



"There are so many ways in which people in our society compete with one another and seek an advantage over one another. To me, justice is about making sure that the playing field is as level as possible."

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The chair of Lieff Cabraser's Economic Injury Product Defect Practice Group and member of the firm's Executive Committee, Jonathan D. Selbin litigates consumer protection and defective products class action lawsuits against many of the nation's most prominent corporations. This work has led to countless victories and numerous accolades, including most recently a 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association for Justice.

Jonathan argued and obtained a favorable appellate opinion in the Sixth Circuit in *In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liab. Litig.*, 678 F.3d 409 (6th Cir. 2012), vacated sub nom., *Whirlpool Corp. v. Glazer*, 133 S. Ct. 1722 (2013), reinstated *Glazer v. Whirlpool Corp. (In re Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Prods. Liab. Litig.)*, 722 F.3d 838 (6th Cir. 2013), cert. den., 2014 U.S. LEXIS 1484 (2014), and obtained a favorable opinion as appellate counsel in the Seventh Circuit in *Butler v. Sears*, 702 F.3d 359 (7th Cir. 2012), vacated, *Sears, Roebuck & Co. v. Butler*, 133 S. Ct. 2768 (2013), reinstated, *Butler v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 727 F.3d 796 (7th Cir. 2013), cert. den. 2014 U.S. LEXIS 1507 (2014). He also argued and obtained favorable appellate rulings in the Fifth Circuit in *McManus v. Fleetwood Enters.*, 320 F.3d 545 (5th Cir. 2003), and in the Ninth Circuit in *Omstead v. Dell, Inc.*, 594 F.3d 1081 (9th Cir. 2010).

Jonathan spearheaded a series of groundbreaking class actions under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") which have transformed the debt collection industry. Leading the Lief Cabraser team, Jonathan developed and implemented the legal strategy responsible for the largest settlements in the history of the TCPA. In 2015, Lief Cabraser and co-counsel achieved final approval for two of the largest settlements in the 25-year history of the TCPA: a \$75,455,098.74 settlement with Capital One and several of its vendors (*In re Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation*, Master Docket No. 1:12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill.)), and a \$39,975,000 settlement with HSBC (*Wilkins v. HSBC Bank Nev., N.A.*, Case No. 14-cv-190 (N.D. Ill.)). In 2015 alone, Lief Cabraser's settlements in TCPA cases collectively resulted in the recovery by consumers across America of over \$130 million. By mid-2016, that number had risen to over \$200 million. More importantly, Jonathan's work on these cases has put a stop to millions of harassing calls by debt collectors. The practice changes secured by Jonathan, his team, and their co-counsel have ended harassing debt collection calls to tens of millions of customers and non-customers at many of the nation's largest financial services providers.

Jonathan currently serves as Court-appointed interim lead counsel in *In Re: Navistar Maxxforce Engines Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2590 (N.D. Ill.). He previously served as as Court-appointed lead counsel in *In re: Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Litig.*, MDL No. 2001 (N.D. Ohio); Court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re: Capital One TCPA Litig.*, MDL No. 2416 (N.D. Ill.); Court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re: Imprelis Herbicide Litig.*, MDL No. 2281 (E.D. Pa.), which resulted in a nationwide settlement of property damage claims in an amount of almost \$575 million; and as Court-appointed co-lead counsel in *In re: Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litig.*, MDL No. 1914 (D.N.J), where he obtained certification of a nationwide consumer protection litigation class, and twice successfully defended it in the Third Circuit.

With Professor Samuel Issacharoff, Jonathan was the primary author of the certiorari opposition papers in the Whirlpool and Sears cases in the United States Supreme Court, which ultimately resulted in a denial of certiorari.

Together, cases in which Jonathan has played a lead role have resulted in court-approved class action settlements with a combined total recovery for class members exceeding \$2.5 billion in cash, plus other relief, such as extended and enhanced warranties.

Jonathan is a member of the inaugural Board of Counselors for Equal Justice Works. He is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, and he clerked for Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel in the Northern District of California from 1993-1995 prior to joining Lieff Cabraser.

Areas of Practice

- Consumer Protection
- Defective Products

Education

- Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- J.D. (Magna Cum Laude) - 1993
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) - 1989

Admissions

- California, 1994
- District of Columbia, 2000
- New York, 2001
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2d Circuit, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, 2009
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 2002
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 1997
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1995
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2009
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2010
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2001
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2013
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, 2014

Professional Associations & Memberships

- Alliance for Justice, New York Advisory Board
- American Association for Justice
- American Bar Association
- Bar of the District of Columbia
- Equal Justice Works, Board of Counselors
- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- State Bar of California

Published Works

- Contributing Author, “Ninth Circuit Reshapes California Consumer-Protection Law,” American Bar Association, July 2012
- On Class Actions, 2009
- Contributing Author, California Class Actions Practice and Procedures (Elizabeth J. Cabraser, editor-in-chief), 2003
- “Bashers Beware: The Continuing Constitutionality of Hate Crimes Statutes After R.A.V.,” 72 Oregon Law Review 157, Spring 1993

Honors & Awards

- Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in field of Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2013-2017
- Distinguished Service Award, American Association for Justice, 2016
- New York Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2013-2016
- Super Lawyer for New York Metro, Super Lawyers, 2006-2016
- Lawdragon Finalist, Lawdragon, 2009