

# **Exhibit 2**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

CAROLYN PERLIN, individually and  
on behalf of the settlement class,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIME INC., a Delaware Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 16-cv-10635

Hon. George Caram Steeh

**DECLARATION OF ARI J. SCHARG IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the state of Illinois, and I am over the age of eighteen years old. I make this Declaration based upon personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated. If called upon to testify as to the matters stated herein, I could and would competently do so.

2. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for and Brief in Support of Final Approval of Class Action Settlement.

3. I am a partner at the law firm of Edelson PC, which has been retained to represent the named-plaintiff, Carolyn Perlin, in this matter. I have been appointed Class Counsel in this case, along with two other members of my law firm—Eve-Lynn J. Rapp and Benjamin S. Thomassen.

### ***The Litigation and Settlement History***

4. Before this case was initiated, Class Counsel litigated a related class action against Defendant Time Inc. (“Defendant” or “Time”) in this Court captioned *Coulter-Owens v. Time Inc.*, which also alleged that Time violated the Michigan Video Rental Privacy Act (“VRPA”), but was brought by a different class representative and on behalf of a different class of magazine subscribers. Throughout discovery in that case, Class Counsel gained a thorough understanding of Time’s disclosure practices given the hundreds of thousands of documents they obtained and reviewed, and the high-ranking corporate representative they deposed. After the *Coulter-Owens* matter, Plaintiff Perlin—represented by Class Counsel—filed the instant case against Defendant Time.

5. Following the denial of Defendant’s motion to dismiss and the filing of its Answer and affirmative defenses, the parties exchanged initial disclosures and issued written discovery on each other. Plaintiff Perlin then served subpoenas on eight third parties including Acxiom Corporation and Wiland Direct, two entities to which she believed, based on Class Counsel’s previous work in *Coulter-Owens*, Time disclosed subscriber information. As a result of Plaintiff’s subpoenas, several third parties provided detailed information about the data transmissions at issue.

6. Over the next five months, the Parties engaged in substantial class-

and merits-related discovery, which included the production and review of thousands of documents, numerous meet-and-confer conferences, and the scheduling of depositions for both Perlin and a corporate representative from Time.

7. Before taking the scheduled depositions, however, the Parties engaged in settlement discussions in an effort to resolve the case without the expense of further litigation, which would necessarily include adversarial class certification and summary judgment briefing as in the *Coulter-Owens* matter. As part of these settlement discussions, Plaintiff obtained additional, albeit informal, discovery from Time regarding the size and composition of the class.

8. After multiple rounds of arm's-length negotiations between counsel experienced in valuing and negotiating VRPA class settlements, the Parties ultimately reached an agreement on the principal terms of the Settlement. The Parties then diligently prepared and executed the written Settlement Agreement now before the Court.

***Class Counsel's Estimate of Per-Claimant Recovery***

9. Based on the current participation rate, and consistent with their earlier estimates, Class Counsel believes that each Settlement Class Member that submits a valid Claim Form will receive approximately \$50 in cash as a result of the Settlement.

***Factors Supporting Final Approval***

10. Class Counsel are confident in the strength of Plaintiff's claims and her ability to certify an adversarial class. That said, success in this case has never been a certainty.

11. Indeed, there were several ways in which Plaintiff and the class could wind up empty-handed. For example, if Time moved for summary judgement, it would likely continue to claim—as it did at summary judgement in *Coulter-Owens*—that the VRPA (i) does not prohibit the disclosure of the magazine subscription information at issue, because Acxiom is its agent and the disclosures to Wiland were permissible under the VRPA's "direct marketing exception," and (ii) does not apply to Time at all because Time is not engaged in the business of selling magazines "at retail," as is required under the scope of the statute. Time has also made clear that it would continue to challenge the constitutionality of the VRPA.

12. If the case moved past summary judgment, Plaintiff would still need to overcome significant hurdles in proving her case at trial. Moreover, Plaintiff recognizes that Time would appeal the merits of any adverse decision at summary judgement or trial. And, due to the massive aggregated statutory damages in play, Time would be sure to argue—both at trial and on appeal—for a reduction of damages based on due process concerns.

13. Class Counsel are well-respected attorneys with significant skill and experience prosecuting class actions of similar size, scope, and complexity—particularly in the consumer privacy realm, and including in other VRPA cases. (See Firm Resume of Edelson PC, a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2-A.)

14. Based on Class Counsel’s experience litigating similar consumer class actions, including those alleging VRPA violations, Class Counsel is of the opinion that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

15. As discussed above and throughout Plaintiff’s motion for final approval, the proposed Settlement is the product of informed negotiations conducted at arm’s length by experienced counsel representing adversarial parties. Class Counsel have built their practice upon complex consumer class action litigation, and have significant experience with the VRPA. Likewise, defense counsel—attorneys from sophisticated law firms—have a wealth of experience representing magazine publishers across the country, and have been successful in defeating several other VRPA class actions, including the related *Coulter-Owens* matter.

16. The Parties have vigorously pursued their own interests and positions throughout the litigation. And when the Parties were finally ready to discuss the possibility of settlement, all of their negotiations occurred only at arm’s-length and

neither party discussed the issue of attorneys' fees until after the class relief had been negotiated and secured.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 1st day of October, 2018 at Chicago, Illinois.



Ari J. Scharg

# **Exhibit 2-A**



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### EDELSON PC FIRM RESUME

EDELSON PC is a plaintiffs' class and mass action firm with attorneys in Illinois and California.

Our attorneys have been recognized as leaders in these fields by state and federal courts, legislatures, national and international media groups, and our peers. Our reputation has led state and federal courts across the country to appoint us lead counsel in many high-profile cases, including in cutting-edge privacy class actions against comScore, Netflix, Time, Microsoft, and Facebook; Telephone Consumer Protection Act class actions against technology, media, and retail companies such as Google, Twentieth Century Fox, Simon & Schuster, and Steve Madden; data security class actions against LinkedIn, Advocate Hospitals, and AvMed; banking cases related to reductions in home equity lines of credit against Citibank, Wells Fargo, and JP Morgan Chase; fraudulent marketing cases against software companies such as Symantec, AVG and Ascentive; mobile content class actions against all major cellular telephone carriers; and product liability and personal injury cases, including the NCAA Single School/Single Sport Concussion MDL, the Thomas the Tank Engine lead paint class actions and the tainted pet food litigation.

We are lead counsel in *Robins v. Spokeo*, 136 S.Ct. 1540 (2016) where the United States Supreme Court held that "intangible" harms can satisfy Article III standing requirements.

We have testified before the United States Senate and state legislative bodies on class action issues and have repeatedly been asked to work on federal and state legislation involving cellular telephony, privacy, and other consumer issues. Our attorneys have appeared on dozens of national and international television and radio programs, and in numerous national and international publications, discussing our cases and class action and consumer protection issues more generally. Our attorneys speak regularly at seminars on consumer protection and class action issues, and also lecture on class actions at law schools.

Overall, our settlements are valued at over \$1 billion, collectively.

### PLAINTIFFS' CLASS AND MASS ACTION PRACTICE

EDELSON PC is a leader in plaintiffs' class and mass action litigation. Law360 has called us a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," a "Plaintiffs Class Action powerhouse" and a "Privacy Litigation Heavyweight." In 2018, we were recognized for the second consecutive year as an "Illinois Powerhouse," alongside Kirkland & Ellis, Dentons, Schiff Hardin and Swanson Martin; Edelson was the only firm with less than a hundred lawyers recognized. We have been described as "pioneers in the electronic privacy class action field, having litigated some of the largest consumer class actions in the country on this issue." See *In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. C 10-02389 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 10, 2010) (order appointing us interim co-lead of privacy class action); see also *In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2011) (appointing us sole lead counsel due, in part, to our "significant and particularly specialized

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expertise in electronic privacy litigation and class actions”). We have also been recognized by courts for our uniquely zealous and efficient approach to litigation, which led the then-Chief Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois to praise our work as “consistent with the highest standards of the profession” and “a model of what the profession should be. . . .” *In re Kentucky Fried Chicken Coupon Mktg. & Sales Practices Litig.*, No. 09-cv-7670, MDL 2103 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 30, 2011). Likewise, in appointing our firm interim co-lead in one of the most high profile banking cases in the country, a federal court pointed to our ability to be “vigorous advocates, constructive problem-solvers, and civil with their adversaries.” *In Re JPMorgan Chase Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10 C 3647 (N.D. Ill. July 16, 2010). After hard fought litigation, that case settled, resulting in the reinstatement of between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in home credit lines.

We have several sub-specialties within our plaintiffs’ class action practice:

**MASS/CLASS TORT CASES**

Our attorneys are representing governmental entities and labor unions seeking to recover losses arising out of the Opioid Crisis, classes of student athletes suffering from the long-term effects of concussive and sub-concussive injuries, and were a part of a team of lawyers representing a group of public housing residents in a suit based upon contamination related injuries, a group of employees exposed to second-hand smoke on a riverboat casino, and a class of individuals suing a hospital and national association of blood banks for failure to warn of risks related to blood transfusions. Representative cases and settlements include:

- Filed first cases on behalf of labor unions seeking to recover losses arising out of the Opioid Crisis. *Se, e.g. Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Health and Welfare Fund v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, No. 2:17-cv-04746-TJS (E.D. Penn. Oct. 26, 2017). Representing governmental entities in similar litigation. *E.g. City of Melrose Park v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*, 18-CH-06601 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.), 18-cv-05288 (N.D. Ill.).
- *In re: National Collegiate Athletic Association Single School/Single Sport Concussion Litig.*, No. 16-cv-8727, MDL No. 2492 (N.D. Ill.): Appointed co-lead counsel in MDL brought against the NCAA, its conferences and member institutions alleging personal injury claims on behalf of college football players resulting from repeated concussive and sub-concussive hits.
- *Bouzerand v. United States*, No. 1:17-cv-01195-VJW (Ct. Fed. Claims): Filed putative class action on behalf of homeowners alleging the government has to fairly compensate the class under the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause after the government flooded their homes by releasing reservoir waters during Hurricane Harvey.

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- *Aaron v. Chicago Housing Authority*, No. 99 L 11738 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Part of team representing a group of public housing residents bringing suit over contamination-related injuries. Case settled on a mass basis for over \$10 million.
- *Januszewski v. Horseshoe Hammond*, No. 2:00CV352JM (N.D. Ind.): Part of team of attorneys in mass suit alleging that defendant riverboat casino caused injuries to its employees arising from exposure to second-hand smoke.
- *Merck/Vioxx Lawsuits*: Represented hundreds of individuals claiming medical problems including heart attacks and strokes after taking the prescription medication Vioxx. Cases resolved as part of Merck's global settlement.

The firm's cases regularly receive attention from local, national, and international media. Our cases and attorneys have been reported in the Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the LA Times, by the Reuters and UPI news services, and BBC International. Our attorneys have appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including ABC World News, CNN, Fox News, NPR, and CBS Radio, as well as television and radio programs outside of the United States. We have also been called upon to give congressional testimony and other assistance in hearings involving our cases.

**MORTGAGE & BANKING**

EDELSON PC has been at the forefront of class action litigation arising in the aftermath of the federal bailouts of the banks. Our suits include claims that certain banks unlawfully suspended home credit lines based on pre-textual reasons, and that certain banks have failed to honor loan modification programs. We achieved the first federal appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of borrowers to enforce HAMP trial plans under state law. The court noted that "[p]rompt resolution of this matter is necessary not only for the good of the litigants but for the good of the Country." *Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 673 F.3d 547, 586 (7th Cir. 2012) (Ripple, J., concurring). Our settlements have restored billions of dollars in home credit lines to people throughout the country. Representative cases and settlements include:

- *In re JP Morgan Chase Bank Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10-cv-3647 (N.D. Ill.): Appointed interim co-lead counsel in nationwide putative class action alleging illegal suspensions of home credit lines. Settlement restored between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in credit to the class.
- *Hamilton v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 09-cv-04152-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Wells Fargo's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. Nationwide settlement restores access to over \$1 billion in credit and provides industry leading service

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enhancements and injunctive relief.

- *In re Citibank HELOC Reduction Litig.*, No. 09-cv-0350-MMC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class actions challenging Citibank's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. The settlement restored up to \$653,920,000 worth of credit to affected borrowers.
- *Wigod v. Wells Fargo*, No. 10-cv-2348 (N.D. Ill.): Obtained first appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of private litigants to sue to enforce HAMP trial plans.

**PRIVACY/DATA LOSS*****Data Loss/Unauthorized Disclosure of Data***

We have litigated numerous class actions involving issues of first impression against Facebook, Uber, Apple, Netflix, Sony, Gannett, Redbox, Pandora, Sears, Storm 8, Google, T-Mobile, Microsoft, and others involving failures to protect customers' private information, security breaches, and unauthorized sharing of personal information with third parties. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *City of Chicago and People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Kimberly M. Foxx, State's Attorney of Cook County, Illinois v. Uber Technologies, Inc.*, No. 17-CH-15594 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty, Ill.): Several Edelson attorneys appointed Special Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago and Special Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, Illinois in their consolidated data breach/failure to notify lawsuit against Uber Technologies.
- *People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Kimberly M. Foxx, State's Attorney of Cook County, Ill. v. Facebook, Inc., et al.*, No. 18-cv-02667 (N.D. Ill.): Several Edelson attorneys appointed Special Assistant State's Attorneys in enforcement action against Facebook and Cambridge Analytica-affiliated companies for the breach of personal information to Cambridge Analytica and others.
- *Dunstan v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in certified class action accusing Internet analytics company of improper data collection practices. The court finally approved a \$14 million settlement.
- *Resnick v. Avmed*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in data breach case filed against health insurance company. Obtained landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred. Case also resulted in the first class action settlement in the country to provide data breach victims with monetary payments irrespective of identity theft.

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- *In re Netflix Privacy Litig.*, No. 11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in suit alleging that defendant violated the Video Privacy Protection Act by illegally retaining customer viewing information. Case resulted in a \$9 million dollar *cy pres* settlement that has been finally approved.
- *N.P. v. Standard Innovation (US), Corp.*, No. 1:16-cv-08655 (N.D. Ill.): Brought and resolved first ever IoT privacy class action against adult-toy manufacturer accused on collected and recording highly intimate and sensitive personal use data. Case resolved for \$3.75m (Canadian).
- *Sekura v. L.A. Tan Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 15 CH 16694 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Ill.): Reached the first ever settlement under Illinois's biometric privacy statute. Settlement provided the class with \$1.5m and released only the franchisor and related companies, thus allowing additional ongoing suits against franchisees to continue.
- *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.*, No. 12-cv-12831 (E.D. Mich.); *Grenke v. Hearst Communications, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14221 (E.D. Mich.); *Fox v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14390 (E.D. Mich.): Consolidated actions brought under Michigan's Preservation of Personal Privacy Act, alleging unlawful disclosure of subscribers' personal information. In a ground-breaking decision, the court denied three motions to dismiss finding that the magazine publishers were covered by the act and that the illegal sale of personal information triggers an automatic \$5,000 award to each aggrieved consumer. In January and July of 2015, final approval was granted to a settlement reached in the *Bauer Publishing* matter and an adversarial class was certified in the *Time* case, respectively.
- *Standiford v. Palm*, No. 09-cv-05719-LHK (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in data loss class action, resulting in \$640,000 settlement.
- *In re Zynga Privacy Litig.*, No. 10-cv-04680 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit against gaming application designer for the alleged unlawful disclosure of its users' personally identifiable information to advertisers and other third parties.
- *In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. 10-cv-02389 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit alleging that Facebook unlawfully shared its users' sensitive personally identifiable information with Facebook's advertising partners.
- *In re Sidekick Litig.*, No. C 09-04854-JW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in cloud computing data loss case against T-Mobile and Microsoft. Settlement provided the class with potential settlement benefits valued at over \$12 million.

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- *Desantis v. Sears*, No. 08 CH 00448 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement alleging national retailer allowed purchase information to be publicly available through the Internet.

***Telephone Consumer Protection Act***

EDELSON PC has been at the forefront of TCPA litigation for nearly a decade, having secured the groundbreaking *Satterfield* ruling in the Ninth Circuit applying the TCPA to text messages, *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.*, 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), and the largest (up to \$76 million in total monetary relief) TCPA settlement to date. *See Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc., et al.*, No. 12-cv-4069 (N.D. Ill.). The firm has secured more than \$200 million for consumers in cases across the United States. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc., et al.*, No. 12-cv-4069 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant violated federal law by making unsolicited telemarketing calls. Obtained adversarial class certification of nationwide class of approximately 1 million consumers. On the eve of trial, case resulted in the largest TCPA settlement to date, totaling up to \$76 million in monetary relief.
- *Kolinek v. Walgreen Co.*, No. 13-cv-4806 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant violated federal law by making unsolicited prescription reminder calls. Won reconsideration of dismissal based upon whether provision of telephone number constituted consent to call. Case settled for \$11 million.
- *Hopwood v. Nuance Communications, Inc., et al.*, No. 13-cv-2132 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by making unsolicited marketing calls to consumers nationwide. \$9.245 million settlement provided class members option to claim unprecedented relief based upon total number of calls they received. Settlement resulted in some class members receiving in excess of \$10,000 each.
- *Rojas v CEC*, No. 10-cv-05260 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in text spam class action that settled for \$19,999,400.
- *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litigation*, No. 11-md-2261, 2012 WL 762888 (S.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in \$35 million text spam settlement.
- *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. 11-cv-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Kramer v. B2Mobile*, No. 10-cv-02722-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$12.2 million text spam settlement.

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- *Wright, et al. v. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC*, No. 14-cv-10457 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in \$12.1 million debt collection call settlement.
- *Pimental v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02585 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant co-opted group text messaging lists to send unsolicited text messages. \$6 million settlement provides class members with an unprecedented \$500 recovery.
- *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Miller v. Red Bull*, No. 12-CV-04961 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in \$6 million text spam settlement.
- *Woodman v. ADP Dealer Services*, No. 2013 CH 10169 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$7.5 million text spam settlement.
- *Lockett v. Mogreet, Inc.*, No 2013 CH 21352 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in \$16 million text spam settlement.
- *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by sending unsolicited text messages to cellular telephones of consumers. Case settled for \$16 million.
- *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Weinstein v. Airit2me, Inc.*, No. 06 C 0484 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in \$7 million text spam settlement.

**CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY*****Fraudulent Software***

EDELSON PC has represented plaintiffs in consumer fraud cases in courts nationwide against companies peddling fraudulent software. Representative settlements include:

- *Drymon v. Cyberdefender*, No. 11 CH 16779 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.75 million.
- *Gross v. Symantec Corp.*, No. 12-cv-00154-CRB (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$11 million.

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- *LaGarde v. Support.com, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-00609-JSC (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$8.59 million.
- *Ledet v. Ascentive LLC*, No. 11-CV-294-PBT (E.D. Pa.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.6 million.
- *Webb v. Cleverbridge, Inc.*, No. 1:11-cv-04141 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$5.5 million.

***Video Games***

EDELSON PC has litigated video-game related cases against Activision Blizzard Inc., Electronic Arts, Inc., Google, and Zenimax Media, Inc.

**PRODUCTS LIABILITY CLASS ACTIONS**

We have been appointed lead counsel in state and federal products liability class settlements, including a \$30 million settlement resolving the “Thomas the Tank Engine” lead paint recall cases and a \$32 million settlement involving the largest pet food recall in the history of the United States and Canada. Representative settlements include:

- *Barrett v. RC2 Corp.*, No. 07 CH 20924 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in lead paint recall case involving Thomas the Tank toy trains. Settlement is valued at over \$30 million and provided class with full cash refunds and reimbursement of certain costs related to blood testing.
- *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litig.*, No. 07-cv-2867 (D.N.J.): Part of mediation team in class action involving largest pet food recall in United States history. Settlement provided \$24 million common fund and \$8 million in charge backs.

**INSURANCE CLASS ACTIONS**

We have prosecuted and settled multi-million dollar suits against J.C. Penney Life Insurance for allegedly illegally denying life insurance benefits under an unenforceable policy exclusion and against a Wisconsin insurance company for terminating the health insurance policies of groups of self-insureds. Representative settlements include:

- *Holloway v. J.C. Penney*, No. 97 C 4555 (N.D. Ill.): One of the primary attorneys in a multi-state class action suit alleging that the defendant illegally denied life insurance benefits to the class. The case settled in late December 2000, resulting in a multi-million dollar cash award to the class.



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- *Ramlow v. Family Health Plan* (Wisc. Cir. Ct., WI): Co-lead counsel in a class action suit challenging defendant's termination of health insurance to groups of self-insureds. The plaintiff won a temporary injunction, which was sustained on appeal, prohibiting such termination and eventually settled the case ensuring that each class member would remain insured.

**GENERAL CONSUMER PROTECTION CLASS ACTIONS**

We have successfully prosecuted countless class actions against computer software companies, technology companies, health clubs, dating agencies, phone companies, debt collectors, and other businesses on behalf of consumers. In addition to the settlements listed below, EDELSON PC have litigated consumer fraud cases in courts nationwide against companies such as Motorola Mobility, Stonebridge Benefit Services, J.C. Penney, Sempris LLC, and Plimus, LLC. Representative settlements include:

***Mobile Content***

We have prosecuted over 100 cases involving mobile content, settling numerous nationwide class actions, including against industry leader AT&T Mobility, collectively worth over a hundred million dollars.

- *McFerren v. AT&T Mobility, LLC*, No. 08-CV-151322 (Fulton Cty. Super. Ct., Ga.): Lead counsel class action settlement involving 16 related cases against largest wireless service provider in the nation. "No cap" settlement provided virtually full refunds to a nationwide class of consumers who alleged that unauthorized charges for mobile content were placed on their cell phone bills.
- *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 27 related cases alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$36 million.
- *Gray v. Mobile Messenger Americas, Inc.*, No. 08-CV-61089 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Case settled for \$12 million.
- *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.*, No. 08 CH 15834 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving over 2 dozen cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$12.254 million.
- *Williams v. Motricity, Inc.*, No. 09 CH 19089 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 24 cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$9 million.

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- *VanDyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08 CV 22131 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in class action settlement alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$7.6 million.
- *Gresham v. Cellco Partnership*, No. BC 387729 (L.A. Super. Ct., Cal.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Settlement provided class members with full refunds.
- *Abrams v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 07-cv-05378 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement concerning the transmission of allegedly unauthorized mobile content.

***Deceptive Marketing***

- *Van Tassell v. UMG*, No. 1:10-cv-2675 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in negative option marketing class action. Case settled for \$2.85 million.
- *McK Sales Inc. v. Discover Bank*, No. 10-cv-02964 (N.D. Ill.): Lead counsel in class action alleging deceptive marketing aimed at small businesses. Case settled for \$6 million.
- *Farrell v. OpenTable*, No. 11-cv-01785 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in gift certificate expiration case. Settlement netted class over \$3 million in benefits.
- *Ducharme v. Lexington Law*, No. 10-cv-2763 (N.D. Cal): Lead counsel in CROA class action. Settlement resulted in over \$6 million of benefits to the class.
- *Pulcini v. Bally Total Fitness Corp.*, No. 05 CH 10649 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in four class action lawsuits brought against two health clubs and three debt collection companies. A global settlement provided the class with over \$40 million in benefits, including cash payments, debt relief, and free health club services.
- *Kozubik v. Capital Fitness, Inc.*, 04 CH 627 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in state-wide suit against a leading health club chain, which settled in 2004, providing over 150,000 class members with between \$11 million and \$14 million in benefits, consisting of cash refunds, full debt relief, and months of free health club membership.
- *Kim v. Riscuity*, No. 06 C 01585 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead counsel in suit against a debt collection company accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with full debt relief and return of all money collected.
- *Jones v. TrueLogic Financial Corp.*, No. 05 C 5937 (N.D. Ill.): Co-lead

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counsel in suit against two debt collectors accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with approximately \$2 million in debt relief.

- *Fertelmeyster v. Match.com*, No. 02 CH 11534 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under Illinois consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value in excess of \$3 million.
- *Cioe v. Yahoo!, Inc.*, No. 02 CH 21458 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under state consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value between \$1.6 million and \$4.8 million.
- *Zurakov v. Register.com*, No. 01-600703 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. Cty.): Co-lead counsel in a class action brought on behalf of an international class of over one million members against Register.com for its allegedly deceptive practices in advertising on “coming soon” pages of newly registered Internet domain names. Settlement required Register.com to fully disclose its practices and provided the class with relief valued in excess of \$17 million.

**GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

Our attorneys have handled a wide range of general commercial litigation matters, from partnership and business-to-business disputes to litigation involving corporate takeovers. We have handled cases involving tens of thousands of dollars to “bet the company” cases involving up to hundreds of millions of dollars. Our attorneys have collectively tried hundreds of cases, as well as scores of arbitrations and mediations.

**OUR ATTORNEYS**

**JAY EDELSON** is the founder and CEO of EDELSON PC. He is considered one of the nation’s leading class and mass action lawyers, having secured over \$1 billion in settlements and verdicts for his clients.

Law360 described Jay as a “Titan of the Plaintiff’s Bar.” The American Bar Association recognized Jay Edelson as one of the “most creative minds in the legal industry.” Law360 noted that he has “taken on some of the biggest companies and law firms in the world and has had success where others have not.” Another publication explained that “when it comes to legal strategy and execution, Jay is simply one of the best in the country.” Professor Todd Henderson, the Michael J. Marks Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, opined that when thinking about “who’s the most innovative lawyer in the US ... [Jay is] at or near the top of my list.”

Jay has received special recognition for his success in taking on Silicon Valley. The national press has dubbed Jay and his firm the “most feared” litigators in Silicon Valley and, according

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to the New York Times, tech's "babyfaced ... boogeyman." Most recently, Chicago Lawyer Magazine dubbed Jay "Public Enemy No. 1 in Silicon Valley." In the emerging area of privacy law, the international press has called Jay one of the world's "profilertesten (most prominent)" privacy class action attorneys. The National Law Journal has similarly recognized Jay as a "Cybersecurity Trailblazer"—one of only two plaintiff's attorneys to win this recognition.

Jay has taught class actions and negotiations at Chicago-Kent College of Law and privacy litigation at UC Berkeley School of Law. He has written a blog for Thomson Reuters, called Pardon the Disruption, where he focused on ideas necessary to reform and reinvent the legal industry and has contributed opinion pieces to TechCrunch, Quartz, the Chicago Tribune, law360, and others. He also serves on Law360's Privacy & Consumer Protection editorial advisory board. In recognition of the fact that his firm runs like a start-up that "just happens to be a law firm," Jay was recently named to "Chicago's Top Ten Startup Founders over 40" by Tech.co.

Jay currently serves on Chicago's 47th Ward Democratic Organization Judicial Recommendation Committee, which is responsible for interviewing, vetting and slating Cook County Judicial Candidates for election.

**RYAN D. ANDREWS** is a Partner at EDELSON PC. He presently leads the firm's complex case resolution and appellate practice group, which oversees the firm's class settlements, class notice programs, and briefing on issues of first impression.

Ryan has been appointed class counsel in numerous federal and state class actions nationwide that have resulted in over \$100 million in refunds to consumers, including: *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.); *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, No. cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal.); *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D. Cal.); *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill.); *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cty., Ill.); and *Lofton v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 07-5892 (N.D. Cal.).

Representative reported decisions include: *Lozano v. Twentieth Century Fox*, 702 F. Supp. 2d 999 (N.D. Ill. 2010), *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.* 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), *Kramer v. Autobyte, Inc.*, 759 F. Supp. 2d 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2010); *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litig.*, 847 F. Supp. 2d 1253 (S.D. Cal. 2012); *Lee v. Stonebridge Life Ins. Co.*, 289 F.R.D. 292 (N.D. Cal. 2013); and *Kristensen v. Credit Payment Servs.*, 12 F. Supp. 3d 1292 (D. Nev. Mar. 26, 2014).

Ryan graduated from the University of Michigan, earning his B.A., with distinction, in Political Science and Communications. Ryan received his J.D. with High Honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was named Order of the Coif. Ryan has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent, teaching a third-year seminar on class actions. While in law school, Ryan was a Notes & Comments Editor for The Chicago-Kent Law Review, earned CALI awards for the highest grade in five classes, and was a teaching assistant for both Property Law and Legal Writing courses. Ryan externed for the Honorable Joan B. Gottschall in the United State District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ryan is licensed to practice in Illinois state courts, the United States District Court for the

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Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**RAFEY S. BALABANIAN** is the Managing Partner of EDELSON PC and its director of nationwide litigation. He started his career as a trial lawyer, serving as a prosecutor for the City of Chicago where he took part in dozens of trials. Rafey went on to join a litigation boutique in Chicago where he continued his trial work, before eventually starting with EDELSON in 2008. He is regarded by his peers as a highly skilled litigator, and has been appointed lead class counsel in more than two dozen class actions in state and federal courts across the country. His work has led to groundbreaking results in trial courts nationwide, and he has secured hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of his clients.

Some of Rafey's more notable achievements include nationwide settlements involving the telecom industry, including companies such as AT&T, Google, Sony, Motricity, and OpenMarket valued at more than \$100 million.

Rafey has also been appointed to the Executive Committee in the NCAA concussion cases, considered to be "one of the largest actions pending in the country, a multi district litigation ... that currently included about 100 personal injury class actions filed by college football players[.]" He also represents labor unions and governmental entities in lawsuits against the drug manufacturers and distributors over the on-going opioid crisis, and serves as trial court counsel in *Robins v. Spokeo, Inc.*, 2:10-cv-05306-ODW-AGR, which has been called the most significant consumer privacy case in recent years.

Rafey's class action practice also includes his work in the privacy sphere, and he has reached groundbreaking settlements with companies like Netflix, LinkedIn, Walgreens, Nationstar and comScore. Rafey also served as lead counsel in the case of *Dunstan, et al. v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.), where he led the effort to secure class certification of what is believed to be the largest adversarial class to be certified in a privacy case in the history of U.S. jurisprudence.

Rafey's work in general complex commercial litigation includes representing clients ranging from "emerging technology" companies, real estate developers, hotels, insurance companies, lenders, shareholders and attorneys. He has successfully litigated numerous multi-million dollar cases, including several "bet the company" cases.

Rafey is a frequent speaker on class and mass action issues, and has served as a guest lecturer on several occasions at UC Berkeley Boalt School of Law. Rafey also serves on the Executive Committee of the Antitrust, Unfair Competition and Privacy Section of the State Bar of California where he has been appointed Vice Chair of Privacy, as well as the Executive Committee of the Privacy and Cybersecurity Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Rafey received his J.D. from the DePaul University College of Law in 2005. A native of Colorado, Rafey received his B.A. in History, with distinction, from the University of Colorado – Boulder in 2002.

**CHRISTOPHER L. DORE** is a Partner at EDELSON PC where he focuses his practice on

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emerging consumer technology and privacy issues.

Chris is the Partner-in-Charge of the Firm's Case Development & Investigations Group. His team investigates complex technological fraud and privacy related violations, including fraudulent software and hardware, undisclosed tracking of online consumer activity, illegal data retention, and large-scale commercial data breaches. In the privacy space, Chris plays an active role in applying older federal and state statutes to new technologies. He has been appointed class counsel in multiple class actions, including one of the largest settlements under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, ground-breaking issues in the mobile phone industry and fraudulent marketing, as well as consumer privacy. Chris has been asked to appear on television, radio, and in national publications to discuss consumer protection and privacy issues, as well as asked to lecture at his alma mater on class action practice.

Chris received his law degree from The John Marshall Law School, his M.A. in Legal Sociology from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (located in Onati, Spain), and his B.A. in Legal Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Chris also serves on the Illinois Bar Foundation, Board of Directors.

**DAVID I. MINDELL** is a Partner at EDELSON PC where he helps direct a team of attorneys and engineers in investigating and litigating cases involving complex tech fraud and privacy violations. His team's research has led to lawsuits involving the fraudulent development, marketing, and sale of computer software, unlawful tracking of consumers through mobile-devices and computers, unlawful collection, storage, and dissemination of consumer data, mobile-device privacy violations, large-scale data breaches, and the Bitcoin industry. On the other side, David also serves as a consultant to a variety of emerging technology companies.

Prior to joining EDELSON PC, David co-founded several tech, real estate, and hospitality related ventures, including a tech startup that was acquired by a well-known international corporation within its first three years. David has advised tech companies on a variety of legal and strategic business-related issues, including how to handle and protect consumer data. He has also consulted with startups on the formation of business plans, product development, and launch.

While in law school, David was a research assistant for University of Chicago Law School Kauffman and Bigelow Fellow, Matthew Tokson, and for the preeminent cyber-security professor, Hank Perritt at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. David's research included cyberattack and denial of service vulnerabilities of the Internet, intellectual property rights, and privacy issues.

David has spoken to a wide range of audiences about his investigations and practice.

**ROGER PERLSTADT** is a Partner at EDELSON PC, where he concentrates on appellate and complex litigation advocacy. He has briefed and argued appeals and motions in both federal and state appellate courts.

Prior to joining EDELSON PC, Roger was a law clerk to United States District Court Judge Elaine E. Bucklo, an associate at a litigation boutique in Chicago, and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He has published articles on the Federal Arbitration Act in various law reviews.

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Roger has been named a Rising Star by *Illinois Super Lawyer Magazine* four times since 2010.

Roger graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a member of the University of Chicago Law Review. After law school, he served as a clerk to the Honorable Elaine E. Bucklo of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

**EVE-LYNN RAPP** is Partner at EDELSON PC, where she focuses her practice on a wide range of consumer protection class and governmental action litigation. Eve is the firm's hiring partner and sits on the Executive Committee.

Eve devotes a considerable amount of her practice to consumer technology cases, with a particular emphasis on cell phone telephony and Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") cases, consumer fraud cases, and privacy lawsuits. She also regularly handles plaintiff's side employment class actions, including federal Fair Labor Standards Act cases and their state law counterparts.

Eve also has special expertise in products liability and pharmaceutical litigation. She is representing over a dozen municipalities in lawsuits against the pharmaceutical companies relating to the opioid crisis. Eve's victory in the United States Supreme Court in a products liability case involving the All Writs Act paved the way for hundreds of thousands of people to litigate their claims for deceptive marketing.

Eve has helped lead approximately 40 TCPA class actions, including *Birchmeier v. Caribbean Cruise Line, Inc. et al.*, No. 12-cv-04069 (N.D. Ill.), where, after obtaining class certification and partial summary judgment, she secured a \$76 million settlement — the largest ever for a TCPA case. The Parties reached a deal in that case four days before trial.

Eve also was lead counsel in one of the few "Do Not Call" TCPA cases to settle, resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement and affording class members with as much as \$5,000 individually. She has also prosecuted TCPA cases on an individual basis in arbitrations, winning six-figure settlements. Overall, Eve has secured over well over one hundred million dollars of relief to consumers in TCPA cases.

Eve has led over a dozen consumer fraud cases, against a variety of industries, including e-cigarette sellers, on-line gaming companies, electronic and sport products distributors. Most recently, she lead and resolved a case against a well-known national fitness facility for misrepresenting its "lifetime memberships," which will result in millions of dollars of relief.

Eve is also responsible for leading one of the first "Internet of Things" cases under the Federal Wire Tap Act against a company collecting highly sensitive personal information from consumers, in which she obtained a \$ 5 million (CAD) settlement that afforded individual class members over one hundred dollars in relief.

Eve has successfully lead a number of employment class actions involving claims of overtime, recently reaching a settlement against a cellular tower company netting class members with between \$10,000 and \$20,000 per person.

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In 2015 and 2016, Eve was selected as an Illinois Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers.

Eve received her J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago-School of Law, graduating cum laude, with a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. During law school, she was an Associate Editor of Loyola's International Law Review and externed as a "711" at both the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and for Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. Eve also clerked for both civil and criminal judges (The Honorable Judge Yvonne Lewis and Plummer Lott) in the Supreme Court of New York. Eve graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa honors, receiving a B.A. in Political Science.

**BENJAMIN H. RICHMAN** is the Managing Partner of EDELSON PC's Chicago office. He handles plaintiff's-side class and mass actions, helping employees in the workplace, consumers who were sold deceptive products or had their privacy rights violated, student athletes suffering from the effect of concussions, and labor unions and governmental bodies seeking to recover losses arising out of the opioid crisis. He also routinely represents technology and brick and mortar companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation and other matters. Overall, Ben has been appointed by the federal and state courts to be Class or Lead Counsel in dozens of cases. His suits have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for his clients.

On the plaintiff's side, Ben is currently part of the team leading the *National Collegiate Athletic Association Student-Athlete Concussion Injury Litigation – Single Sport/Single School (Football)* multi-district litigation, bringing personal injury lawsuits against the NCAA, athletic conferences, and its member institutions over concussion-related injuries. He is also representing labor unions and governmental entities in lawsuits against the drug manufacturers and distributors over the opioid crisis. And he is currently pursuing claims of Houston area homeowners against United States seeking recovery for alleged constitutional takings of their properties in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. In addition, Ben is lead counsel in numerous class actions involving alleged violations of class members' common law and statutory rights (e.g., violations of Alaska's Genetic Privacy Act, Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act, the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and others).

Some of Ben's notable achievements include acting as lead counsel and securing settlements collectively worth \$50 million dollars in over a half-dozen nationwide class actions against software companies involving claims of fraudulent marketing and unfair business practices. He was part of the team that litigated over a half-dozen nationwide class actions involving claims of unauthorized charges on cellular telephones, which ultimately led to settlements collectively worth hundreds of millions of dollars. And he has been lead counsel in numerous multi-million dollar privacy settlements, including several that resulted in individual payments to class members reaching into the tens of thousands of dollars and another that—in addition to securing millions of dollars in monetary relief—also led to a waiver by the defendants of their primary defenses to claims that were not otherwise being released.

Ben's work in complex commercial matters includes successfully defending multiple actions against the largest medical marijuana producer in the State of Illinois related to the issuance of its cultivation licenses, and successfully defending one of the largest mortgage lenders in the country on claims of unjust enrichment, securing dismissals or settlements that ultimately amounted to a fraction of typical defense costs in such actions. Ben has also represented



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startups in various matters, including licensing, intellectual property, and merger and acquisition.

Each year since 2015, Ben has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a *Rising Star* and Leading Lawyers as an *Emerging Lawyer* in both class action and mass tort litigation.

Ben received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, where he was an Executive Editor of the Law Review and earned a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. While in law school, Ben served as a judicial extern to the Honorable John W. Darrah of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Ben has also routinely guest-lectured at various law schools on issues related to class actions, complex litigation and negotiation.

**ARI J. SCHARG** is a Partner at EDELSON PC and Chair of the firm's Government Affairs Group, where he counsels governmental entities and officials on a range of policy and strategic issues involving consumer protection, privacy, technology, and data security. Known as an aggressive advocate, Ari also leverages his experience litigating hundreds of complex class and mass action lawsuits to help local governments prosecute large-scale cost recovery actions, including those against the pharmaceutical companies responsible for the opioid crisis.

Recognized as one of the leading experts on privacy and emerging technologies, Ari serves on the inaugural Executive Oversight Council for the Array of Things Project where he advises on privacy and data security matters, chairs the Illinois State Bar Association's Privacy and Information Security Section, and was recently appointed by the Illinois Senate President to Co-Chair the Illinois Blockchain and Distributed Ledgers Task Force alongside Representative Michael Zalewski (21st Dist.). Ari was selected as an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers (2013 – 2018), and received the Michigan State Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Award (2017) for "significantly advancing access to justice for the poor" through his consumer cases.

Ari regularly speaks about data security and technology at law schools and conferences around the country, and has testified before the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Commerce and Trade about the privacy implications raised by the surging data mining industry and the Nevada Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee about the privacy implications raised by the surreptitious collection and use of geolocation data.

Ari received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and graduated *magna cum laude* from The John Marshall Law School where he served as a Staff Editor for THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW and competed nationally in trial competitions. During law school, he also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Bruce W. Black of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

**ALFRED K. MURRAY II** is Senior Litigation Counsel at EDELSON PC.

Alfred's prior experience includes handling a myriad of cases in his solo practice after spending several years at a well-respected civil litigation firm. Alfred's prior experience includes practice areas of civil right & municipal liability defense, commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and professional negligence. Known as a skilled yet reasonable litigator, Alfred has conducted

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bench trials, jury trials, and evidentiary hearings throughout the Northern District of Illinois, the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the surrounding suburbs. His experience in commercial litigation and real estate litigation led to substantive experience with judgment enforcement proceedings, where he eventually co-authored the *Equitable Remedies* chapter in the 2011 Supplement and 2013 Update to the *Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Creditors' Rights in Illinois*. Alfred has also lectured on supplemental proceedings, complex asset recovery, and post-judgment causes of action for the Illinois Creditors Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education, and Chicago Bar Association. Alfred was selected as an Illinois Rising Star by Super Lawyers (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

Alfred received his B.S. in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School. During law school, Alfred served as the Chief Justice on the Moot Court Honors Board and participated in a number of national moot court competitions. While a law student, he also served as a judicial extern to The Honorable Abishi C. Cunningham of the Circuit Court of Cook County and served as a law clerk in the criminal enforcement division of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan.

**LILY HOUGH** is an Associate at EDELSON PC where her practice focuses on consumer privacy-related class actions.

Lily received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center. In law school, Lily served as a Law Fellow for Georgetown's first year Legal Research and Writing Program and as the Executive Editor of the Georgetown Immigration Law Journal. She participated in D.C. Law Students In Court, one of the oldest clinical programs in the District of Columbia, where she represented tenants in Landlord & Tenant Court and plaintiff consumers in civil matters in D.C. Superior Court. She also worked as an intern at the U.S. Department of State in the Office of the Legal Adviser, International Claims and Investment Disputes (L/CID).

Prior to law school, Lily attended the University of Notre Dame, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with departmental honors and earned her B.A. in Political Science and was awarded a James F. Andrews Scholarship for commitment to social concerns. She is also a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies.

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Sydney received her J.D., *cum laude*, from The John Marshall Law School. While in law school, she was Executive Justice of the Moot Court Honor Society, a staff editor of The John Marshall Law Review, and a teaching assistant for Contracts and Legal Writing and Civil Procedure. Sydney represented John Marshall at the Pepperdine National Entertainment Law Competition where she was a quarter-finalist and won Best Petitioner's Brief. Sydney was a 2016 Member of the National Order of Scribes.

Prior to attending law school, Sydney attended DePaul University where she graduated, *summa cum laude*, with a B.A. in English and French.

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Prior to joining EDELSON PC, Aaron served for two years as a Staff Attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, handling appeals involving a wide variety of subject matter, including consumer-protection law, employment law, criminal law, and federal habeas corpus. While at the University of Michigan Law School, Aaron served as the Managing Editor for the Michigan Journal of Race & Law, and participated in the Federal Appellate Clinic. In the clinic, Aaron briefed a direct criminal appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and successfully convinced the court to vacate his client's sentence.

**TODD LOGAN** is an Associate at EDELSON PC. He focuses his practice on class and mass actions and large-scale governmental suits. Todd represents labor unions and governments seeking to recover losses arising out of the opioid crisis, Houston area homeowners in litigation against the United States seeking recovery for alleged constitutional takings of their properties in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, student athletes suffering from the harmful effects of concussions, employees and consumers who have had their privacy rights violated, and consumers who were defrauded.

Todd has litigated dozens of lawsuits in federal and state courts. He led Edelson's efforts in litigating and ultimately obtaining the first ever class action settlement under Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act. Overall, his cases have resulted in settlements that have paid out tens of millions of dollars.

Todd graduated from Pomona College and received his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

From 2016–17, Todd clerked for the Honorable James Donato in the Northern District of California.

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Michael received his J.D. *cum laude* from Northwestern University, where he was an associate editor of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, and a member of several award winning trial and moot court teams.

Prior to law school, Michael graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in political science from the University of Illinois.

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Albert received his J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. While in law school, Albert served as the Web Editor of the Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property. Albert was also a research assistant for Professor Hank Perritt for whom he researched various legal issues relating to the emerging consumer drone market—e.g., data collection by drone manufacturers

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and federal preemption obstacles for states and municipalities seeking to legislate the use of drones. Additionally Albert earned a CALI award for receiving the highest course grade, in Litigation Technology.

Prior to law school, Albert graduated with Highest Distinctions with a degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Prior to law school, Dan graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Visual and Media Arts from Emerson College. He worked as a freelance journalist for many years covering economics, activism, and music in the Boston area. His work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Boston Globe*, and *In These Times*, among other outlets.

**BEN THOMASSEN** is an Associate at EDELSON PC where he focuses on consumer litigation, with an emphasis on privacy and data breach class actions.

Ben's work at the firm has achieved significant results for classes of consumers. He has been appointed as class counsel in several high profile cases, including, for example, *Harris v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807 (N.D. Ill.) (in case against data analytics company, estimated to be the largest privacy class action certified on adversarial basis and resulted in \$14MM settlement). Ben has also played critical and leading roles in developing, briefing, and arguing novel legal theories on behalf of his clients, including by delivering the winning oral argument to the Eleventh Circuit in the seminal case of *Resnick, et al. v. AvMed, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D. Fla.) (appointed class counsel in industry-changing data breach case, which obtained a landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred) and recently obtaining certification of a class of magazine subscribers in *Coulter-Owens v. Time, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-14390 (E.D. Mich.) (achieved adversarial certification in privacy case brought by class of magazine subscribers against magazine publisher under Michigan's Preservation of Personal Privacy Act). His cases have resulted in millions of dollars to consumers.

Ben graduated *magna cum laude* from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he also earned a certificate in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution and was named Order of the Coif. He also served as Vice President of Chicago-Kent's Moot Court Honor Society and earned (a currently unbroken firm record of) seven CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Appellate Advocacy, Business Organizations, Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Personal Income Tax, Property, and Torts. In 2017, Ben was selected as an Illinois Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers.

Before settling into his legal career, Ben worked in and around the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas in a number of capacities, including stints as a website designer/developer, a regular contributor to a monthly Capitol Hill newspaper, and a film projectionist and media technician

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(with many years experience) for commercial theatres, museums, and educational institutions. Ben received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and his Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

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He received his J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law, where he graduated from the two-year accelerated J.D. program. While in law school, Alex was Media Editor of the Northwestern University Law Review. He also worked as a member of the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Center on Wrongful Convictions. Alex maintains a relationship with the Center and focuses his public service work on seeking to overturn unjust criminal convictions in Cook County.

Alex's past experiences include developing internal tools for an enterprise software company and working as a full-time cheesemonger. He received his A.B. in linguistics with general honors from the College of the University of Chicago.

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Schuyler received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. While in law school, Schuyler served as an Executive Articles Editor for the Chicago-Kent Law Review and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Schuyler earned five CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Legal Writing II, Legal Writing III, Pretrial Litigation, Supreme Court Review, and Professional Responsibility.

Prior to law school, Schuyler studied Consumer Economics and Finance at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**J. ELI WADE-SCOTT** is an Associate at Edelson PC where his practice focuses on consumer, privacy-related, and tech-related class actions.

Before joining Edelson, Eli was a Skadden Fellow at LAF, Cook County's federally-funded legal aid provider. There, Eli represented dozens of low-income tenants in affirmative litigation against their landlords to remedy dangerous housing conditions, such as pest infestations, absence of heat and hot water, and sewage back-ups. Eli secured numerous temporary restraining orders requiring landlords to perform necessary repairs, and obtained tens of thousands of dollars in damages for his clients.

Eli graduated *summa cum laude* from Cornell College and received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School. During law school, he was an Executive Editor on the Harvard Law and Policy Review.

From 2016 to 2017, Eli served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer of the Northern District of Illinois.

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Jacob graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Government and Middle Eastern Studies. He received his J.D. *cum laude* from American University College of Law.

Jacob is a Member of the Equality Illinois Political Action Committee as well as a Next Generation Board Member of La Casa Norte.

**SHAWN DAVIS** is the Director of Digital Forensics at EDELSON PC, where he leads a technical team in investigating claims involving privacy violations and tech-related abuse. His team's investigations have included claims arising out of the fraudulent development, marketing, and sale of computer software, unlawful tracking of consumers through digital devices, unlawful collection, storage, and dissemination of consumer data, large-scale data breaches, receipt of unsolicited communications, and other deceptive marketing practices.

Prior to joining EDELSON PC, Shawn worked for Motorola Solutions in the Security and Federal Operations Centers as an Information Protection Specialist. Shawn's responsibilities included network and computer forensic analysis, malware analysis, threat mitigation, and incident handling for various commercial and government entities.

Shawn is an Adjunct Industry Associate Professor for the School of Applied Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) where he has been teaching since December of 2013. Additionally, Shawn is a faculty member of the IIT Center for Cyber Security and Forensics Education which is a collaborative space between business, government, academia, and security professionals. Shawn's contributions aided in IIT's designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Security Agency.

Shawn graduated with high honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a Masters of Information Technology Management with a specialization in Computer and Network Security. During graduate school, Shawn was inducted into Gamma Nu Eta, the National Information Technology Honor Society.