial Intelligence study committee to explore state regulations on AI in procurements. Nishimura was appointed to the commission by **Governor Gavin Newsom**.

CPM HOSTS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE



CPM hosted an annual blood drive with Stanford Blood Center to save lives and supporting patients in need. Several employees came together as a team to help our community. One blood donation can save up to three lives.

CAROLINE YUEN CONNECTS WITH STUDENTS AT BERKELEY LAW



CPM attorney **Caroline Yuen** was invited to attend the fourth annual practitioner-student mixer hosted by Berkeley Plaintiffs' Law Association. With close to 100 attendees, Berkeley law students got the opportunity to learn from prominent local attorneys about a career in plaintiff-side litigation.

WELCOME OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



HEWAN TALAKTOR is CPM's new Communications Director. She grew up in Denver, Colorado, and earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of San Francisco. She has years of experience in communications, strategic marketing and public engagement across government and legal sectors. Hewan worked for the San Mateo County Board President, where she led high-profile public campaigns and social media issues.

CPM SANTA MONICA OFFICE



CPM SANTA MONICA ATTORNEYS AND STAFF MANAGED BY PARTNERS GARY PRAGLIN AND KELLY WEIL.

CPM SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

NAZY FAHIMI LEADS WEBINAR ON SPOILIATION OF EVIDENCE IN FEDERAL COURT



CPM's Nazy Fahimi hosted a webinar on September 10 on "Spoliation of Evidence in Federal Court with a Focus on ESI." Nazy shared insights from her extensive litigation experience, offering practical strategies for handling evidence preservation and discovery issues in federal court.

ADAM ZAPALA SPEAKS AT CAOC CLASS SEMINAR



CPM's Adam Zapala was the Session Leader for Hot Topics in Employment Class Actions at the CAOC Class Seminar in San Francisco. The panel discussed practical and procedural considerations in achieving and finalizing class action settlements, including settlement structuring, judicial approval, notice requirements, and common challenges that can delay resolution.

KARIN SWOPE SHARES EXPERTISE AT COSAL SUMMIT



CPM's Karin Swope spoke on a panel called "Public and Private Entity Coordination," along with Paula Blizzard, Senior Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, California Attorney General's Office and Tom Dahdouh, Former Attorney Advisor, Federal Trade Commission at the COSAL (Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws) Leadership Summit in San Francisco on October 8, 2025. The panel discussed the dynamic between government enforcement actions and private antitrust litigation. The discussion covered coordination challenges, strategic alignment, and how private-public collaboration can drive impactful outcomes.



LONDON

CPM'S TOM LOESER PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN THE US AND ACROSS THE GLOBE!

CPM's Tom Loeser spoke on a panel in **Nashville** discussing trends and differences in Data Privacy and Data Breach cases. Central to the discussion was differences in prosecuting cases where the defendant voluntarily provided user data to a third party, versus cases where the defendant was hacked. In

April, Tom spoke at the Perfect Law Global Class Actions and Mass Torts Conference in **London**. There, he joined a lively panel discussion on Class Action Litigation in the Digital Age. Topics included the implementation of the Digital Markets Act in Europe and cases in Europe and the US centered on AI, privacy and the value of personal information. In May, Tom joined a distinguished panel at the Angeion Group Mega Summit in **Santa Monica**. There his panel discussed the Future of Privacy Cases, including how cases can change corporate behavior in a world where the defendants have immeasurable wealth. In September, and taking advantage of his Italian language fluency, Tom chaired a lively panel discussion on Privacy, Data & Tech: The New Frontier of Class Actions at the Perfect Law Class Actions and Mass Torts Conference in **Florence, Italy**.

For 2026, Tom has been asked to attend the prestigious **Bolch Judicial Institute** at Duke Law to join a panel at the McGovern Symposium, an annual gathering of leaders in the bench, bar, and the academy to discuss cutting edge issues in commercial litigation and MDLs. See him there in late February as he joins jurists, academics and leading litigators helping to shape the future of complex civil litigation.



FLORENCE, ITALY

CPM SEATTLE OFFICE



CPM SEATTLE ATTORNEYS AND STAFF MANAGED BY PARTNERS KARIN SWOPE AND TOM LOESER.

HONORS FOR CPM ATTORNEYS



DUFFY MAGILLIGAN NEW PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY TRIAL LAWYERS

CPM's **Duffy Magilligan** will be the next president of the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association, a professional organization of trial lawyers focused on advocating for victims' rights and promoting a fairer justice system. This will be his first term as president of the board, where he has served since 2020.



KELLY WEIL SELECTED TO TOP 40 UNDER 40

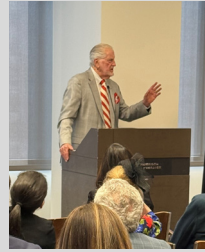
CPM partner **Kelly Weil** has been selected by the legal Daily Journal as one of the Top 40 Under 40 attorneys in California. The list highlights outstanding professionals under the age of 40 who have achieved significant accomplishments in the legal field.

FRANK PITRE RECEIVES MARVIN E. LEWIS AWARD



In November, Consumer Attorneys of California will honor **Frank Pitre** with the **Marvin E. Lewis Award** at the Annual Awards event in San Francisco. The award is given to recipients in recognition of continued guidance, loyalty and dedication, all of which have been an inspiration to fellow attorneys.

JOE COTCHETT RECEIVES THE INAUGURAL MELVIN R. GOLDMAN TRIBUTE AWARD



The Northern District Historical Society and Morrison Foerster honored **Joe Cotchett** with the inaugural **Melvin R. Goldman Tribute Award** at a ceremony in San Francisco. Mel Goldman was a renowned attorney and strategist whose work in securities and anti-trust litigation left a lasting mark on the legal profession. This prestigious award honors a leading attorney in complex civil litigation who exemplifies Goldman's deep commitment to the legal field.



NANCI NISHIMURA HONORED BY THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2025 ELINOR FALVEY AWARD

CPM's **Nanci Nishimura** was honored with the **2025 Elinor Falvey Award** at the San Mateo County Bar Association's Spring Judges' Luncheon. Each year, this award recognizes an individual or organization that demonstrates a strong and sustained commitment to advancing the rights of women.

CPM ATTORNEYS SELECTED TO 2025 SUPER LAWYERS AND RISING STARS LIST



CPM is proud to announce that fourteen of the firm's attorneys have been selected as Northern California Super Lawyers - **Elizabeth Castillo, Joe Cotchett** (Top 10 & 100), **Brian Danitz, Nazy Fahimi, Julie Fieber, Duffy Magilligan, Niall McCarthy** (Top 100), **Mark Molumphy** (Top 100), **Anne Marie Murphy** (Top 100 & Top 50 Women), **Nanci Nishimura, Frank Pitre** (Top 3 & 100), **Tyson Redenbarger, John Thyken** and **Adam Zapala**. Another five attorneys were named to the Rising Stars List - **Kevin Boutin, Andrew Britton, Gia Jung, Vasti Montiel** and **Zachary Zaharoff**. Super Lawyers recognizes the top attorneys nationwide, across a variety of practice areas and firm sizes, using a patented process of independent research and peer input.

"I have witnessed firsthand the work he has done to establish himself as a top trial lawyer in the nation. From defending workers and consumers in high-profile cases to offering pro bono services to underrepresented communities, Joe has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to defending and upholding justice."
— Hon. Gavin Newsom

"Joe Cotchett has the voice of a lion and the tenacity of a tiger when it comes to protecting those without power or influence."
— Hon. Jackie Speier (Former Member of Congress)

"Joe is recognized for his many years of giving back to our society through the legal system to help those without a voice."
— Hon. Marie Weiner (Retired Judge)

"Cotchett represents the very best of legal chess and strategy in litigation. He has taught many lawyers the basic understanding of courtroom presentations."
— Bruce Broillet, Green, Broillet & Wheeler



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FRONT ROW (L TO R): NABILAH A. HOSSAIN, ADAM J. ZAPALA*, Nanci E. NISHIMURA*, Niall P. MCCARTHY* (TOP 100), JOSEPH W. COTCHETT* (TOP 10, TOP 100), FRANK M. PITRE* (TOP 10, TOP 100), MARK C. MOLUMPHY* (TOP 100), ANNE MARIE MURPHY* (TOP 100, TOP 50 WOMEN), ELIZABETH T. CASTILLO*, BRIAN DANITZ*, MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): JULIE L. FIEBER*, TYSON C. REDENBARGER*, ELLE D. LEWIS, GIA JUNG**, DONALD J. MAGILLIGAN*, GRACE Y. PARK, JOHN P. THYKEN*, SARVENAZ J. FAHIMI*, ANDREW W. BRITTON**, BACK ROW (L TO R): ZACHARY N. ZAHAROFF**, CAROLINE A. YUEN, BLAIR V. KITTLE, KEVIN J. BOUTIN**, VASTI MONTIEL**, CHRISTIAN M. RUANO, PIERCE H. STANLEY

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For over fifty years, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy has been dedicated exclusively to litigation and trials in both state and federal courts. Our attorneys are steadfast advocates for justice, handling a wide range of legal matters, including false claims, antitrust, business and securities disputes, employment law, consumer class actions, and personal and mass injury cases.

We are proud that many of our attorneys have been named to this year's Super Lawyers list, with others earning recognition as Rising Stars Honorees. Our firm's reputation is built on excellence, with the majority of our clients coming to us through referrals from fellow attorneys who trust our expertise and standing in the legal community. As trial lawyers, we are committed to defending justice and representing those who might otherwise go unheard.

"Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy have few peers that equal their ability in litigation. Their commitment to the cause of justice and their ethical standards stand apart. They are people who give back to the community and give lawyers a good name."

– Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)



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Joseph W. Cotchett

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Joseph Cotchett was cross-examining Al Davis during the infamous Oakland Raiders relocation trial when a paralegal handed him a Sports Illustrated article that would create "quite a splash in the courtroom." Representing the Los Angeles Rams against Davis and the National Football League, Cotchett had been given just moments to decide whether to confront the Raiders owner about his admiration for the German Army.

"I had to make a quick choice" whether to ask Davis about those comments in front of the jury, Cotchett recalled. He did, and "some people on the jury got a little upset that he admired the German Army." The split-second decision exemplified Cotchett's willingness to take calculated risks in pursuit of his clients' interests, even when the stakes are enormous.

That fearless approach has defined Cotchett's decades-long career taking on corporate giants and powerful institutions. From his early representation of Viola Liuzzo's children — the civil rights activist killed by

a Ku Klux Klan member who was also an FBI informant — to securing a \$3.3 billion verdict against former Lincoln Savings and Loan Association chairman Charles Keating, Cotchett has built his practice around giving "those that do not have a voice a voice."

Two cases he lost still weigh on him most heavily, both involving systemic injustices that demanded legal challenges despite slim chances of victory. The Liuzzo case in the 1980s required proving under the Federal Tort Claims Act that the FBI acted irresponsibly in hiring an informant they knew had "criminal characteristics." Though Cotchett lost, the FBI changed its informant hiring practices within six months. "Although I lost that case for her children, which is so tragic because she was such a wonderful woman to go down there and march with Martin Luther King," he said, the case created lasting reform.

Similarly, when two Catholic priests asked him to help approximately 8,700 children in the Philippines fathered by American veterans during Vietnam War-era R&R visits to Subic Bay, Cotchett took the case knowing the legal obstacles were formidable. After losing in the Court of Claims, the judge told him: "Mr. Cotchett, I greatly appreciate what you're doing for these children, but in this court under this law, I cannot find for you. Isn't it a shame it isn't something that Congress hasn't taken care of?"

Those words spurred Cotchett to lobby Congress directly. Within six months, lawmakers allocated funding for a school and hospital for the children. "Sometimes we lose cases to draw attention to a situation that deserves justice," he reflected. "It's about

the consequences that that trial may have on other cases."

Cotchett's courtroom theatrics have become legendary, often involving props designed to viscerally connect with juries. During the Keating trial in Tucson, he appeared in cowboy boots and jeans while opposing counsel wore "elegant dark suits." The strategy worked: the jury awarded \$3.3 billion, still among the largest fraud verdicts in U.S. history.

His most memorable demonstration involved recreating Keating's bonus ritual of throwing \$10 bills in the air for employees to scramble after on the floor. Unable to obtain \$10 bills, Cotchett used \$1 bills instead, telling the jury that "Mr. Keating loved to throw bills into the air and watch people grovel for them." He then grabbed the bills and threw them skyward. One juror "put her hand on her mouth and went, 'my gosh.'"

Such tactics reflect Cotchett's philosophy that effective trial work requires complete identification with the jury. "You have to understand that these are people that you want to side with your position," he said. "Those jurors are your mother, your father, your sister, your brother. And that's who you want them to be."

Cotchett's advice to younger lawyers eschews financial motivations: "Being a trial lawyer is not about making money. Being a trial lawyer is about giving those that do not have a voice a voice." He continues practicing because "the world we live in deserves giving people a voice" and finding satisfaction in watching "someone on the street get up out of the street and become a person because I helped them."

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CPM COMMUNITY EVENTS

CPM ATTENDS THE ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY HISTORY MAKERS EVENT



In September, **CPM** attorneys and staff attended the San Mateo County History Makers Dinner, where the **Honorable Anna Eshoo** was recognized as the 2025 recipient. She joins **Joe Cotchett** among a distinguished list of past honorees.



CPM SANTA MONICA ATTENDS CONSUMER WATCHDOG EVENT



CPM SUPPORTS WOMEN'S HEALTH

CPM was a sponsor of the Annual **Mills Peninsula Hospital Foundation - Women's Health Luncheon & Lecture** with guest speaker Goldie Hawn at the beautiful Kohl Mansion in Burlingame, California. This event raises money to ensure access to vital programs and services for women's health and services in San Mateo County.



CPM JOINS FUNDRAISER TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS

In September, the **Legal Aid of San Mateo County** held a fundraiser where **CPM** attorneys and staff raised money to protect immigrants.

CPM SANTA MONICA LAW CLERKS SPARE SOME TIME FOR TEAM BOWLING



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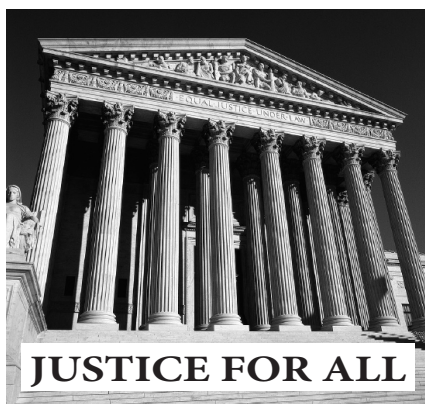


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*"What are the things that you can't see that are important?
I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love...
They're the guiding lights of a life."*

— Jimmy Carter