

Selected Representations

Judge Schneider managed and settled thousands of cases in his 14-year career as a United States Magistrate Judge. The following is a representative list of the cases:

- Indian tribe alleged its due process rights were violated by the State of New Jersey when the State revoked its recognition as an official Indian tribe that existed since the 1980's. The tribe alleged the recognition was revoked to protect the interests of politically connected casinos even though the tribe assured the State it had no interest in gambling.
- Personal injury claim filed by a former star Philadelphia Phillies pitcher who fell from a defective slot machine chair at an Atlantic City Casino. Pitcher injured his back and alleged he could no longer play golf and attend celebrity golf outings.
- Plaintiff who spent over 18 years in prison after being convicted of rape and murder sued for violation of his civil rights after he was freed from prison based on newly obtained DNA evidence.
- Breach of contract action filed against defendant seat company and memorabilia business that contracted to remove the seats from Orioles Stadium in Baltimore, MD. Defendant stopped work in the middle of the job because it learned there was no market for the seats and it could not afford to pay to remove and store the remaining seats.
- Owner of a billboard alleged its first amendment rights were violated when its approval to operate a double-sided digital billboard along a major South Jersey highway was revoked.
- A fireman employed by a local municipality alleged his first amendment rights were violated when he was threatened with losing his job if he did not shave his beard which he claimed was required by his religious beliefs.
- Class action alleging the makers of "Pirates Booty" snack food made false and misleading claims about the fat and calorie content of the snack.
- Suit by minority residents of local housing development against their Township who claimed the Township's proposed redevelopment of their homes was racially motivated. Case settled in principal shortly before the Supreme Court was scheduled to hear oral argument on plaintiffs' appeal of the order granting the Township's dismissal motion.
- Suit by local hospital against competing health care system wherein they each alleged their "Top Docs" advertising was misleading and deceptive.
- Personal injury claim filed by a star basketball player at Temple University and NBA who was hit by a car and could no longer be employed as an Assistant Athletic Director.
- Plaintiff claimed she was intentionally served mashed potatoes that covered a dead mouse while eating at a local restaurant.
- Breach of contract claim filed by a major big box retailer involving nuts infected with bugs imported from Vietnam.

- Contract dispute involving the construction of a top-secret government “Space Fence Program” on Marshall Island in the Pacific Ocean, 2300 miles from Hawaii.
- Declaratory judgment action involving the NBA’s claim that the plaintiff, a prominent sports memorabilia company, sold “knock off” NBA jerseys on eBay and Amazon.
- Several strip-search class actions filed by present and former inmates at various NJ County prisons and jails.
- Class action alleging the makers of a national brand of ice tea mislabeled the drink as “natural” when it contained high fructose corn syrup.
- A veteran who was given acknowledged mislabeled excessive doses of lithium at a VA hospital sued after becoming totally disabled.
- Multiple high school students sued their teacher who secretly took “upskirt” videos in class.
- Suit by the sole survivor of a local fishing club after the club’s boat capsized while on a fishing trip off the coast of Costa Rica killing all but one person on board.
- Multi-million dollar economic loss complaint arising out E-coli outbreak at Taco Bell restaurants in NJ, PA and NY.
- Suit filed by blueberry farmers in Hammonton, NJ against manufacturer of insecticides that damaged their blueberry plants and crops.
- Wrongful termination claim filed by worker who claimed she was fired because she did not fold napkins correctly when she put them in box lunches for the Coast Guard.
- Claims filed by NJ beer distributors against Anheuser-Busch and InBev alleging they improperly terminated plaintiffs’ right to import and sell certain brands of beer in NJ.
- Suit challenging whether the U.S. Corps of Engineers could build dunes on the beach in Margate, NJ over Margate’s objection.
- Plaintiff challenged numerous state court decisions denying his claim that he was the illegitimate son of Shawn Carter, e.g., Jay Z.
- Nine lawsuits filed by former female students at a local public university alleging they were sexually assaulted at off-campus fraternity parties.
- Nationwide class action regarding the concussion reduction properties of football helmets.
- Discrimination claim filed by a former worker at a nursing home who was fired after she hired a stripper to entertain senior disabled patients at the home.
- Conservative talk show host appearing on Fox T.V. sued to terminate her radio contract so she could appear more often on Fox T.V.
- Claim filed by paraplegic plaintiff in witness protection program and protective custody who claimed he was subject to unconstitutional conditions of confinement.
- Contract dispute by a vendor providing services for the Miss America pageant who was allegedly not paid for its services.

- Plaintiff claimed losses in the millions after chestnuts and kiwi stored in a cold warehouse were ruined because the temperature was not kept below 32 degrees.
- Personal injury claim filed by a female plaintiff who contracted MRSA after being catharized by a police officer at a hospital.
- Employment discrimination claim filed by a stripper at a “bikini bar” who alleged she was fired because she danced while she was pregnant. Defendant denied pregnancy discrimination and alleged he had customers who asked for pregnant dancers. Defendant also claimed the plaintiff was not discriminated against because he fired plaintiff because of her “hormonal imbalance,” not because she was pregnant.
- Lawsuit filed by a plaintiff who alleged he was discriminated against when his job offer was revoked after his prospective employer found out he had a sex change operation.
- FDCPA claim filed against credit reporting agency who sent the plaintiff’s credit report to the wrong person in Ohio. Plaintiff alleged afterwards he was stalked by the recipient who claimed to be his long lost brother.
- Nationwide class action alleging bank’s coin counting machines short changed customers.
- Suit by the survivor of a worker who was decapitated while doing a repair in an elevator shaft. The decedent’s brother who witnessed the accident was a co-plaintiff.
- Cocktail waitress sued police officer who stopped her for DUI, asked for her underwear, and later stalked her.
- Dispute between school and contractor who built a 400-meter running track about whether the lines on the track undercounted the required 400-meter distance resulting in record running times.
- Class action seeking to replace alleged defective gas valves installed at 47,000 homes at various housing developments in the 1980’s and 1990’s.
- Three women claiming to be the wife of the decedent sought the proceeds of his life insurance policy. Settlement of the case was held up when not all three of the “wives” agreed to pay for the decedent’s tombstone.
- Competing boardwalk rolling chair companies in Atlantic City alleged each was trying to put the other out of business.
- Sixty-seven-year-old contestant in senior beauty pageants alleged she could no longer compete after she broke her elbow in a fall at defendant’s store and was unable to participate in the dance talent competition.
- Claim by plaintiff for disability benefits alleging he was “legally blind” while at the same time he worked as a testimonial handwriting expert for lawyers.
- Police officer indicted for murdering his wife sued for malicious prosecution after Medical Examiner admitted he made a mistake when he conducted his autopsy and concluded a year later the decedent had a heart attack and was not murdered.
- Minor league baseball umpire sued for age discrimination. Settlement consideration included the umpire’s right to use a suite at Camden Riversharks Stadium.

- Declaratory judgment action filed by pro se plaintiff who asked to be declared a slave so he did not have to pay taxes.
- Civil rights suit filed by security guard at Liberty Bell in Philadelphia who could not store his gun at the facility because it lacked storage lockers. Guard sued for false arrest after he was arrested at the train parking lot in NJ for not having a NJ state gun carry permit.
- Female tennis coach at local high school sued for sex discrimination when she was fired as the coach of the boy's team because the athletic director wanted a male to be able to go into the boy's locker room.
- Suit by the maker of the original Panzorotti against an ex-distributor for selling a competing product called Panzetti.
- \$1.56 million compensatory plus \$50 million punitive damage verdict in age discrimination case that could have settled for 350K.
- \$125 million jury verdict in patent infringement case involving aerial photography. Plaintiff's \$45 million attorney's fee and cost claim remains to be decided.
- Contract dispute regarding design and building of student housing at Purdue University.
- Invasion of privacy lawsuit filed by six (6) models from around the world whose pictures were used in advertisements for strip clubs.
- Management of numerous non-drug patent cases involving: computerized aerial photographs to measure roofs without the need for a physical inspection; square cooking pans; low-flow toilets; device and method to reconstruct face and body in 3D; modular jack connector; contact lens solution; process for producing decorative floor tiles; device used in vending machines for changing dollar bills; adjustable sneeze guard used over salad bars; laser used for eye surgery; paintball helmets; apparatus to remove hair from drain; packaging machinery; backup camera for cars, and; handrails to be used on a hatch on a ship.
- Management of numerous drug patent cases including: Mucinex; generic equivalent of adderall; ambrisentan; time-released prednisone; generic Forfivo XL; generic oxcarbazepine; ambrisentan tablets; mesalamine delayed release tablets; antiseptic drug for schizophrenia; prescription to treat brain cancer in horses; type II diabetes drug; olefin metathesis catalysts; HIV drug.
- Retaliation suit filed by local policeman against his Chief and Department related to his complaint about having to pick up the Chief from a bar when he was drunk.
- Plaintiff alleged his lack of playing time on his high school football team was racially motivated preventing him from a college scholarship and NFL career.
- Suit by broadcast company alleging its right to announce Philadelphia Eagles games in Spanish was stolen by defendant.
- Suit by parents of an 8 year old boy who was run over by a school bus after exiting the bus which resulted in the amputation of the child's lower leg.
- Class action alleging the red paint on Mercedes-Benz vehicles was defective after the paint flaked and bubbled.
- Plaintiff physician sued to restore his hospital privileges which were revoked after he was caught on video slashing the tires of his supervisor.

- Suit seeking to terminate the contract of the company that supplied Glock guns to law enforcement personnel in NJ, PA, and DE.
- Husband and wife owners of local jewelry store sued their alarm company after they were tied up and robbed by intruders.
- FLSA claim filed by Atlantic City police officers who claimed they were not paid for the time they spent before and after their shifts grooming their K-9 dogs.
- Jones Act claim by seaman who alleged he was drugged, beaten and raped by other crew members while employed on defendant's vessel.
- Sixth grade student alleged she was sexually assaulted by her science teacher in a storage closet.
- Race discrimination claim filed by plaintiff who alleged she put a \$100,000 deposit down to buy a Bentley car and was accused of being a drug dealer.
- Plaintiff sued for personal injuries after he was injured getting back on a seat on a water dunk tank at a Moose fundraising event.
- The "singing bartender" at Resorts Casino alleged she was fired because she complained to OSHA that she lost her voice from the dust at the premises.
- Plaintiff sued after he was kept in prison by mistake for 500 days after his sentence expired.
- Plaintiff alleged he was fired from his job as a car salesman after he elected not to pray with the owner of the dealership.
- Adult club in Atlantic City alleged its first amendment rights were violated when it was barred from paying taxi drivers to divert customers to its premises.
- Parents stopped their car in the middle of the Walt Whitman bridge and held their son hostage. Parents sued claiming their parental rights were unconstitutionally terminated.
- Breach of contract claim involving security consulting services at a nuclear power plant in Michigan.
- Chief of Police in local South Jersey town alleged he was retaliated against when he refused to say the KKK planted asbestos in a building in town.
- Suit brought by owner of \$2 million yacht who alleged boat was defective after it was bought without an inspection.
- Personal injury claims filed against a drunk driver of a cigarette speed boat who killed the passenger on a wave runner and crippled the driver.
- Plaintiff claimed 400k of Argentine pears on a boat became contaminated with fuel vapors which required that the pears be destroyed.
- Students on a high school trip to Disneyland were strip-searched because it was suspected they had drugs.
- Father sued little league baseball coach and league after the coach called his son gay after he struck out.
- Plaintiff sued the manufacturer of second base after he broke his leg while sliding in a softball game.
- Suit by nurse at Ancore State Hospital alleging a doctor at the hospital tried to recruit her to recruit customers for his pornography site.

vessel owners and operators' best efforts to secure cargo and safely navigate, container vessels regularly lose containers overboard. As we near the start of the North American winter season, there have already been several newsworthy incidents of vessels encountering severe weather and suffering collapsed stacks and missing boxes—including one vessel that reportedly has 1,900 lost or damaged containers. This article briefly describes how to report and respond to lost containers, how to investigate and determine the cause of the damage, and how to assess potential defenses and liabilities under US law.