

Indirect and Direct Purchaser Class Actions

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Zelle is among the preeminent antitrust class action litigation firms in the United States with class action litigators in San Francisco, Washington DC and Minneapolis. With many decades of collective experience, Zelle attorneys have successfully represented classes of consumers and businesses in California, multi-state and nationwide antitrust class actions. We have also successfully defended corporations in antitrust class actions. We are a diverse group (two thirds women and/or of color) of skilled attorneys who elevate our performance through our collaborative approach with our colleagues and clients.

Given our focus and success in this area, Zelle and its antitrust litigators have garnered numerous antitrust class action and other antitrust accolades, including repeated top tier and other recognition by The Legal 500, U.S. News – Best Lawyers in America, Chambers & Partners USA, Super Lawyers, Global Competition Review's Who's Who Legal and Rising Stars, Lawdragon and the Daily Journal.

Zelle is particularly well-known for its representation of classes of indirect purchaser plaintiffs (consumers and other end purchasers of affected products from cartelists), and direct purchaser plaintiffs (business entities that directly purchase such products from cartelists). Zelle has an unparalleled record of leading and contributing to successes on behalf of both indirect purchaser and direct purchaser classes.

Zelle attorneys have been appointed by courts as lead counsel, co-lead counsel, liaison counsel, or as members of executive committees in numerous antitrust class actions, and are frequently relied upon to make critical contributions to case prosecution and success as co-counsel in non-leadership positions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

In re: Hard Disk Drive Suspension Assemblies Antitrust Litigation, 19-md-02918-MMC.

Co-Lead counsel for indirect purchaser end-user plaintiffs.

In re California Gasoline Spot Market Antitrust Litigation, No. 3:20-cv-03131-JSC.

Member, Executive Committee, and Liaison to the California Attorney

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General's Office, representing gasoline buyers throughout the state of California.

German Automotive Manufacturers Antitrust Litigation, 3:17-md-02796-CRB (N.D. Cal.).

Member, Plaintiff's Steering Committee, representing direct purchasers of German automobiles.

In re: Railway Industry Employee No-Poach Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2850. Counsel for railway industry employee settlement class and settlement class representative, with case settlements of \$49 million.

Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.). Liaison Counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs and significant responsibilities for industry experts, with case settlements totaling almost \$140 million.

Brown v. 140 NM LLC, et al., No. 4:17-cv-05782-JSW.

Defended several Bay Area restaurants accused of engaging in a nationwide no-tipping conspiracy to drive up prices, helping get the case dismissed with prejudice.

In Re: Domestic Airline Travel Antitrust Litigation, 1:15-mc-01404-CKK (D. D.C.).

Counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs with significant responsibilities in defendant discovery and related matters.

In Re: Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litigation, 3:15-md-02670-JLS-MDD (S.D. Cal.).

Counsel for indirect purchaser end payor plaintiffs with significant responsibilities in pleading, expert work and class certification efforts.

In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2311, No. 12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.).

Member, Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for indirect purchaser end payor plaintiffs, with case settlements of over \$1 billion.

In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 07-1827 (N.D. Cal.). Co-Lead Counsel for 23 litigated indirect purchaser end payor state damages

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classes with case settlements totaling \$1.1 billion.

In re SRAM Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 07-1819 (N.D. Cal.).

Lead Counsel for 25 litigated indirect purchaser end-payor classes with case settlements totaling \$41.3 million.

In re Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) Antitrust Litig., MDL NO. 1917 (N.D. Cal.).

Counsel for 22 litigated indirect purchaser end payor state damages classes with case settlements totaling \$580 million, and with central role in obtaining class certification, expert work, trial preparation, and other case matters.

In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1486 (N.D. Cal.).

Liaison Counsel for indirect purchaser end payor classes with case settlements of over \$310 million.

Sullivan et al. v. DB Investments, Inc. et al., (*DeBeers Diamonds Antitrust Litigation*), Civil No. 04-02819 (SRC) (D. N.J.).

Court-appointed class counsel for indirect purchaser end payor classes with case settlements of \$295 million.

Microsoft Antitrust Litigation - California Microsoft Cases, J.C.C.P. No. 4106 (Cal. Super. Ct., San Francisco Cty.); *Microsoft Antitrust Litigation*, No. 00-5994 (Minn. Dist. Ct., Hennepin Cty.); *Comes v. Microsoft Corp.*, No. CL 82311

Co-Lead Counsel, Liaison Counsel and/or Member, Executive Committee in these indirect-purchaser class actions in California, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin state courts with collective settlements of nearly \$1.7 billion.

Smokeless Tobacco Antitrust Litigation, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4250, 4258, 4259 & 4262 (California Superior Court, San Francisco).

Member, Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, representing California indirect purchasers of canned smokeless tobacco products with case settlement of \$96 million for the California class.

In re Flash Memory Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1852 (N.D. Cal.).

Co-Lead Counsel for indirect purchasers.



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In re Intel Corp. Microprocessor Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 1717 (D. Del.).
Liaison Counsel and Member, Executive Committee, representing indirect purchasers.

In re Graphics Processing Units Antitrust Litigation, MDL 1826 WHA (N.D. Cal.).
Co-Lead Counsel for indirect purchasers.

California Natural Gas Antitrust Litigation, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228 (Cal. Superior Court, San Diego).
Member, Executive Committee, representing indirect purchasers of natural gas in California, with case settlements totaling nearly \$165 million.