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FOCUS AREAS

Securities Fraud

Global Shareholder

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Fiduciary

Antitrust

Arbitration

Portfolio Monitoring

Legal Guidance

SecuritiesTracker™

Claims Filing

Corporate Governance & M+A

Whistleblower

EDUCATION

Cornell University

B.A. 1980 - Phi Beta Kappa

Harvard Law School

J.D. 1984 - cum laude

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

Delaware

New York

Geoffrey Jarvis, a partner of the Firm, focuses on securities litigation for institutional investors. Geoff had a major role in Oxford Health Plans Securities Litigation, DaimlerChrysler Securities Litigation, and Tyco Securities Litigation all of which were among the top ten securities settlements in U.S. history at the time they were resolved, as well as a large number of other securities cases over the past 16 years. Geoff has also been involved in a number of actions before the Delaware Chancery Court, including a Delaware appraisal case that resulted in a favorable decision for the firm's client after trial, and a Delaware appraisal case that was tried in October, argued in 2016, which is still awaiting a final decision.

Geoff graduated from Harvard Law School in 1984, and until 1986, Geoff served as a staff attorney with the Federal Communications Commission, participating in the development of new regulatory policies for the telecommunications industry. Geoff then became an associate in the Washington office of Rogers & Wells (subsequently merged into Clifford Chance), principally devoted to complex commercial litigation in the fields of antitrust and trade regulations, insurance, intellectual property, contracts and defamation issues, as well as counseling corporate clients in diverse industries on general legal and regulatory compliance matters. Geoff was previously associated with a prominent Philadelphia litigation boutique and had first-chair assignments in cases commenced under the Pennsylvania Whistleblower Act and in major antitrust, First Amendment, civil rights, and complex commercial litigation, including several successful arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From 2000 until early 2016, Geoff was a Director (Senior Counsel through 2001) at Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A., where he engaged in a number of federal securities, and state fiduciary cases (primarily in Delaware), including several of the largest settlements of the past 15 years. He also was lead trial counsel and/or associate counsel in a number of cases that were tried to a verdict (or are pending final decision).

Settled

- Apple REIT Ten: Conflicted REIT Roll-Up Leads to \$32 Million

District of Columbia
 United States Supreme Court
 USCA, First Circuit
 USCA, Second Circuit
 USCA, Third Circuit
 USCA, Fifth Circuit
 United States Court of Federal Claims
 USDC, District of Delaware
 USDC, District of Columbia
 USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
 USDC, Middle District of Pennsylvania
 USDC, Eastern District of New York
 USDC, Southern District of New York

Settlement on Eve of Trial

This shareholder derivative action challenged a conflicted “roll up” REIT transaction orchestrated by Glade M. Knight and his son Justin Knight. The proposed transaction paid the Knights millions of dollars while paying public stockholders less than they had invested in the company. The case was brought under Virginia law, and settled just ten days before trial, with stockholders receiving an additional \$32 million in merger consideration.

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- Theodoros Adamakopoulos and Others v. Republic of Cyprus, International Centre for the ICSID Case No. ARB/15/49

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News

- May 27, 2021 - Delaware Court of Chancery Approves \$90 Million Global Settlement of Stockholder Litigation Challenging Towers-Willis Merger
- October 1, 2020 - Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP Once Again

Included in the Benchmark Litigation Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys for 2021

- June 30, 2020 - Kessler Topaz Wins Reversal From Supreme Court of Delaware
- February 12, 2020 - Groundbreaking ICSID Arbitration Decision
- September 24, 2019 - Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP Once Again Included in the Benchmark Litigation Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys for 2020
- May 8, 2017 - Kessler Topaz Again Named Class Action Litigation Department of the Year by The Legal Intelligencer

Publications

“State Appraisal Statutes: An Underutilized Shareholder Remedy,” The Corporate Governance Advisor, May/June 2005, Vol. 13, #3.

Co-authored of “Securities Fraud, Stock Price Valuation, and Loss Causation: Toward a Corporate Finance-Based Theory of Loss Causation,” Business Lawyer, Aug. 2004.

Awards/Rankings

- Benchmark Litigation Stars, 2020
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, 2019