

Selected Complex and Multi-Party Cases Managed and Settled

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

- Management of 700 + case MDL involving plaintiffs who alleged they contracted cancer from taking defendants' contaminated high blood pressure drug. Additional related nationwide class action cases involving claims of medical monitoring and reimbursement of claims paid by third party payers. *In re Valsartan NDMA, Losartan and Irbesartan Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 19-2875 (RBK/JS).
- Management of MDL involving allegation that engines manufactured by Caterpillar needed excessive repairs. *In re Caterpillar Inc.. C13 and C15 Engine Productions Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2540 (JBS/JS).
- Management and partial settlement of hundreds of separate complaints filed against the State of NJ by prisoners at Bayside State Prison who were assaulted by guards after a prison guard was murdered. *In re Bayside State Prison Litigation*, C.A. No. 97-5127 (RBK/JS).
- Managed and settled lawsuit filed by multiple homeowners who claimed Mount Holly Township's effort to redevelop their community and homes was racially motivated. *Mt. Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, Inc. v. Township of Mount Holly, et al.*, C.A. No. 08-2584 (NLH/JS).
- Settled class action on behalf of prisoners at Burlington County Prison who were strip searched. *Haas v. Burlington County*, C.A. No. 08-1102 (NLH/JS).
- Settlement of breach of contract claim filed by charter school against company contracted to provide educational services to the school. *Board of Trustees of the Int'l Academy v. Dab is Educational Systems, Inc.*, C.A. No. 18-11474 (RMB/JS).
- Settlement of claim filed by Dept. of Justice against provider of children's educational services who allegedly did not accommodate disabled children. *U.S. v. Nobel Learning*, C.A. No. 17- 366(NLH/JS).
- Two million dollar settlement of civil rights claim filed by police officer who was wrongly indicted and imprisoned for allegedly murdering his wife. *Andros v. Gross, et al.*, C.A. No. 03- 1775 (JBS/JS).
- Settled \$30 million dispute between owner of hotel and commercial properties against its Bank that was attempting to foreclose on the properties. *Grande Village, LLC v. CIBC, Inc.*, C.A. No. 14-3495 (NLH/JS).
- Settlement of \$1 million plus attorney's fee claim filed by successful patent plaintiff at trial after it was determined the case was "exceptional." *Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. TWI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, C.A. No. 15-369 (RMB/JS).
- Management of bitterly litigated qui tam complaint where plaintiff alleged defendant engaged in an illegal drug swapping scheme at nursing homes by billing insurance companies higher rates than drugs dispensed under Medicare Part D and Medicaid Managed Care. *U.S.A. v. Omnicare, Inc.*, C.A. No. 11-1326 (NLH/JS).

- Management and settlement of race discrimination lawsuit filed by multiple bus company owners who claimed they were excessively stopped and cited for repair violations while en route to Atlantic City. *Major Tours v. Colorel, et al.*, C.A. No. 05-3091 (JBS/JS).
- Partial settlement and management of breach of contract suit filed by former President of defendant Bank and his wife against the successor Bank. *Hill v. Commerce Bancorp. Inc.*, C.A. No. 09-3685 (RBK/JS).
- Management of nationwide class action alleging defendants made misleading and false statements about the concussion reduction properties of their football helmets. *In re Riddell Concussion Reduction Litigation*, C.A. No. 13-7585 (JBS/JS).
- Settlement of contract dispute between the new owner of the former Revel Casino and Hotel in Atlantic City and the owners of the power station that supplied power to the facility. *ACR Energy Partners, LLC v. Polo North Country Club. Inc.*, C.A. No. 15-2677 (JBS/JS).
- Managed products liability claims asserted by builder of luxury yachts against manufacturer of allegedly defective “gel coat” that was applied to plaintiff’s yachts which resulted in “massive and systematic failures” causing losses in the tens of millions of dollars. *Viking Yacht Company v. Composites One, LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 05-538 (JEI/JS).
- Suit by blueberry farmers in Hammonton, NJ against manufacturer of insecticides that allegedly damaged their blueberry plants and crops. *Indian Brand Farms. Inc. v. Novartis Crop Protection, Inc.*, C.A. No. 99-2118 (NLH/JS).
- Personal injury claims filed by passenger seriously injured by the defendant’s negligent operation of his wave runner. *DiNunno v. Lucky Fin Water Sports, LLC*, C.A. No. 08-5903 (JEI/JS).
- Complaint filed by the world’s largest company dedicated to industrial automation equipment that alleged defendant violated trademark and unfair competition laws. Defendant filed counterclaim for antitrust violations. *Rockwell Automation, Inc. v. Radwell International, Inc.*, C.A. No. 15-5246 (RBJ/JS).
- Claim by uncle of minor student and his nephew that they were discriminated against and bullied because the uncle was a homosexual. *D.V. v. Pemberton School District*, C.A. No. 12- 7646 (JS).
- Suit by NJ beer distributors who alleged defendant’s illegal actions caused the termination of their right to import and sell certain brands of beer in New Jersey. *Warren Distributing Co., v. InBev USA LLC and Anheuser-Busch. Inc.*, C.A. No, 07-1053 (RBK/JS).
- Lawsuit filed by prison inmate who claimed prison guards beat him up and conspired to keep it a secret until a former guard spoke up. *Ruiz v. NJ DOC*, C.A. No. 15-3305 (RBK/JS).
- Class action alleging title insurance company overcharged customers for insurance when they refinanced their properties. *Haskins v. First American Title Ins. Co.*, C.A. No. 10-5044 (RMB/JS).
- Settlement of qui tam case wherein plaintiff alleged defendant sold adulterated blood monitoring equipment. *Glickstein v. Patient Home Monitoring*, C.A. No. 17-3225 (RMB/JS).
- One million dollar plus settlement of class and collective action wherein plaintiffs alleged the defendant bank failed to pay proper overtime wages. *Kress v. Fulton Bank*, C.A. No. 19-18985 (NLH/JS).

- Multi-million-dollar settlement of claim by survivor of NJ Turnpike rear-end collision whose husband survived the crash but became a quadriplegic. The decedent decided to end his life support so as not to burden his wife and daughter. *Dudek v. Aaron Rents*, C.A. No. 06-3755 (RMB/JS).
- Management of claim filed by parents of female marathon runner who was found on the beach on New Year's Day while she was visiting Sea Isle to participate in the annual Polar Bear plunge. Parents claimed their daughter was alive when she was pronounced dead. *Hottenstein v. City of Sea Isle*, C.A. No. 11-740 (JEI/JS).
- Settled insurance coverage dispute between carrier and armored car company who was robbed of \$5.5 million by its sub-contractor. *Diebold v. Continental Casualty Co.*, C.A. No. 07-1991 (JEI/JS).
- Settled suit by orthopedic surgeon in defendant's group who alleged he was defrauded by his partners and improperly terminated. *Epstein v. Atlantic Gastro*, C.A. No. 10-2265 (GMB).
- Settled lawsuit filed by Carney's Point to recover hazardous waste siting fees owed by Dupont. *Carney's Point Township v. Chemours Co.*, C.A. No. 17-1025 (NLH/JS).
- Settled dispute filed by owners of multiple dental practices who alleged the company hired to run their practices breached their service contract. Case resolved after defendant agreed to buy the practices. *Affordable Denture v. Affordable Care*, C.A. No. 17-12136 (RMB/JS).
- Certified and approved class action settlement of 55,000 customers alleging TCCWNA Consumer Fraud Act violations involving defendant's rental of self-storage units. *Castro v. Sovran Self- Storage, Inc.*, C.A. No. 14-6446 (JS).
- Settled class action of class consisting of 1000 people alleging they were overcharged for towing and storage charges. *Oglesby v. "Original" W. Hargrove*, C.A. No. 15-8006 (RBK/JS).
- Settled "tip credit" collective action involving 135 restaurant workers. *Underwood v. Harvest Moorestown, LLC*, C.A. No. 17-1550 (JHR/JS).
- Multi-million dollar settlement of products liability claim where plaintiff's arm was burned off in a workplace accident. *Sims v. VC 999 Packaging Systems, et al.*, C.A. No. 17-2636 (RMB/JS).
- Nationwide class action alleging certain Subaru vehicles contained a defect causing sudden and unintended acceleration without driver input. *Weston, et al. v. Subaru of America, Inc.*, C.A. No. 20-5876 (RMB/JS).
- Settled claim by owner of electronic two-sided billboard along Route 42 whose right to use the billboard was revoked by the local Township. *Atlantic Outdoor Advertising v. Township of Gloucester*, C.A. No. 16-9332 (RBK/AMD).
- Settled breach of contract claim filed by former NFL lineman who was a winning contestant on Shark Tank (patent to remove ribs from park) involving a "Shark" and a third-party investor. *Rastelli v. Fofbakers*, C.A. No. 19-5124 (NLH).
- Settled trademark case involving the infringement of plaintiff's mark for "Cape May Salt Oyster." *LaMonica Fine Food, LLC v. Cape May Salt Oyster Co., LLC*, C.A. No. 18-2515 (RMB/JS).

- Suit by NBA against prominent sports memorabilia company who sold alleged “knock off” jerseys on eBay, Amazon and other outlets. *Hall of Fame Sports Memorabilia Inc. v. NBA Properties, Inc.*, C.A. No. 19-19176 (RMB/JS).
- Class action alleging Mercedes-Benz cars were sold with defective red paint. *Ponzio v. Mercedes Benz USA, LLC*, C.A. No. 18-12544 (JHR/JS).
- Settled three consolidated age discrimination cases filed against UPS. *Lowe v. UPS*, C.A. No. 18-17226 (NLH/JS)
- Settled ERISA class action alleging defendants’ self-dealing resulted in losses incurred by the participants In defendants’ Profit Sharing Plan and Trust. *McCann, et al. v. Hill. et al.*, C.A. No. 20-6435 (NLH/JS).
- Nationwide class and collective action alleging defendant’s store managers were not paid overtime. *Magee v. Francesca’s Holdings Corp., et al.*, C.A. No. 17-565 (RBK/JS).
- Class action alleging defendant misrepresented the anti-aging effects of its SeroVital-High product. *Diebler v. Sanmedical International, LLC., et al.*, C.A. No. 19-20155 (NLH/JS).
- Multiple class and individual cases alleging claims for personal injuries, property damage and medical monitoring from exposure to defendants’ chemicals, including PFAS. *Giordano v. Solvay Specialties Polymers USA, et al.*, C.A. No. 19-21573 (NLH/JS), et al.
- Nationwide class action on behalf of 1.5 million families and 50,000 claimants who received unsolicited phone calls. *Somogyi v. Freedom Mortgage*, C.A. No. 17-6546 (RMB/JS).
- Class action on behalf of 450 families who were overcharged for closing costs. *Conover v. Patriot Land Transfer*, C.A. No. 17-4625 (RMB/JS).
- Lawsuit filed by federal express drivers alleging they were employees rather than independent contractors. *Carrow v. FedEx Ground Package System, Inc.*, C.A. No. 16-3026 (RBK/JS).
- Settled \$2.7 million fire loss subrogation claim. *HDI Global v. Worth & Company, Inc.*, C.A. No. 14-3614 (JHR/JS).
- Settlement of suit filed by institutionalized plaintiff who alleged his constitutional rights were violated when he was involuntarily administered drugs. *Bacon v. Burns*, C.A. No. 10-5484 (JBS/JS).
- Settled defamation lawsuit filed by a foreclosure attorney who was referred to as a “robo- signer” on defendant’s website. *Romano v. A Gold Services, Inc.*, C.A. No. 12-7916 (JHR/JS).
- Settled multi-million dollar claim filed by importer of nuts against packager for selling nuts contaminated with insects. *IMS v. Nutsco*, C.A. No. 19-8904 (NLH).