

Selected Class/Collective Actions Certified and/or Settlement Approval

Judge Schneider managed and settled scores of class/collective actions and/or settlement approvals in his 14- year career as a United States Magistrate Judge. The following is a representative list of the cases:

- Class certification and settlement approval of nationwide class of 1.5 million families who received unsolicited phone calls. 50,000 claimants to share \$9.5 million. Approved attorney's fee of \$3.16 million. *Somogyi v. Freedom Mortgage Corp.*, C.A. No. 17-6546 (RMB/JS) (9/20).
- Collective and Fed.R.Civ.P. 23 class certification and \$19.5 million settlement approval of 1650 assistant store managers who were not paid overtime wages. Approved attorney's fee of \$6.5 million. *Goodman v. Burlington Coat Factory*, 11-4395 (JHR/JS).
- Class settlement of beneficiaries of defendants' retirement plan who alleged ERISA violations. *McCann v. Hill*, 20-6435(NLH).
- Class certification and settlement approval of class of 450 families who overpaid closing costs due to defendants' alleged illegal kickback scheme in violation of RESPA. *Conover v. Patriot Land Transfer, LLC.*, C.A. No. 17-4625 (RMB/JS).
- Class certification and settlement approval of class of 8500 prisoners subject to alleged unconstitutional conditions of confinement. *Dearie v. Cape May County*, C.A. No. 15-8785 (RMB/JS).
- Class settlement of recipients of collection letters that violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. *Smith v. Professional Billing and Management Services, Inc.*, C.A. No. 06-4453 (JEL), 2007 WL 4191749 (D.N.J. Nov. 21, 2007).
- Class certification and settlement approval of class of employees in defendants' 401(k) plan who alleged defendants breached their ERISA fiduciary duties. *Skye v. Maeksk Line, Ltd.*, et al., 08-4813(JS).
- Class certification and settlement approval of 917 recipients of unsolicited sales telephone calls. *Krug v. Davis Attorneys, P.C.*, et al., 10-4975 (JS).
- Class settlement of class of retirees who alleged defendants improperly calculated their retirement benefits. *Lighfoot v. Arkema Inc. Retirement Plan*, 12-773 (JBS/JS).
- Declined to certify nationwide class of 800,000 individuals who received deficient collection letters on grounds the recovery to the class was inadequate and the proposed release was overbroad. *Zimmerman v. Zwicker and Associates, P.C.*, 09-3905 (RMB/JS), 2011 WL 65912 (Jan. 10, 2011).
- Class certification and settlement approval of class of recipients of collection letters providing misleading information regarding the amounts due on student loans. *Hovermale v. Immediate Credit Recovery, Inc.*, C.A. No. 15-5646 (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 consisting of 1000 people alleging they were overcharged for towing and storage charges. *Oglesby v. "Original" W. Hargrove*, 15-8006 (RBK/JS).
- Settled "tip credit" collective action involving 135 restaurant workers. *Underwood v. Harvest Moorestown, LLC*, 17-1550 (JHR/JS).