

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

RICHARD DENNIS and PORT 22, LLC, on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ANDERSONS, INC., and CARGILL,
INC., and JOHN/JANE DOES NOS. 1-50
Defendants.

Case No.: 1:20-cv-4090

Honorable Robert W. Gettleman
Magistrate Judge Keri L. Holleb Hotaling

**DECLARATION OF RAYMOND P. GIRNYS FILED ON BEHALF OF LOWEY
DANNENBERG, P.C. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS'
FEES AND EXPENSES**

I, Raymond P. Girnys, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice before the courts of the State of New York and admitted *pro hac vice* before this Court. I am a partner at the law firm of Lowey Dannenberg, P.C. (“Lowey” or the “Firm”). I am submitting this Declaration in support of the motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of litigation expenses (“expenses”) incurred in connection with services rendered in the above-entitled action.

2. Lowey was appointed as Co-Class Counsel and is counsel of record for Plaintiffs Richard Dennis and Port 22, LLC (“Plaintiffs”). At all times relevant hereto, Lowey served as counsel for Plaintiffs and the proposed Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement in the above-captioned action.

3. The statements herein are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief based upon the books and records of Lowey and information received from Lowey’s attorneys and staff.

4. The information in this Declaration regarding Lowey’s time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and conducted the day-to-day activities in this Action, and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this Declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries and the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the case. As a result of this review, reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment or to conform to the Firm’s practice. Further, time spent by Lowey attorneys and staff who worked fewer than 20 hours on the case has been omitted from the lodestar calculation, travel time has been excluded, and first-level document review work has been capped at \$400/hour. Based on this review and the

adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the litigation.

5. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on this litigation by my Firm through July 31, 2026 is 5,317.70. A breakdown of the hours and lodestar is provided in **Exhibit A**. The total lodestar for attorney/paralegal (or attorney/paraprofessional) time based on the Firm's current rates is \$5,690,663.50. The hourly rates shown in **Exhibit A** are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm in antitrust and other class action litigation. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work both on the plaintiff and defense side. Different timekeepers within the same employment category (*e.g.*, partners, associates, paralegals, etc.) may have different rates based on a variety of factors, including years of practice, years at the Firm, years in the current position (*e.g.*, years as a partner), relevant experience, relative expertise, and the rates of similarly experienced peers at this Firm or other firms. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

6. The time set forth in this Declaration does not include the hours Lowey spent preparing the Fee and Expense Application, briefing arguments concerning final approval of the Settlement after July 31, 2026, preparing for and attending the Fairness Hearing on November 12, 2026, and administering the Settlement, assuming it is approved by the Court.

7. My Firm seeks an award of \$682,511.37 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of this case. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in **Exhibit B**. Expense items do not contain any general overhead costs, and do not contain a surcharge over the amount paid to the corresponding vendor(s).

8. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:

(a) Filing, Witness, and Other Fees: \$300.00. This expense has been paid to the Court for filing fees.

(b) Document Production/E-Discovery: \$103,304.36. This charge reflects amounts paid to JND eDiscovery relating to the costs associated with hosting documents received from Defendants and for producing documents on behalf of Plaintiffs.

(c) Transportation, Hotels, and Meals: \$31,187.51. In connection with the prosecution of this case, Lowey has paid travel expenses to, among other things, meet with witnesses and opposing counsel, and take or defend depositions.

(d) Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts, and Videography: \$78,053.81. This reflects the costs related to taking depositions and obtaining copies of deposition transcripts taken by Veritext.

(e) Experts/Consultants: \$461,295.00. The following experts/consultants were paid by Lowey:

(i) Dr. Craig Pirrong: Dr. Pirrong served as Plaintiffs' class and merits expert relating to the alleged manipulation of wheat futures.

(ii) Morningside Translations: Morningside transcribed audio interviews of Defendants' employees conducted by a third party.

(f) Messenger/Overnight Delivery: \$1,249.67. Lowey incurred this cost in connection with deliveries through FedEx or UPS.

(g) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$7,121.02. This category reflects costs associated with using Westlaw services in connection with this Action to perform legal research and utilize other features to further Plaintiffs' prosecution.

9. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this Firm. These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers, check records, and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses.

10. Lowey's firm resume is attached as **Exhibit C**.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 31st day of August 2026, at White Plains, New York.

/s/ Raymond P. Girnys

Raymond P. Girnys

EXHIBIT A: LODESTAR

Attorneys	Role	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Lodestar
Noelle Forde	(SA)	1,594.30	\$1,250.00	\$1,992,875.00
Raymond Girnys	(P)	1,109.10	\$1,395.00	\$1,547,194.50
Charles Kopel	(A)	1,373.90	\$830.00	\$1,140,337.00
Vincent Briganti	(S)	187.40	\$1,795.00	\$336,383.00
Vincent Cappucci*	(A)	567.80	\$496.82	\$282,092.50
Geoffrey Horn	(S)	51.30	\$1,795.00	\$92,083.50
Johnathan Seredynski	(SA)	91.70	\$775.00	\$71,067.50
James Pedersen	(A)	125.30	\$490.00	\$61,397.00
Sitso Bediako	(P)	41.70	\$1,395.00	\$58,171.50
Peyton Woodward	(A)	59.00	\$725.00	\$42,775.00
Frank Strangeman	(SA)	27.50	\$995.00	\$27,362.50
Craig Maider	(A)	43.20	\$485.00	\$20,952.00
TOTAL:		5,272.20		\$5,672,691.00
Non-Attorneys	Role	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Lodestar
Myra Fromholz	(PL)	45.50	\$395.00	\$17,972.50
TOTAL:		45.50		\$17,972.50
GRAND TOTAL		5,317.70		\$5,690,663.50

Key:

(S) Shareholder

(P) Partner

(SA) Senior Associate

(A) Associate

(PL) Paralegal

* Designates timekeeper whose hourly rate reflects a blended rate due to first-level document review work, which was capped at \$400.00.

EXHIBIT B: EXPENSES

Expense Categories		Expenses
Transportation, Hotels, and Meals		\$31,187.51
Online Legal and Financial Research		\$7,121.02
Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts, and Videography		\$78,053.81
Experts/Consultants		\$461,295.00
Dr. Craig Pirrong	\$459,800.00	
Morningside Translations	\$1,495.00	
Document Production/E-Discovery		\$103,304.36
Messenger/Overnight Delivery		\$1,249.67
Filing, Witness, and Other Fees		\$300.00
TOTAL		\$682,511.37



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Firm Resume



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Firm Overview

Since the firm's founding by Stephen Lowey in the 1960s, Lowey Dannenberg, P.C. ("Lowey Dannenberg") has represented sophisticated clients in complex federal antitrust, commodities, and securities litigation. Lowey Dannenberg also regularly represents some of the world's largest health insurers in healthcare cost recovery actions.

Lowey Dannenberg has recovered billions of dollars for its clients and the classes they represent. Those clients include some of the nation's largest pension funds, e.g., the California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS"), the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the New York City Pension Funds; sophisticated institutional investors, including Federated Investors, which manages more than \$600 billion in assets; and Fortune 100 companies like Aetna, Anthem, CIGNA, Humana, and Verizon.

Aetna and Humana have publicly lauded Lowey in Corporate Counsel Magazine as their "Go To" outside counsel because of the firm's years of service to Fortune 100 health insurers in opt-out litigation involving state and federal fraud claims.



Antitrust Class Actions

Lowey Dannenberg regularly serves as court appointed lead or co-lead counsel on some of the most important and complex antitrust class actions against some of the world's largest corporations, financial institutions, and producers. The firm has more than 30 attorneys who specialize in prosecuting these cases, including the following representative matters.

The Court itself had occasion to notice the high quality of [Lowey Dannenberg's] work, both in briefs and oral argument. Moreover, counsels' achievement in obtaining valuable recompense and forward-looking protections for its clients is particularly noteworthy given the caliber and vigor of its adversaries.

Judge Jed Rakoff, *In re GSE Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, No. 19-CV-1704 (S.D.N.Y.)

In re GSE Bonds Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust class action alleging that several of the world's largest banks and brokers conspired to fix the prices of debt securities issued by government sponsored entities (e.g., Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Farm Credit Banks, and Federal Home Loan Banks) between 2009 and 2016. *In re GSE Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, No. 19-cv-1704 (S.D.N.Y.) (Rakoff, J.).

On June 16, 2020, Judge Jed S. Rakoff finally approved settlements with all defendants totaling more than \$386 million. Judge Rakoff praised "the high quality of [Lowey's] work, both in briefs and oral argument," and Lowey's achievement in "obtaining valuable recompense and forward-looking protections for its clients" in the face of vigorous opposition from adversaries of the highest caliber. *See In re GSE Bonds Antitrust Litig.*, No. 19-CV-1704 (JSR), 2020 WL 3250593 (S.D.N.Y. June 16, 2020). Notably, in addition to the substantial financial recovery in the case, Lowey worked closely with its client, the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to curb future misconduct and successfully negotiated settlement provisions that required each defendant to maintain or create a compliance program designed prevent and detect future anticompetitive conduct in the GSE Bond Market.

In re Mexican Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg serves as Court-appointed sole Lead Counsel in a class action against 10 global financial institutions that allegedly violated the Sherman Act by colluding to fix the prices of debt securities issued by the Mexican Government between 2006 and 2016. Plaintiffs are eight institutional investors that transacted in Mexican government debt, including directly with Defendants. The case is pending before Judge J. Paul Oetken in the Southern District of New York. On October 28, 2021, Judge Oetken granted final approval of a settlement with Defendants JPMorgan Chase and Barclays PLC for \$20.7 million. *In re Mexican Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, 1:18-cv-02830 (S.D.N.Y.). On February 9, 2024, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit vacated an order granting the remaining Defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction and remanded the case back to the district court for further proceedings.

In re European Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg served as court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re European Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 19-cv-2601 (VM) (S.D.N.Y.) before Judge Victor Marrero in the Southern District of New York. This case involved alleged price-fixing by dealers responsible for bringing bonds issued by Eurozone member countries to the secondary market. After years of litigation, during which Judge Marrero largely sustained Plaintiffs' claims, Lowey obtained final approval of five settlements totaling \$120 million with State Street, JPMorgan, Natixis, UniCredit, Bank of America, NatWest, Nomura, UBS, Citigroup, and Jefferies.

Sullivan, et al. v. Barclays plc, et al. (Euribor)

Lowey Dannenberg is co-lead counsel prosecuting claims against international financial institutions responsible for setting the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (“Euribor”), a global reference rate used to benchmark, price and settle over \$200 trillion of financial products. Co-Lead Plaintiffs include the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (“CalSTRS”). Lowey Dannenberg has recovered a total of \$651.5 million for Euribor-based derivatives investors, which includes (1) a \$94 million settlement with Barclays plc and related Barclays entities; (2) a \$45 million settlement with Defendants HSBC Holdings plc and HSBC Bank plc; (3) a \$170 million settlement with Defendants Deutsche Bank AG and DB Group Services (UK) Ltd.; (4) a \$182.5 million settlement with Defendants Citigroup Inc., Citibank, N.A., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; (5) a \$55 million settlement with Defendants Crédit Agricole S.A. and Crédit Agricole CIB; and (6) a \$105 million settlement with Defendant Société Générale. Lowey continues to prosecute claims against the remaining defendants, having successfully appealed the dismissal of claims against them.

Laydon v. Mizuho Bank, Ltd., et al.; Fund Liquidation Holdings LLC, et al. v. UBS AG, et al. (Yen-LIBOR and Euroyen TIBOR)

Lowey Dannenberg is sole lead counsel prosecuting claims against international financial institutions responsible for the intentional and systematic manipulation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) for the Japanese Yen and Euroyen TIBOR (the Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate). The firm represents clients in two actions relating to manipulation of products price-based on these benchmarks (“Euroyen-based derivatives”): *Laydon v. Mizuho Bank, Ltd. et al.*, 12-cv-03419 (S.D.N.Y.) (Daniels, J.) (involving exchange based Euroyen-based derivatives) and *Fund Liquidation Holdings LLC, et al. v. UBS AG et al.*, 15-cv-5844 (Daniels, J.) (involving over-the-counter Euroyen-based derivatives). Co-Lead Plaintiffs in the *Fund Liquidation* matter include CalSTRS.

Lowey Dannenberg has thus far recovered \$364.5 million for the Settlement Class and received substantial cooperation from settling defendants that it is using in the actions against the remaining defendants. In 2016, Judge Daniels granted final approval of a \$35 million settlement with HSBC Holdings plc and HSBC Bank plc, a \$23 million settlement with Citigroup, Inc. and several Citi entities, and a cooperation settlement with R.P. Martin. In 2017, Judge Daniels granted final approval of a \$77 million settlement with Deutsche Bank AG and DB Group Services (UK) Ltd. and a \$71 million settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co. and related entities. On July 12, 2018, Judge Daniels granted final approval of a \$30 million settlement with the The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. and Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation. In December 2019, the court finally approved two sets of settlements, one with Bank of Yokohama, Ltd., Shinkin Central Bank, The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Ltd. and Resona Bank, Ltd. for \$31.75 million, and the second with Mizuho Bank, Ltd., Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd., and Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., The Norinchukin Bank, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation for \$39.25 million. On March 14, 2023, Judge Daniels granted final approval of three settlements with Barclays Bank PLC, Barclays Capital Inc., and Barclays PLC for \$17,750,000; Nex International Limited (f/k/a ICAP plc) and ICAP Europe Limited for \$2,375,000; and TP ICAP plc (f/k/a Tullett Prebon plc and n/k/a TP ICAP Finance plc) for \$2,375,000. On June 18, 2024, the Court approved an additional settlement with Société Générale for \$35 million. The *Fund Liquidation* action is presently on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

In re London Silver Fixing Ltd., Antitrust Litig.

Lowey Dannenberg is serving as co-lead counsel on behalf of a class of silver investors, including Commodity Exchange Inc. (“COMEX”) silver futures contracts traders, against banks that allegedly colluded to fix the London Silver Fix, a global benchmark that impacts the value of more than \$30 billion in silver and silver-based financial instruments. Judge Valerie E. Caproni sustained Sherman Antitrust Act and CEA claims alleged in Lowey Dannenberg’s complaint, which relied predominately on sophisticated econometric analysis that Lowey Dannenberg developed in conjunction with a team of leading financial markets experts. *See In re London Silver Fixing Ltd., Antitrust Litig.*, No. 14-md-2573, 2016 WL 5794777 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 3, 2016). In appointing Lowey Dannenberg, the Court praised Lowey Dannenberg’s experience, approach to developing the complaint, attention to detail, and the expert resources that the firm brought to bear on behalf of the class. *See In re London Silver Fixing Ltd., Antitrust Litig.*, Case No. 14-md-2573 (VEC), ECF No. 17 (Nov. 25, 2014 S.D.N.Y.) (Caproni, J.). On June 15, 2021, Judge Caproni granted final approval of a \$38 million settlement with Deutsche Bank

AG and several of its subsidiaries. See Final Approval Order of Settlement with Deutsche Bank AG, Deutsche Bank Americas Holding Corporation, DB U.S. Financial Markets Holding Corporation, Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., Deutsche Bank Trust Corporation, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, and Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, *In re London Silver Fixing, Ltd., Antitrust Litig.*, No. 14-md-2573 (S.D.N.Y. Jun. 15, 2021), ECF No. 536. The case is currently on appeal as to the dismissal of the remaining defendants.

Sonterra Capital Master Fund Ltd. v. Credit Suisse Group AG et al.

Lowey Dannenberg served as the court-appointed sole lead counsel in a class action pending before Judge Sidney H. Stein against numerous global financial institutions responsible for setting the London Interbank Offered Rate for the Swiss Franc (“Swiss Franc LIBOR”). *Fund Liquidation Holdings LLC et al. v. Credit Suisse Group AG, et al.*, Case No. 15-cv-0871 (S.D.N.Y.). The case alleges that defendants manipulated Swiss Franc LIBOR and the prices of Swiss Franc LIBOR-Based Derivatives to benefit their derivatives positions. Lowey Dannenberg negotiated six class settlements with defendants totaling \$73,950,000. On September 28, 2023, the Court finally approved settlements with (1) JPMorgan Chase & Co. for \$22,000,000; (2) Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG for \$13,750,000; (3) Deutsche Bank AG and DB Group Services (UK) Ltd. for \$13,000,000; (4) TP ICAP plc (f/k/a Tullett Prebon plc and n/k/a TP ICAP Finance plc), Tullett Prebon Americas Corp., Tullett Prebon (USA) Inc., Tullett Prebon Financial Services LLC, Tullett Prebon (Europe) Limited, and Cosmorex AG; Gottex Brokers SA; and Velcor SA for \$2,100,000; and (5) NEX Group plc, NEX International Limited (f/k/a ICAP plc), ICAP Capital Markets LLC (n/k/a Intercapital Capital Markets LLC), ICAP Securities USA LLC, and ICAP Europe Limited for \$2,100,000. On October 24, 2023, the Court finally approved a \$21,000,000 settlement with NatWest Markets Plc (f/k/a The Royal Bank of Scotland plc).

Fund Liquidation Holdings LLC v. Citibank, N.A.

Lowey Dannenberg filed a proposed class action in July 2015 alleging that the 20 global financial institutions responsible for setting the Singapore Interbank Offered Rate (“SIBOR”) and the Singapore Swap Offer Rate (“SOR”) manipulated these benchmark rates to benefit their own derivatives positions at the expense of U.S. investors. The Monetary Authority of Singapore investigated these banks and found that traders manipulated SIBOR and SOR, imposing sanctions. On March 17, 2021, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals vacated dismissal of the action and remanded the case to Judge Hellerstein

for further proceedings. On November 29, 2022, Judge Hellerstein granted final approval of seven settlements totaling \$155,458,000 with all Defendants in the case. *Fund Liquidation Holdings LLC v. Citibank, N.A., et al.*, 16-cv-5263 (S.D.N.Y.).

Dennis, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase & Co., et al.

Lowey Dannenberg served as co-lead counsel in an antitrust class action against numerous global financial institutions responsible for setting the Australian Bank Bill Swap Reference Rate (“BBSW”), pending before Judge Lewis A. Kaplan in the Southern District of New York. *Dennis, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase & Co., et al.*, No. 16-cv-6496 (LAK) (S.D.N.Y.). The case alleges that the defendants engaged in uneconomic transactions in Prime Bank Bills, a type of short-term debt instrument, to manipulate BBSW. In addition to prevailing against most of the defendants on their motions to dismiss, (see *Dennis v. JPMorgan Chase & Co.*, 343 F. Supp. 3d 122 (S.D.N.Y. 2018), adhered to on denial of reconsideration, No. 16-CV-6496 (LAK), 2018 WL 6985207 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 20, 2018); *Dennis v. JPMorgan Chase & Co.*, 439 F. Supp. 3d 256 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)), Lowey Dannenberg has negotiated class settlements totaling \$185,875,000 with those defendants. Judge Kaplan granted final approval of the settlements on November 1, 2022.

Sonterra Capital Master Fund Ltd. v. Barclays Bank PLC et al.

Lowey Dannenberg served as co-lead counsel in an antitrust class action against numerous global financial institutions responsible for setting the Sterling London Interbank Offered Rate (“Sterling LIBOR”). *Sonterra Capital Master Fund Ltd. v. Barclays Bank PLC et al.*, Case No. 15-cv-3538 (S.D.N.Y.). The case alleges that defendants manipulated Sterling LIBOR and the prices of Sterling LIBOR-Based Derivatives to benefit their derivatives positions. Lowey Dannenberg and co-lead counsel negotiated a \$5,000,000 settlement with defendant Deutsche Bank AG (“Deutsche Bank”). On November 21, 2023, the Court finally approved the \$5,000,000 settlement with Deutsche Bank.

In re Crop Protection Products Loyalty Program Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg serves as court-appointed interim co-lead counsel in an antitrust action on behalf of farmers against Syngenta and Corteva, two major manufacturers of crop protection products. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants implemented exclusionary loyalty and rebate programs with distributors and retailers to foreclose generic competitors and maintain supracompetitive prices for crop protection products. On January 28, 2025, the court denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss in part and allowed federal injunctive relief claims and numerous state-law antitrust and consumer protection claims to proceed. *In re Crop Prot. Prods. Loyalty Program Antitrust Litig.*, 779 F. Supp. 3d 624 (M.D.N.C. 2025). Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on July 28, 2025. The case is pending before Chief Judge Thomas D. Schroeder in the Middle District of North Carolina, *In re Crop Protection Products Loyalty Program Antitrust Litigation* No. 1:23-md-03062 (M.D.N.C.).

Artuso Pastry Foods Corp v. Packaging Corp of America, et al.

Lowey Dannenberg represents Artuso Pastry Foods Corp. and a proposed class of U.S. purchasers in an antitrust class action against the nation's largest containerboard manufacturers, including International Paper, Packaging Corporation of America, Smurfit WestRock, Georgia-Pacific, Cascades, Pratt, Graphic Packaging, and Greif. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspired to fix and inflate prices through a series of coordinated price increases across containerboard and related packaging products beginning in 2020. Plaintiffs seek damages and injunctive relief under the federal antitrust laws in the complaint filed on July 29, 2025. The case is pending before Judge Mary M. Rowland in the Northern District of Illinois, *Artuso Pastry Foods Corp v. Packaging Corp of America, et al*, No. 1:25-cv-08856 (N.D. Ill.).

In re Granulated Sugar Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg was appointed by Judge Jerry W. Blackwell in the District of Minnesota as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and interim co-lead counsel for a proposed class of Indirect Consumer Purchaser Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") who bring claims against granulated sugar manufacturers who allegedly colluded to artificially inflate the price of granulated sugar. *In re Granulated Sugar Antitrust Litig.*, No. 0:24-MD-03110 (D. Minn.). Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' anticompetitive behavior, including both price fixing and information sharing, resulted in artificially high prices for granulated sugar that were passed on to retailers and consumers, in violation of the Sherman Act. On October 15, 2025, the court partially denied Defendants' motions to dismiss and allowed Plaintiffs' claims to proceed under the Sherman Act and state consumer protection and antitrust laws.

Batton, et al. v. The National Association of Realtors, et al.

Lowey Dannenberg and co-counsel brought the first case on behalf of homebuyers against the National Association of Realtors and four of the largest residential real estate brokerages in the country. The case alleges that defendants engaged in a decades-long conspiracy to fix broker commissions, which in turn inflated home prices across the United States. Lowey Dannenberg and co-lead counsel have so far achieved \$28.5 million in settlements with two defendants, both of which have been preliminarily approved by the Court.

Commodities Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg has successfully prosecuted the most important and complex commodity manipulation actions since the enactment of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”).

As court-appointed lead counsel, Lowey Dannenberg has a history of successfully certifying classes of investors harmed by market manipulation schemes.

Sumitomo

In *In re Sumitomo Copper Litigation* (“Sumitomo”), Master File No. 96 CV 4854 (S.D.N.Y.) (Pollack, J.), Lowey Dannenberg was appointed as one of three executive committee members. Stipulation and Pretrial Order No. 1, dated October 28, 1996, at ¶ 13. Plaintiffs’ counsel’s efforts in *Sumitomo* resulted in a settlement on behalf of the certified class of more than \$149 million, which represented **the largest** class action recovery in the history of the CEA at the time. *In re Sumitomo Copper Litig.*, 182 F.R.D. 85, 95 (S.D.N.Y. 1998). One of the most able and experienced United States District Court judges in the history of the federal judiciary, the Honorable Milton Pollack, took note of counsel’s skill and sophistication:

The unprecedented effort of Counsel exhibited in this case led to their successful settlement efforts and its vast results. Settlement posed a saga in and of itself and required enormous time, skill and persistence. Much of that phase of the case came within the direct knowledge and appreciation of the Court itself. Suffice it to say, the Plaintiffs’ counsel did not have an easy path and their services in this regard are best measured in the enormous recoveries that were achieved under trying circumstances in the face of natural, virtually overwhelming, resistance.

In re Sumitomo Copper Litig., 74 F. Supp. 2d 393, 396 (S.D.N.Y. 1999).

In re Natural Gas

Lowey Dannenberg served as co-lead counsel in *In re Natural Gas Commodity Litigation*, Case No. 03 CV 6186 (VM) (S.D.N.Y.) (“*In re Natural Gas*”), which involved manipulation of the price of natural gas futures contracts traded on the NYMEX by more than 20 large energy companies.

Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants, including El Paso, Duke, Reliant, and AEP Energy Services, Inc., manipulated the prices of NYMEX natural gas futures contracts by making false reports of the price and volume of their trades to publishers of natural gas price indices across the United States, including Platts. Lowey Dannenberg won significant victories throughout the litigation, including:

- > defeating Defendants’ motions to dismiss (*In re Natural Gas*, 337 F. Supp. 2d 498 (S.D.N.Y. 2004));
- > prevailing on a motion to enforce subpoenas issued to two publishers of natural gas price indices for the production of trade report data (*In re Natural Gas*, 235 F.R.D. 199 (S.D.N.Y. 2005)); and
- > successfully certifying a class of NYMEX natural gas futures traders who were harmed by defendants’ manipulation of the price of natural gas futures contracts traded on the NYMEX from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002. *In re Natural Gas*, 231 F.R.D. 171, 179 (S.D.N.Y. 2005), *petition for review denied*, *Cornerstone Propane Partners, LP, et al. v. Reliant Energy Services, Inc., et al.*, Docket No. 05-5732 (2d Cir. August 1, 2006).

The total settlement obtained in this complex litigation—\$101 million—was at the time, the **third largest** recovery in the history of the CEA.

Amaranth

Lowey Dannenberg served as co-lead counsel in *In re Amaranth Natural Gas Commodities Litigation*, Master File No. 07 Civ. 6377 (S.D.N.Y.) (SAS) ("*Amaranth*"), a certified CEA class action alleging manipulation of NYMEX natural gas futures contract prices in 2006 by Amaranth LLC, one of the country's largest hedge funds prior to its widely-publicized multi-billion dollar collapse in September 2006. Significant victories Lowey Dannenberg achieved in the *Amaranth* litigation include:

- > On April 27, 2009, Plaintiffs' claims for primary violations and aiding-and-abetting violations of the CEA against Amaranth LLC and other Amaranth defendants were sustained. *Amaranth*, 612 F. Supp. 2d 376 (S.D.N.Y. 2009).
- > On April 30, 2010, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for pre-judgment attachment pursuant to Rule 64 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Section 6201 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules against Amaranth LLC, a Cayman Islands company and the "Master Fund" in the Amaranth master-feeder-fund hedge fund family. *Amaranth*, 711 F. Supp. 2d 301 (S.D.N.Y. 2010).
- > On September 27, 2010, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. *Amaranth*, 269 F.R.D. 366 (S.D.N.Y. 2010). In appointing Lowey Dannenberg as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs and the Class, the Court specifically noted "the impressive resume" of Lowey Dannenberg and that "Plaintiffs' counsel has vigorously represented the interests of the class throughout this litigation." On December 30, 2010, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals denied Amaranth's petition for appellate review of the class certification decision.
- > On April 11, 2012, the Court entered a final order and judgment approving the \$77.1 million settlement reached in the action. The \$77.1 million settlement is **more than ten times greater** than the \$7.5 million joint settlement achieved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") against Amaranth Advisors LLC and at that time, represented the **fourth largest** class action recovery in the 85-plus year history of the CEA.

Pacific Inv. Mgmt. Co. ("PIMCO")

Lowey Dannenberg served as counsel to certified class representative Richard Hershey in a class action alleging manipulation by PIMCO of the multi-billion-dollar market of U.S. 10-Year Treasury Note futures contracts traded on the Chicago Board of Trade ("CBOT"). *Hershey v. Pacific Inv. Management Co. LLC*, 571 F.3d 672 (7th Cir. 2009). The case settled in 2011 for \$118.75 million, the **second largest** recovery in the history of the CEA at that time.

Optiver

Lowey Dannenberg acted as co-lead counsel in a proposed class action alleging that Optiver US, LLC and other Optiver defendants manipulated NYMEX light sweet crude oil, heating oil, and gasoline futures contracts prices in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act and CEA. *In re Optiver Commodities Litigation*, Case No. 08 CV 6842 (S.D.N.Y.) (LAP), Pretrial Order No. 1, dated February 11, 2009. The Honorable Loretta A. Preska of the Southern District of New York granted final approval of a \$16.75 million settlement in June 2015.

White v. Moore Capital Management, L.P.

Lowey Dannenberg acted as counsel to a class representative in an action alleging manipulation of NYMEX palladium and platinum futures prices in 2007 and 2008 in violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, CEA, and RICO. *White v. Moore Capital Management, L.P.*, Case No. 10 CV 3634 (S.D.N.Y.) (Pauley, J.). Judge William H. Pauley III granted final approval of a settlement in the amount of \$70 million in 2015.

In re Crude Oil Commodity Futures Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg served as counsel to a class representative and large crude oil trader in a Sherman Antitrust Act class action involving the alleged manipulation of NYMEX crude oil futures and options contracts. *In re Crude Oil Commodity Futures Litigation*, Case No. 11-cv-03600 (S.D.N.Y.) (Forrest, J.). The Court granted final approval to a \$16.5 million settlement in January 2016.

Kraft Wheat Manipulation

Lowey Dannenberg serves as court-appointed co-lead counsel for a class of wheat futures and options traders pursuing claims against Kraft Foods Group, Inc. and Mondelēz Global LLC (collectively, “Kraft”), alleging Kraft manipulated the prices of Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures and options contracts. On June 27, 2016, Judge Edmond E. Chang denied Kraft’s motion to dismiss Plaintiffs’ CEA, Sherman Act and common law unjust enrichment claims relating to Kraft’s alleged “long wheat futures scheme.” See *Ploss v. Kraft Foods Grp., Inc.*, 197 F. Supp. 3d 1037 (N.D. Ill. 2016). On January 3, 2020, Judge Chang certified a class of wheat futures and options traders to bring the claims in the case. See *Ploss v. Kraft Foods Grp., Inc.*, 431 F. Supp. 3d 1003 (N.D. Ill. 2020). Kraft filed a petition to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, seeking permission to immediately appeal Judge Chang’s certification of the class, which was denied on February 21, 2020. The case is currently pending before Judge John F. Kness in the Northern District of Illinois.

Lansing Wheat Manipulation

Lowey Dannenberg served as co-lead counsel for a class of wheat futures and options traders pursuing claims against Lansing Trade Group, LLC and Cascade Commodity Consulting, LLC, alleging they manipulated the prices of Chicago Board of Trade wheat futures and options contracts in 2015. See *Budicak, et al. v. Lansing Trade Group, LLC, et al.*, No. 19 CV 2499 (JAR) (D. Kan.). On March 25, 2020, Chief District Judge Julie A. Robinson denied Defendants motions to dismiss and sustained claims under the Sherman Act, the CEA, and for unjust enrichment. *Budicak, Inc. v. Lansing Trade Grp., LLC*, No. 2:19-CV-2449-JAR-ADM, 2020 WL 2892860 (D. Kan. Mar. 25, 2020). On June 16, 2023, Judge Toby Crouse granted final approval of proposed settlements with Lansing Trade Group and Cascade Commodity Consulting totaling \$18 million.

The Andersons Wheat Manipulation

Lowey Dannenberg is leading the prosecution of claims on behalf of a class of wheat futures and options traders against The Andersons, Inc. for alleged manipulation of the wheat futures and options market in the fourth quarter of 2017. On July 9, 2021 and May 3, 2022, respectively, the Court denied Defendants’ motions to dismiss in their entirety. *Dennis v. The Andersons Inc.*, Case No. 20-cv-04090 (N.D. Ill.).



SPOOFING LITIGATION

Lowey Dannenberg continues to innovate and is at the forefront of litigation under the CEA arising from claims of market participants spoofing various futures markets.

In re JPMorgan Precious Metals Spoofing Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg served as Court-appointed sole Lead Counsel in a commodities manipulation class action against JPMorgan and several of its traders, alleging spoofing in the market for precious metals futures and options between 2009 and 2015. On July 7, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$60 million settlement with JPMorgan. *In re JPMorgan Precious Metals Spoofing Litigation*, No. 18-CV-10356 (S.D.N.Y.).

Boutchard, et al. v. Gandhi, et al. — E-mini Index Futures Spoofing

Lowey Dannenberg prosecuted claims on behalf of a class of investors that transacted E-mini Index Futures (e.g., Dow, S&P, Nasdaq) and options against Tower Research Capital LLC and several of its traders for alleged spoofing violations between 2012 and 2014. On July 30, 2021, Judge John J. Tharp, Jr. granted final approval of a \$15 million settlement with Tower. *Boutchard v. Gandhi et al.*, No. 18-CV-07041 (N.D. Ill.).

JPMorgan Treasuries Spoofing

On October 9, 2020, the Court appointed Lowey Dannenberg to serve as Interim Co-Lead Counsel in a commodities manipulation class action against JPMorgan, alleging manipulation in the market for U.S. Treasuries futures and options between 2009 and the present. On June 3, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$15.7 million settlement with JPMorgan. *In re JPMorgan Treasuries Spoofing Litigation*, No. 20-CV-3515 (S.D.N.Y.).

Deutsche Treasury and Eurodollar Spoofing

On September 1, 2020, Lowey Dannenberg was appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel in a commodities manipulation class action against Deutsche Bank, alleging manipulation in the market for U.S. Treasury and Eurodollar futures and options throughout 2013. The case is pending before Judge Joan B. Gottschall in the Northern District of Illinois, *Rock Capital Markets, LLC v. Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.*, No. 20-CV-3638.

In re NatWest Treasury Futures Spoofing Litigation

On March 8, 2022, Lowey Dannenberg was appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel in a commodities manipulation class action against NatWest, alleging manipulation in the market for U.S. Treasury futures and options from at least January 1, 2008 through May 31, 2014. The case is pending before The Honorable John F. Kness in the Northern District of Illinois, *In re NatWest Treasury Futures Spoofing Litigation*, No. 21-CV-6816.

Healthcare: Prescription Overcharge Antitrust Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg is the nation's premier pharmaceutical recovery law firm. It is known in the healthcare industry for its market-leading initiatives, depth of experience, and consistent results. The Firm's advice is valued by the largest health benefits companies in the United States, including Aetna CVS, Anthem, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Cigna, HCSC, Humana, and numerous other companies. Lowey Dannenberg's expertise was highlighted when Aetna and Humana each identified Lowey as a "Go-to Law Firm" for litigation services Corporate Counsel magazine's "In House Law Departments at the Top 500 Companies."

Health insurers routinely turn to Lowey Dannenberg for its industry expertise, particularly in the areas of:

- > **Defective Drugs and Products** – Litigating on behalf of insurers to recover overpayments for defective drugs and medical products, including those manufactured in violation of FDA standards
- > **Prescription Drug and Device Price Manipulation** – Recovering overcharges from prescription drug and medical device price manipulation, including "generic delay" cases, price fixing, and "off-label" marketing
- > **Lien Recovery** – Prosecuting and negotiating medical lien reimbursements in mass tort litigation
- > **Class Action Defense** – Representing health insurers facing class actions in state and federal courts

Drugs Failing to Meet FDA's Manufacturing Standards

- > **Blue Cross Blue Shield Ass'n, et al. v. GlaxoSmithKline LLC.** Lowey Dannenberg and its co-counsel represented 39 health insurers (accounting for 60% of the U.S. market for non-governmental health insurance) in a novel recovery action seeking billions in damages against British drug maker GlaxoSmithKline for selling prescription drugs manufactured under conditions that amounted to egregious violations of federal standards. After defeating summary judgment (*Blue Cross Blue Shield Ass'n v. GlaxoSmithKline LLC*, 417 F. Supp. 3d 531 (E.D. Pa. 2019)), the parties confidentially settled on the literal eve of trial.
- > **Rezulin Litigation.** Lowey Dannenberg, representing a class of endpayers, made law that has influenced every third party payer prescription drug case since. Louisiana BlueCross BlueShield ("LABCBS"), sued Warner Lambert and Pfizer for alleged misrepresentations about the qualities of their antidiabetic medication, Rezulin, injuring LABCBS in excessive purchases of the drug. Lowey successfully argued to reverse dismissal of LABCBS' class action in a precedent-setting appeal to the Second Circuit. This case established the

direct rights (as contrasted with derivative, and more limited, subrogation rights) of third-party payers to sue pharmaceutical manufacturers for drug overcharges for defective drugs. *Desiano v. Warner-Lambert Co.*, 326 F.3d 339 (2d Cir. 2003).

"Pay-for-Delay" Antitrust Claims

- > **Aggrenox Generic Delay Litigation:** Lowey Dannenberg represented Humana and 10 other health insurers in a generic delay antitrust case against defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the Aggrenox brand manufacturer, and generic manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. (later acquired by Teva Pharmaceuticals), before Judge Stefan R. Underhill in the District of Connecticut in connection with their antitrust claims. Class actions on behalf of direct purchasers reached a \$146 million settlement and indirect purchasers reached a \$54 million settlement. The litigation asserted claims under state antitrust law, claiming a \$100 million co-promotion agreement was a disguised pay-for-delay, and as a result, insurers overpaid for Aggrenox. Lowey achieved confidential settlements on behalf of Humana and several other health insurers who opted-out of the class to separately litigate their claims. *Humana Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG, et al.*, No. 3:14-cv-00572 (D. Conn.).
- > **Lidoderm Generic Delay Litigation:** Lowey Dannenberg represented 21 health insurers in connection with their antitrust claims against sellers of branded and generic Lidoderm. *Government Employees Health Association v. Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:14-cv-02180-WHO (N.D. Cal.).
- > **Hytrin Generic Delay Litigation:** Lowey Dannenberg represented a class of health insurers asserting antitrust claims against Abbott Laboratories and Geneva Pharmaceuticals, sellers of branded and generic Hytrin, and ultimately settled the case for \$28.7 million. *In re Terazosin Hydrochloride Antitrust Litig.*, No. 1:99-MD-01317 (S.D. Fl.).

- > **Cardizem CD Generic Delay Litigation:** In 1998, Lowey Dannenberg filed the first-ever generic delay class action antitrust cases for endpayers (a term reflecting consumers and health insurers). Those cases were centralized by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) under the caption *In re Cardizem CD Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1278 (E.D. Mich.). After the court certified a class (200 F.R.D. 326 (E.D. Mich. 2001)) and affirmed partial summary judgment for plaintiffs (332 F.3d 896 (6th Cir. 2003)), the case was settled for \$80 million.
- > **Federal Trade Commission v. Actavis, 570 U.S. 756 (2013).** America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), the national trade association representing health insurers, retained Lowey Dannenberg to represent it before the United States Supreme Court as *amicus curiae* in a seminal “pay-for-delay” pharmaceutical case. *Federal Trade Commission v. Actavis*, 570 U.S. 756 (2013).

Price Fixing of Pharmaceutical Drugs

- > **Generic Pharmaceuticals Price Fixing.** Lowey Dannenberg represents 39 of the nation’s largest health insurers, including Anthem, Aetna, Humana, and 23 BlueCross BlueShield licensees in connection with their claims relating to widespread price-fixing of generic pharmaceutical products. Lowey Dannenberg’s clients collectively purchased billions of dollars of these drugs during the alleged price-fixing conspiracies. Some of this litigation has been centralized before the Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe in *In re Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 2724 (E.D. Pa.).
- > **In re Amitiza Antitrust Litigation.** On May 18, 2026, Lowey Dannenberg was awarded a verdict of \$63.2 million in damages to certified class of end-payor purchasers, led by Premara Blue Cross. The class is comprised of third-party payors who indirectly purchases Amitiza and or AB-rated generic versions of Amitiza (lubiprostone) in 14 states and the District of Columbia from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2024. The jury found the defendants violated state antitrust and consumer protection laws by engaging in an anticompetitive scheme to delay generic competition of drug Amitiza. *In re Amitiza Antitrust Litigation*, No. 21-cv-11057 (D. Mass.).

Product Hopping Claims

- > On July 8, 2024, Plaintiffs Aetna, Inc. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., Health Care Service Corp., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., and Molina Healthcare, Inc., represented by Lowey Dannenberg, settled their Suboxone-related fraud and antitrust claims with Defendants Indivior Inc. and Indivior Solutions Inc. for \$85 million. Plaintiffs, who opted out of an End-Payor class in the *In re Suboxone MDL*, filed suit in the Fall of 2020 in Circuit Court of Virginia, Roanoke County, alleging that Indivior, manufacturer of Suboxone, an opioid treatment medication, engaged in a fraudulent and anticompetitive “product hop” scheme designed to prevent generic competition by converting the market from Suboxone tablets to Suboxone film. The \$85 million settlement is one of the highest “opt out” pharmaceutical drug recovery settlements on record. *HCSC v. Indivior Inc., et al.*, CL20-1474 (Va. Cir. Ct. Jul 31, 2020)

Deceptive Marketing Claims

- > **In re Neurontin Marketing and Sales Practices Litig.** Lowey represented Aetna in an individual action seeking recovery against Pfizer for its off-label marketing of Neurontin and served as class counsel on the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee. The firm secured the first-ever verdict in history against a pharmaceutical manufacturer finding it engaged in a RICO enterprise by fraudulently marketing its drug, resulting in a \$142 million trebled award. This pivotal decision reversed a negative trend in off-label drug marketing cases. The Court’s conclusion that “Aetna’s economic injury was a foreseeable and natural consequence” of Pfizer’s scheme represents a common-sense application of the law to the economic realities of the prescription drug market.

Lowey later argued and won a landmark RICO decision in the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, holding drug manufacturers accountable to health insurers for damages attributable to marketing fraud. *In re Neurontin Mktg. & Sales Practices Litig.*, 712 F.3d 51 (1st Cir. 2013).
- > **Warfarin Sodium Antitrust Litig.** Lowey Dannenberg represented health insurers asserting antitrust and unfair trade practices claims against DuPont Pharmaceuticals Company. *In re Warfarin Sodium Antitrust Litigation*, 391 F.3d 516 (3rd Cir. 2004).

Class Action Defense/Lien Recovery Cases

- > Lowey Dannenberg secured judgments dismissing the class action lawsuits, which sought to apply New York State's anti-subrogation law to void health insurance plans' subrogation and reimbursement rights in New York. *Meek-Horton v. Trover, et al.*, 910 F. Supp. 2d 690 (S.D.N.Y. 2013); *Potts v. Rawlings Co. LLC*, 897 F. Supp. 2d 185 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).
- > Lowey Dannenberg defended Aetna and secured judgments dismissing the class action lawsuits seeking to bar certain reimbursement lien recoveries under New Jersey law. *Minerley v. Aetna, Inc.*, No. 13-cv-1377, 2019 WL 2635991 (D.N.J. June 27, 2019), *aff'd*, No. 19-2730, 2020 WL 734448 (3d Cir. Feb. 13, 2020) and *Roche v. Aetna, Inc.*, 165 F. Supp. 3d 180 (D.N.J. 2016), *aff'd*, 681 F. App'x 117 (3d Cir. 2017).
- > Lowey Dannenberg successfully established Medicare Advantage Organizations' reimbursement recovery rights under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act. *In re Avandia Mktg., Sales Practices & Prod. Liab. Litig.*, 685 F.3d 353, 367 (3d Cir. 2012).



Securities Litigation

Lowey Dannenberg has represented clients in cases involving financial fraud, auction rate securities, options backdating, Ponzi schemes, challenges to unfair mergers and tender offers, statutory appraisal proceedings, proxy contests and election irregularities, failed corporate governance, stockholder agreement disputes, and customer/brokerage firm arbitration proceedings.

Lowey securities litigation practice has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of defrauded investors. The firm has also achieved landmark, long term corporate governance changes at public companies, including reversing results of elections and returning corporate control to the companies' rightful owners, its stockholders.

Lowey Dannenberg's public pension fund clients include the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the State of Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds, the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Treasury Department. Representative institutional investor clients include Federated Investors, Inc., Glickenhau & Co., Millennium Partners LLP, Karpus Investment Management LLP, Amegy Bank, Monster Worldwide Inc., Zebra Technologies, Inc., and Delcath Systems, Inc.

Active Securities Cases

Shafer et al v. Active Network LLC et al

Lowey Dannenberg serves as court-appointed co-lead counsel in *Shafer et al v. Active Network LLC et al*, No. 1:23-CV-00577 (N.D. Ga.). The case is currently pending before Judge Leigh Martin May. The securities lawsuit alleges that: (a) Active Network used deceptive and abusive acts and practices to dupe its customers into enrolling into Active Network's own discount club; (b) since July 2011, Active Network and by extension, Global Payments, was aware of such unauthorized conduct and that it was violating relevant regulations and laws aimed at protecting its consumers; (c) since 2011, Global Payments failed to properly monitor its subsidiary from engaging in such unlawful conduct, detect and stop the misconduct, and identify and remediate harmed consumers; (d) all the foregoing subjected the Company to a foreseeable risk of heightened regulatory scrutiny or investigation; (e) Global Payments' revenues were in part the product of Active Network's unlawful conduct and thus unsustainable; and (f) as a result, the Company's public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times. On August 26, 2024, Judge Leigh Martin May issued an order granting preliminary approval of a \$3.6 million settlement between Global Payments Inc.

In re Lumen Technologies, Inc. Stockholder Derivative Litigation, Master Docket No. 3:24-cv-00798-TAD-KDM (W.D. La.)

Lowey serves as Court-appointed Co-Lead counsel representing Plaintiffs in a proposed class in the consolidated action. Plaintiffs allege that Lumen repeatedly touted its miles of "copper" cable network, its commitment to environmental, social and governance initiatives and workplace safety but unbeknownst to the investors and public, Lumen was operating thousands of miles of lead sheathed cables.

In Re Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement Class Action Litigations

Lowey Dannenberg assisted lead counsel in the prosecution of a consolidated class action on behalf of shareholders of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which were placed under government conservatorship in 2008. This action challenged the "Net Worth Sweep," in which all of Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's net incomes were transferred to the federal government on a quarterly basis. The suit alleged that this practice violated the shareholders' contractual rights and sought compensatory damages. In August 2023 a jury found in favor of the Plaintiffs, awarding a verdict in excess

of \$600 million. *In Re Fannie Mae / Freddie Mac Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement Class Action Litigations* Case No. 1:13-mc-01288 (RCL).

Notable Recoveries

Notable achievements for our securities clients include the following:

- > *Norfolk County Retirement System v. Community Health Systems, Inc., et al.* 11-cv-0433 (M.D. Tenn.). Lowey Dannenberg recovered \$53 million on behalf of Lead Plaintiff, the New York City Pension Funds, and the certified class of investors in Community Health System common stock. As Lead Counsel in this hard-fought and long-standing securities class action, Lowey Dannenberg charged Community Health Systems, one of the largest for-profit hospital systems in the United States, with failing to disclose that its highly-touted growth and performance were achieved through a scheme to improperly inflate Medicare patient admissions.

U.S. District Judge Eli J. Richardson addressed Lowey Dannenberg's efforts at the final approval hearing finding that "counsel for plaintiff has been diligent, very diligent, has worked very hard, knows the case, knows the facts, is very experienced in these sorts of securities fraud class actions, and has gone to the mat for their client for many years." During the litigation, Lowey Dannenberg achieved a unanimous reversal of the lower court's dismissal of the case before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and successfully opposed Supreme Court review. *Norfolk Cty. Ret. Sys. v. Community Health Sys., Inc.*, 877 F.3d 687 (6th Cir. 2017), cert. denied 139 S. Ct. 310 (2018). Following extensive discovery, the court preliminarily approved the settlement in January 2020, which the Court approved and made final on June 19, 2020.

- > *In re Beacon Associates Litigation*, 09-CV-0777 (S.D.N.Y.); *In re J.P. Jeanneret Associates, Inc., et al.*, 09-cv-3907 (S.D.N.Y.). Lowey Dannenberg represented several unions, which served as Lead Plaintiffs, in litigation arising from Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme. On March 15, 2013, the Honorable Colleen McMahon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted final approval of the \$219.9 million settlement of Madoff feeder-fund litigation encompassing the *In re Beacon* and *In re Jeanneret* class actions. Lowey Dannenberg, as Liaison Counsel, was instrumental in achieving this outstanding result. The settlement covered several additional lawsuits in federal and New York state courts against the settling defendants, including suits brought by the United States Secretary of Labor and the New York Attorney General. Plaintiffs in these cases asserted claims under the federal securities laws, ERISA, and state laws arising out of hundreds of millions of dollars of losses sustained by unions

and other investors in Bernard Madoff feeder funds. The settlement recovered an extraordinary 70% of investors' losses. This settlement, combined with anticipated recovery from a separate liquidation of Madoff assets, is expected to restore the bulk of losses to the pension funds for the local unions and other class members. In granting final approval, Judge McMahon praised both the result and the lawyering in these coordinated actions, noting that "[i]n the history of the world there has never been such a response to a notice of a class action settlement that I am aware of, certainly, not in my experience," and that "[t]he settlement process really was quite extraordinary." In her written opinion, Judge McMahon stated that "[t]he quality of representation is not questioned here, especially for those attorneys (principally from Lowey Dannenberg) who worked so hard to achieve this creative and, in my experience, unprecedented global settlement." *In re Beacon Associates Litig.*, 09 CIV. 777 CM, 2013 WL 2450960, at *14 (S.D.N.Y. May 9, 2013).

- > *In re Juniper Networks, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, No. C-06-04327 JW (N.D. Cal.). In 2010, as lead counsel for the Lead Plaintiff, the New York City Pension Funds, Lowey Dannenberg achieved a settlement in the amount of \$169.5 million, one of the largest settlements in an options backdating case, after more than three years of hard-fought litigation.
- > *In re ACS Shareholder Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 4940-VCP (Del. Ch.). Lowey Dannenberg successfully challenged a multi-billion-dollar merger between Xerox Corp. and Affiliated Computer Systems ("ACS"), which favored Affiliated's CEO at the expense of our client, Federated Investors, and other ACS shareholders. In expedited proceedings, Lowey achieved a \$69 million settlement as well as structural protections in the shareholder vote on the merger. The settlement was approved in 2010.
- > *In re Bayer AG Securities Litigation*, 03 Civ. 1546 (WHP) (S.D.N.Y.). We represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund as Lead Plaintiff in a securities fraud class action arising from Bayer's marketing and recall of its Baycol drug. Lowey Dannenberg was appointed as lead counsel for the New York State Common Retirement Fund at the inception of merits discovery, following the dismissal of the New York State Common Retirement Fund's former counsel. The class action settled for \$18.5 million in 2008.
- > *In re WorldCom Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 02 Civ. 3288 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y.). Lowey Dannenberg's innovative strategy and zealous prosecution produced an extraordinary recovery in the fall of 2005 for the New York City Pension Funds in the *WorldCom Securities Litigation*, substantially superior to that of any other WorldCom investor in either class or

opt-out litigation. Following our advice to opt out of a class action in order to litigate their claims separately, the New York City Pension Funds recovered almost \$79 million, including 100% of their damages resulting from investments in WorldCom bonds.

- > *Federated American Leaders Fund, Inc.*, No. 08-cv-01337-PB (D.N.H.). In 2008, Lowey Dannenberg successfully litigated an opt-out case on behalf of client Federated Investors, Inc., arising out of the *Tyco Securities Litigation*. The client asserted claims unavailable to the class (including a claim for violation of § 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and a claim for violations of the New Jersey RICO statute). Pursuit of an opt-out strategy resulted in a recovery of substantially more than the client would have received had it merely remained passive and participated in the class action settlement.
- > *In re Philip Services Corp., Securities Litigation*, No. 98 Civ. 835 (AKH) (S.D.N.Y.). On March 19, 2007, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York approved a \$79.75 million settlement of a class action, in which Lowey Dannenberg acted as Co-Lead Counsel, on behalf of United States investors of Philip Services Corp., a bankrupt Canadian resource recovery company. \$50.5 million of the settlement was paid by the Canadian accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, perhaps the largest recovery from a Canadian auditing firm in a securities class action, and among the largest obtained from any accounting firm. Earlier in the litigation, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued a landmark decision protecting the rights of United States citizens to sue foreign companies who fraudulently sell their securities in the United States. *DiRienzo v. Philip Services Corp.*, 294 F.3d 21 (2d Cir. 2002).
- > *In re New York Stock Exchange/Archipelago Merger Litigation*, No. 601646/05 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.). Lowey Dannenberg acted as co-lead counsel for a class of seatholders seeking to enjoin the merger between the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and Archipelago Holdings, Inc. As a result of the action, the merger terms were revised, providing the seatholders with more than \$250 million in additional consideration. Further, the NYSE agreed to retain an independent financial adviser to report to the court as to the fairness of the deal to the NYSE seatholders. Plaintiffs also provided the court with their expert’s analysis of the new independent financial adviser’s report so that seatholders could assess both reports prior to the merger vote. The court noted that “these competing presentations provide a fair and balanced view of the proposed merger and present the NYSE Seatholders with an opportunity to exercise their own business judgment with eyes wide open. The presentation of such differing viewpoints ensures transparency and complete disclosure.” *In re New York Stock Exchange/Archipelago Merger Litigation*, No. 601646/05, 2005 WL 4279476, at *14 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Dec. 5, 2005).
- > *Delcath Systems, Inc. v. Ladd, et al.*, No. 06 Civ. 6420 (S.D.N.Y.). On September 25, 2006, Lowey Dannenberg helped Laddcap Value Partners win an emergency appeal, reversing a federal district court’s order disqualifying the votes Laddcap solicited to replace the board of directors of Delcath Systems, Inc. Prior to Lowey Dannenberg’s involvement in the case, on September 20, 2006, the district court enjoined Laddcap, Delcath’s largest stockholder, from submitting stockholder consents on the grounds of alleged and unproven violations of federal securities law. After losing an injunction proceeding in the district court on September 20, 2006, and with the election scheduled to close on September 25, 2006, Laddcap hired Lowey Dannenberg to prosecute an emergency appeal, which Lowey won on September 25, 2006, the last day of the election period. *Delcath Systems, Inc. v. Ladd*, 466 F.3d 257 (2d Cir. 2006). Shortly thereafter, the case settled with Laddcap gaining seats on the board, reimbursement of expenses, and other benefits.
- > *Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund, Inc. v. Thornton*, No. 05-cv-10763 (S.D.N.Y.). Lowey Dannenberg represented Karpus Investment Management in its successful proxy contest and subsequent litigation to prevent the transfer of management by Citigroup to Legg Mason of the Salomon Brothers Municipal Partners Fund. We defeated the Fund’s preliminary injunction action which sought to compel Karpus to vote shares it had solicited by proxy but withheld from voting in order to defeat a quorum and prevent approval of the transfer. *Salomon Brothers Mun. Partners Fund, Inc. v. Thornton*, 410 F. Supp. 2d 330 (S.D.N.Y. 2006).
- > *In re DaimlerChrysler AG Sec. Litigation*, Master Docket No. 00-993-JJF (D. Del.). Lowey Dannenberg represented Glickenhau & Co., a major registered investment advisor and, at the time, the second largest stockholder of Chrysler, in an individual securities lawsuit against DaimlerChrysler AG. Successful implementation of the firm’s opt-out strategy led to a recovery for its clients far in excess of that received by other class members. See *Tracinda Corp. v. DaimlerChrysler AG*, 197 F. Supp. 2d 42 (D. Del. 2002); *In re DaimlerChrysler AG Sec. Litig.*, 269 F. Supp. 2d 508 (D. Del. 2003).

- > *Doft & Co. v. Travelocity.com, Inc.*, No. Civ. A. 19734 (Del. Ch.). Following a three-day bench trial in a statutory appraisal proceeding, the Delaware Chancery Court awarded the firm's clients, an institutional investor and investment advisor, \$30.43 per share plus compounded prejudgment interest, for a transaction in which the public shareholders who did not seek appraisal were cashed out at \$28 per share. *Doft & Co. v. Travelocity.com, Inc.*, No. Civ. A. 19734, 2004 WL 1152338 (Del. Ch. May 20, 2004), *modified*, 2004 WL 1366994 (Del. Ch. June 10, 2004).
- > *MMI Investments, LP v. NDCHealth Corp., et al.*, 05 Civ. 4566 (S.D.N.Y.). Lowey Dannenberg filed an individual action on behalf of hedge fund, MMI Investments, asserting claims for violations of the federal securities laws and the common law, including claims not available to the class, most notably a claim for violation of § 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and a claim for common law fraud. After zealously litigating the client's claims, the Firm obtained a substantial settlement, notwithstanding the fact that the class claims were dismissed.
- > *Omnicare, Inc. v. NCS Healthcare, Inc.* Lowey Dannenberg, as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of an institutional investor, obtained an injunction from the Delaware Supreme Court, enjoining a proposed merger between NCS Healthcare, Inc. and Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., in response to Lowey Dannenberg's argument that the NCS board breached its fiduciary obligations by agreeing to irrevocable merger lock-up provisions. As a result of the injunction, the NCS shareholders were able to benefit from a competing takeover proposal by Omnicare, Inc., a 300% increase from the enjoined transaction, providing NCS's shareholders with an additional \$99 million. *Omnicare, Inc. v. NCS Healthcare, Inc.*, 818 A.2d 914 (Del. 2003).
- > *meVC Draper Fisher Jurvetson Fund 1, Inc. v. Millennium Partners*. Lowey Dannenberg successfully represented an affiliate of Millennium Partners, a major private investment fund, in litigation in the Delaware Chancery Court over a board election. Lowey's efforts resulted in the voiding of two elections of directors of meVC Draper Fisher Jurvetson Fund 1, Inc., a NYSE-listed closed end mutual fund, on grounds of breach of fiduciary duty. In a subsequent proxy contest litigation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the entire board of directors was ultimately replaced with Millennium's slate. *meVC Draper Fisher Jurvetson Fund 1, Inc. v. Millennium Partners*, 260 F. Supp. 2d 616 (S.D.N.Y. 2003); *Millenco L.P. v. meVC Draper Fisher Jurvetson Fund 1, Inc.*, 824 A.2d 11 (Del. Ch. 2002).
- > *In re CINAR Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 00 CV 1086 (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 2, 2002). Lowey Dannenberg acted as Lead Counsel, obtaining a \$27.25 million settlement on behalf of client the Federated Kaufmann Fund and a class of purchasers of securities of CINAR Corporation. The court found that "the quality of [Lowey Dannenberg's] representation has been excellent."
- > *In re Reliance Securities Litigation*, MDL No. 1304 (D. Del. 2002). In proceedings in which Lowey Dannenberg acted as co-counsel to a Bankruptcy Court-appointed estate representative, the firm obtained recoveries in a fraudulent conveyance action totaling \$106 million.

Consumer Protection

Lowey Dannenberg has served as lead or co-lead counsel in many challenging consumer protection cases. The firm has recovered millions of dollars on behalf of consumers injured as a result of unfair business practices. The firm's Consumer Protection Group has experience litigating class actions under state and federal consumer protection law and before state and federal courts.

In re FedLoan Student Loan Servicing Litigation

Attorneys from Lowey Dannenberg were appointed by Judge C. Darnell Jones, II as Co-Lead Counsel and Executive Committee members in *In re FedLoan Student Loan Servicing Litigation*, No. 18-MD-2833 (E.D. Pa.) ("FedLoan"). Lowey Dannenberg filed the first action in the FedLoan litigation alleging that one of the nation's largest student loan servicers, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, failed to properly service student loans in order to maximize the fees it received from the Department of Education under its loan servicing contract. Lowey Dannenberg also brought claims against the U.S. Department of Education for failing to comply with the Higher Education Act and its own regulations and rules. The alleged scheme harmed student loan borrowers by causing them to accrue additional interest on their loans, improperly extending their repayment terms, and erroneously placing their loans into forbearance. The litigation is ongoing.

Broder v. MBNA Corp.

Lowey Dannenberg served as Lead Counsel in *Broder v. MBNA Corp.*, No. 605153/98 (Sup. Ct., N.Y. County), and recovered \$22.8 million dollars on behalf of a class of holders of credit cards issued by MBNA Bank, who took cash advances in response to a deceptive MBNA promotion. The Court noted that Lowey Dannenberg is an "able law firm having long-standing experience in commercial class action litigation."

Snyder v. Nationwide Insurance Company

In *Snyder v. Nationwide Insurance Company*, Index No. 97/0633 (Sup. Ct. Onondaga Co. December 17, 1998), Lowey Dannenberg, as co-lead counsel, secured a \$100 million dollar settlement for consumers purchasing "vanishing premium" life insurance policies. In approving the settlement, the Court found that the attorneys of Lowey Dannenberg are "great attorneys" who did a "very, very good job" for the class.

In Re Archstone Westbury Tenant Litigation

As lead counsel, Lowey Dannenberg successfully represented a class of renters of mold-infested apartments in a \$6.3 million settlement of a complex landlord-tenant class action in *In Re Archstone Westbury Tenant Litigation*, Index No. 21135/07 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Nassau County).

Lyons v. Litton Loan Servicing LP

In *Lyons v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.*, No. 13-cv-00513 (S.D.N.Y.), Lowey Dannenberg served as Class Counsel and recovered \$4.1 million on behalf of a class of homeowners alleging that mortgage servicers colluded to force them to buy unnecessary lender-placed insurance.

In re Warfarin Sodium Antitrust Litigation

In *In re Warfarin Sodium Antitrust Litigation*, 391 F.3d 516 (3rd Cir. 2004), the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the United States District Court for the District of Delaware's approval of a \$44.5 million class action settlement paid by DuPont Pharmaceuticals to consumers and third-party payers nationwide to settle claims of unfair marketing practices in connection with the prescription blood thinner, Coumadin. Lowey Dannenberg, appointed by the District Court to the Plaintiffs' executive committee as the representative of third-party payers, successfully argued the appeal.

Greg Walker et al v. Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.

Lowey Dannenberg represents a class of consumers seeking to redress the deceptive business acts and practices of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. that have caused thousands of New York consumers to pay considerably more for their electricity and gas than they should otherwise have paid absent Central Hudson's misconduct. The case is currently pending before Judge Acker in Dutchess County Supreme Court. *Greg Walker et al v. Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.*, Index No. 2023-50074 (Sup. Ct. Dutchess Co. Jan. 6, 2023).

Privacy Class Actions

Lowey Dannenberg is at the forefront of some of the most high-profile and largest privacy cases in the country, including those involving new and emerging technology.

In re Google Assistant Privacy Litigation, No. 19-cv-04286 (N.D. Cal.)

Lowey Dannenberg serves as co-lead class counsel in one of the largest privacy cases in the country, representing a class of consumers against tech giant Google. Plaintiffs' claims arise out of Google's unlawful and intentional recording of Plaintiffs' and class members' confidential communications without their consent through its Google Assistant software. On April 16, 2026, the Court preliminarily approved a \$68 million settlement.

Lopez v. Apple, Inc., No. 19-cv-04577 (N.D. Cal.)

Similar to the case above, Lowey Dannenberg serves as co-lead class counsel in a class action on behalf of consumers alleging that Apple unlawfully and intentionally recorded Plaintiffs' and class members' confidential communications without their consent through its Siri-enabled devices. On October 14, 2025, U.S. District Judge Jeffery S. White granted final approval of Plaintiffs' \$95 million settlement.

Frasco v. Flo Health, Inc., No. 21-cv-00757 (N.D. Cal.)

Lowey serves as co-class counsel in this data privacy action on behalf of a certified class of individuals who used the Flo period and pregnancy tracking app between 2016 and 2019. In July 2025, Lowey served as co-trial counsel in a 2-week jury trial against Meta and Flo relating to the alleged violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act, California Medical Information Act, and other state laws, relating to Meta's unauthorized recording of women's health information from within the Flo app through the Facebook SDK. A jury unanimously found Meta violated CIPA, returning the first verdict in history to find unauthorized recording of information through the Facebook SDK violated this law. Plaintiffs separately settled with Flo and the other defendants, Google and Flurry prior to the verdict. This resulted to a \$59.5 million settlement with Flo, Google and Flurry that's pending final approval.

Doe v. Google LLC (3:23-cv-02343)-(N.D.Cal.)

Lowey Dannenberg serves as interim co-lead counsel in this class action alleging that Google unlawfully collected health information including private communications through tracking technology embedded on thousands of healthcare provider's web properties.

Jewell, et al. v. Florida Health Sciences Center Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Case No. 2023-CA-014439 (Hillsborough Cnty. Cir. Ct.)

Lowey Dannenberg represented a class of Tampa General Hospital patients who allege that their highly sensitive data, including information relating to their patient status, medical conditions, prescriptions, appointments, specific treatment, messages to healthcare providers and PII was disclosed to Meta Platforms, Inc. through Tampa General Health's intentional incorporation of Meta's tracking software (e.g., the Meta Pixel) on its website and patient portal. The class settlement was finally approved on October 6, 2025.

Doe v. The Regents of the University of California, No. 3:23-cv-00598 (N.D. Cal.)

Lowey Dannenberg represents a class of University of California San Francisco Medical Center ("UCSF") patients who allege that their highly sensitive data, including information relating to their medical conditions, appointments, specific treatment, messages to health care providers, and PII was disclosed to Meta Platforms, Inc. through UCSF's incorporation of Meta's tracking software (e.g., the Meta Pixel) on its website and patient portal.

Baker v. Yahoo Inc. (No. 1:25-cv-02797, S.D.N.Y.)

Lowey Dannenberg serves as sole lead counsel in a class action on behalf of consumer alleging that Yahoo was unlawfully collecting Plaintiff and class members data through its "Yahoo Connect ID" software.

A.P. v. Zeta Global Corp. 1:25-cv-05823 (S.D.N.Y)

Lowey serves as interim co-lead counsel in an action against Zeta Global Holdings Corp. ("Zeta") alleging Zeta secretly intercepted individuals' private data from third-party websites and email correspondence. The Action alleges that Zeta represented that consumers had "opted-in" to this data collection without actually obtaining consumers' consent.

In Re Adobe Data Tracking Litigation 5:25-cv-03911 (N.D.Cal.)

Lowey serves as interim co-lead in this action, which alleges that Adobe secretly collects data across thousands of websites to create individually identifiable user profiles. Plaintiffs allege Adobe uses this data for its own benefit, including to facilitate real-time bidding.

Doe v. Hey Favor, Inc., 3:23-00059 (N.D. Cal.).

Lowey Dannenberg represents a class of Hey Favor, Inc. website and app users alleging their personal data, including prescription information, were unlawfully disclosed to and intercepted by Meta Platforms, Inc., TikTok, Inc., and FullStory, Inc. using sophisticated tracking technology (e.g., the Meta Pixel, the TikTok Pixel, and Session Replay Software). Plaintiffs recently secured settlements with Meta and TikTok.

Doe v. GoodRx Holdings, Inc. et al, No. 3:23-00501 (N.D. Cal.)

Lowey Dannenberg serves as court appointed co-lead counsel in a class action against GoodRx Holdings, Inc. ("GoodRx"), Meta Platforms, Inc. ("Meta"), Google LLC ("Google"), and Criteo Corp. ("Criteo"). Plaintiffs represent a class of GoodRx website and app users alleging their personal data, including prescription information, was unlawfully disclosed to and intercepted by Meta, Google, and Criteo using sophisticated tracking technology (e.g., pixels, software development kits, and session replay software). Plaintiffs have proposed settlements with GoodRx and Criteo totaling \$32 million and are seeking approval of the settlements with the Court.

Hayward v. MParticle Inc et al 1:25-cv-08173 (N.D.Cal.)

Lowey, alongside co-counsel, is currently litigating an action against mParticle alleging it secretly tracked consumers across the web and mobile applications using its own proprietary "mParticle ID." Plaintiffs allege mParticle intercepted personally identifiable information, as well as private data, including consumers' transaction records and video-viewing history.



Data Breach Class Actions

Lowey Dannenberg represents both consumers and financial institutions in some of the largest data breach class actions this year, including those affecting tens of millions of customers across the hospitality, healthcare, and retail industries.

Barr v. Drizly, LLC, Case No. 20-CV-11492 (D. Mass.)

Lowey Dannenberg served as court-appointed class counsel on behalf of millions of consumers impacted by a data breach at one of the largest alcohol delivery companies, Drizly LLC ("Drizly"). On March 30, 2021, U.S. District Judge Leo T. Sorokin granted preliminary approval of a settlement in which Drizly agreed to pay a total of no less than \$1,050,000 and no more than \$3,150,000, and issue service credits up to \$447,750. Drizly also agreed to implement and maintain sufficient data security measures to prevent future data breaches. On November 22, 2021, the Court granted final approval of the settlement. As a result of Lowey Dannenberg's robust notice program, Drizly paid the maximum amount under the terms of the settlement.

In re Wawa, Inc. Data Security Litigation, No. 19-cv-06019 (E.D. Pa.)

Lowey Dannenberg serves as co-lead counsel in a class action against Wawa, Inc. ("Wawa") on behalf of a class of financial institutions affected by Wawa's failure to properly secure their card processing system. As a result of Wawa's conduct, unauthorized third parties were able to gain access to customers' payment card information for over nine months. The data breach is estimated to have impacted more than 30 million individuals at 850 locations. Judge Gene E.K. Pratter of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania sustained several of Plaintiffs' claims, including negligence and injunctive relief. On December 9, 2025, Lowey received final approval of the settlement with Wawa for a class of financial institutions. Due to Lowey's efforts, Wawa committed up to \$28.5 million to compensate class members that submitted valid claims for costs associated with canceling and replacing payment cards in response to the data breach, losses resulting from payment card fraud, and other costs. This settlement was the third largest data breach settlement in 2023. See Duane Morris Class Action Review - Executive Summary 2024 at p. 517.

In re Rutter's Inc. Data Security Breach Litigation, No. 20-cv-00382 (M.D. Pa.)

Lowey Dannenberg is serving as co-lead class counsel in a class action on behalf of consumers against Rutter's Holdings, Inc. ("Rutter's"). The action arises out of Rutter's failure to secure its point-of-sale system, which allowed hackers to compromise customers' payment card information. The breach is estimated to have lasted approximately eight months.

Chief Judge John E. Jones, III of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania sustained several of Plaintiffs' key claims, including negligence, breach of implied contract, and unjust enrichment. During discovery, Lowey Dannenberg successfully argued that Rutter's must turn over investigative reports prepared by third party consultants, which Rutter's argued were protected by the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine.

Hozza v. PrimoHoagies Franchising, Inc., No. 20-cv-04966 (D.N.J.)

Lowey Dannenberg served as sole class counsel in a class action against PrimoHoagies Franchising, Inc. ("PrimoHoagies") arising out of the company's deficient data security that exposed consumers' personal data, including credit card information. The data breach is estimated to have lasted seven months, impacting dozens of locations across seven states. On March 22, 2023, Lowey received final approval for a settlement for a class of consumers that allows for up to \$120 for out-of-pocket expenses and an additional \$7.50 for lost time related to the data breach. In addition to payments, class members received one year of credit-monitoring services valued as \$119.40.

In re USAA Data Security Litigation, No. 21-cv-05813 (S.D.N.Y.)

The case alleges that United Services Automobile Association ("USAA") allowed unauthorized third parties to intentionally target and improperly obtain Plaintiffs' and class members' personally identifiable information, including Driver's License numbers, through the use of USAA's online insurance quote and/or policy process. Plaintiffs defeated Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, including sustaining claims pursuant to the Drivers Privacy Protection Act. The Court appointed Lowey Dannenberg as Class Counsel and on May 21, 2025 granted final approval to a \$3,250,000 settlement.

In re: NCB Management Services, Inc. Data Breach Litigation, No. 2:23-cv-01236 (e.D. Pa.)

On June 5, 2023, the Court appointed Lowey Dannenberg as co-lead counsel representing a proposed class of consumer plaintiffs. The case alleges that debt-collector NCB Management Services, Inc. ("NCB") allowed unauthorized third parties to intentionally target and improperly obtain Plaintiff's and class members' personally identifiable information through a ransomware attack. Plaintiff defeated Defendant's Motion to Dismiss on certain grounds. On September 29th, 2025, Judge Kai N. Scott of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania granted final approval to a \$2.625 million settlement..

Rand v. The Travelers Indemnity Company, No. 7:21-cv-10744 (S.D.N.Y.)

This case arises out of a data incident, which Plaintiff alleges caused Class Members' personal information, including Driver's License numbers, to be accessed, stolen, or compromised as a result of the unauthorized third-party access to Travelers' independent agent portal. Plaintiff defeated Travelers' Motion to Dismiss, including sustaining claims pursuant to the Drivers Privacy Protection Act. The Court appointed Lowey Dannenberg as Class Counsel, and on February 5, 2025, Judge Vincent L. Briccetti finally approved a \$6 million class settlement.



Lowey Dannenberg's Recognized Expertise

Courts have repeatedly recognized the attorneys of Lowey Dannenberg as expert practitioners in the field of complex litigation.

For example, on March 15, 2013, the Honorable Colleen McMahon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted final approval of the \$219 million settlement of Madoff feeder-fund litigation encompassing the *In re Beacon* and *In re Jeanneret* class actions. In a subsequent written decision, with glowing praise, Judge McMahon stated:

- > "The quality of representation is not questioned here, especially for those attorneys (principally from Lowey Dannenberg) who worked so hard to achieve this creative and, in my experience, unprecedented global settlement."
- > "I thank everyone for the amazing work that you did in resolving these matters. **Your clients—all of them—have been well served.**"
- > "Not a single voice has been raised in opposition to this remarkable settlement, or to the Plan of Allocation that was negotiated by and between the Private Plaintiffs, the NYAG and the DOL."
- > "All formal negotiations were conducted with the assistance of two independent mediators - one to mediate disputes between defendants and the investors and another to mediate claims involving the Bankruptcy Estate. Class Representatives and other plaintiffs were present, in person or by telephone, during the negotiations. The US Department of Labor and the New York State Attorney General participated in the settlement negotiations. **Rarely has there been a more transparent settlement negotiation. It could serve as a prototype for the resolution of securities-related class actions, especially those that are adjunctive to bankruptcies.**"

- > "The proof of the pudding is that an astonishing 98.72% of the Rule 23(b)(3) Class Members who were eligible to file a proof of claim did so (464 out of 470), and only one Class Member opted out [that Class Member was not entitled to recover anything under the Plan of Allocation]. I have never seen this level of response to a class action Notice of Settlement, and I do not expect to see anything like it again."
- > "I am not aware of any other Madoff-related case in which counsel have found a way to resolve all private and regulatory claims simultaneously and with the concurrence of the SIPC/Bankruptcy Trustee. Indeed, I am advised by Private Plaintiffs' Counsel that the Madoff Trustee is challenging settlements reached by the NYAG in other feeder fund cases [Merkin, Fairfield Greenwich] which makes the achievement here **all the more impressive.**"

In *Juniper Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation*, the court, in approving the settlement, acknowledged that "[t]he successful prosecution of the complex claims in this case required the participation of highly skilled and specialized attorneys." *In re Juniper Networks, Inc., CO6-04327, Order dated August 31, 2010 (N.D. Cal.)*. In *the WorldCom Securities Litigation*, the court repeatedly praised the contributions and efforts of the firm. On November 10, 2004, the court found that "the Lowey Firm . . . has worked tirelessly to promote harmony and efficiency in this sprawling litigation."

[Lowey Dannenberg] has done a superb job in its role as Liaison Counsel, conducting itself with professionalism and efficiency . . ." *In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 02 Civ. 3288, 2004 WL 2549682, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 10, 2004).

In the *In re Bayer AG Securities Litigation*, 03 Civ. 1546, 2008 WL 5336691, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2008) order approving a settlement of \$18.5 million for the class of plaintiffs, Judge William H. Pauley III noted that the attorneys from Lowey Dannenberg are “nationally recognized complex class action litigators, particularly in the fields of securities and shareholder representation,” that “provided high-quality representation.”

In the *In re Luminent Mortgage Capital, Inc., Securities Litigation*, No. C07-4073 (N.D. Cal.) hearing for final approval of settlement and award of attorneys’ fees, Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton noted that “[t]he \$8 million settlement . . . is excellent, in light of the circumstance.” Judge Hamilton went on to say that “most importantly, the reaction of the class has been exceptional with only two opt- outs and no objections at all received.” See Tr. of Hearing on Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval of Settlement/Plan of Allocation and for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses, *In re Luminent Mortgage Capital, Inc., Securities Litigation*, No. C07-4073-PJH (N.D. Cal. Apr. 29, 2009), ECF No. 183.





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