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Founded in Chicago in 1999, **FREED & WEISS LLC** (“F&W”) is “well known for their consumer class action cases.” *Waudby v. Verizon Wireless Services*, 248 F.R.D. 173, 176 (D.N.J. 2008).

F&W, with offices in Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri represents individuals, medical professionals, small and large businesses and county and municipal governments in complex and/or class action lawsuits. On their behalf, F&W has obtained aggregate recoveries of hundreds of millions of dollar in consumer fraud, products liability, breach of contract, and antitrust actions in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

Notable Cases:

➤ *Pella Corp. v. Saltzman, et al.*, -- F.3d --, 2010 WL 1994653 (7th Cir., May 20, 2010), F&W lead counsel in product design defect class action in which, on interlocutory appeal from the District Court’s class certification order, see 257 F.R.D. 471 (N.D. Ill. 2009), the United

States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit addressed, in case of first impression, the “contention that consumer fraud claims are inappropriate for class treatment.”

Affirming the district court’s class certification order, which certified a national Rule 23(b)(2) injunctive relief class and six-state Rule 23(b)(3) damages class comprised of Illinois, California, Florida, Michigan, New York and New Jersey homeowners, the Seventh Circuit held that “district courts are permitted to ‘devise imaginative solutions to problems created by the presence in a class action litigation of individual damages issues.’”

The *Pella* case alleges that a material design defect exists in Pella’s **ProLine** Windows, causing the windows to leak and prematurely rot. *Saltzman, et al. v. Pella Corp.*, 06-c-4481-JBZ (N.D. Ill.).

➤ *Kinkel v. Cingular Wireless*, 223 Ill.2d 1 (Ill. 2006), F&W co-lead counsel in case in which Illinois Supreme Court unanimously ruled that arbitration clause in Cingular’s cell phone contract violated public policy, and was thus unenforceable.

➤ *AOL Unauthorized Charges Litigation*. F&W Co-Lead class counsel in lawsuit challenging AOL’s imposition of allegedly unauthorized charges on AOL account holders. The case settled for over \$50 million (cash / direct account credits), plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. *O’Leary et al v. America Online, Inc., et al.*, No. 03 L 491 (Illinois Circuit Court, 20th Judicial District).

➤ *In re NationsRent Rental Fee Litigation*. F&W Co-Lead Rule 23(g) Class counsel in case that challenged allegedly improper “environmental” fees assessed by rental company. *In re:*

NationsRent Rental Fee Litigation, No. 06-60924-CIV-Brown (S.D. FL.) The District Court certified a national “unjust enrichment” class, *see* 2009 WL 636188 (S.D. Fla. Feb. 24, 2009), which the United States Appellate Court for the Eleventh Circuit refused to reverse upon Nationsrent’s Rule 23(f) motion. *In re: Nationsrent, Inc.* Petitioner, No. 09-90008-H (11th Cir., Apr. 24, 2009)

➤ ***Nationwide Ins. Co. “Medical Payments” Litigation.*** F&W Co-Lead class counsel in lawsuit that challenged Nationwide Insurance Company’s use of allegedly biased claims valuation software to pay medical claims. The settlement was granted final approval in March 2008, and provides benefits to the class in excess of \$60 million, plus attorney fees and expenses. Cashman v. Allied Insurance, et al., No. CV 05-415-TUC-RCC (D. AZ) and Garza v. Nationwide Ins. Co., et al., No. 02-06322 (148th Judicial District, Texas).

➤ ***T-Mobile “ETF Fee” Litigation.*** F&W one of Rule 23(g) Class Counsel in national \$11.5 million settlement that has been granted final approved by the United States District Court, District of New Jersey. Millron, et al. v. T-Mobile USA, Inc., No. 08-cv4149-JLL (D.N.J.)

➤ ***Internet Hotel Tax Litigation.*** F&W represents Monroe County, Florida and Goodlettsville, Tennessee, among others, in lawsuits challenging Internet Travel Companies’ calculation and payment of taxes. *See, e.g.*, County of Monroe, Florida v. Priceline.Com, Orbitz, Hotels.com, et al., No. 09-10004 (S.D. Fla.), 2010 WL 959933, __ F. Supp.2d __ (S.D. Fla. Mar. 15, 2010, certifying Florida class); and The City of Goodlettsville, Tennessee v. Priceline.com, Inc., et al, 08-cv-00561 (M.D. Tenn.).

➤ ***“Silent PPO” Insurance Litigation.*** F&W is litigating putative class actions that seek to represent medical providers whose bills for medical services were improperly discounted based upon Preferred Provider Organization (“PPO”) discounts. F&W is prosecuting “silent PPO” lawsuits against Country Companies and is on appeal challenging a settlement with First Health. F&W has recently tentatively settled its certified class action against CorVel Corporation for direct payment to each class member of \$300.00, amounting to an Illinois statewide settlement in excess of \$2 million.

➤ ***Sprint “Early Cancellation Fee” Litigation.*** F&W Rule 23(g) Co-lead Class Counsel in \$17.5 million settlement that has been granted final approved by the United States District Court, District of New Jersey. Larson, et al. v. Sprint Nextel, et al., No. 07-cv-05325-JLL (D.N.J.) and is currently on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

➤ ***Carey v. Kerr McGee Chemical Corp., et al.*** F&W was co-lead counsel in case of first impression in Illinois to recognize claim for “medical monitoring.” Carey v. Kerr McGee Chemical Corp., 60 F.Supp.2d 800 (N.D. Ill. 1999). Case settled for \$5 million on behalf of class of minor children who resided in West Chicago, Illinois. Carey v. Kerr McGee Chemical Corp., No. 96 C 8583 (N.D. Ill.)

➤ ***Phillips v. Ford Motor Co.***, 435 F.3d 785 (7th Cir. 2006) FW co-lead counsel in case of “first impression” under Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”), holding that post-CAFA amendments adding named plaintiffs to putative class action

complaint did not constitute “commencement” of new action.

➤ **“Total Loss” Automobile Litigation.** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit that challenged several insurance companies’ use of allegedly biased claims valuation software to pay “total loss” claims. The case settled for \$50 million, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. In re Total Loss Class Action Litigation, Nos. 01 L 157, No. 01 L 149, 01 L 158, 03 L 1267, et al. (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District)

➤ **Old Kent Bank “Improper Collection” Practice.** F&W lead counsel in lawsuit challenging Old Kent’s debt collection practices. The case settled for direct payment to class members that represented 100% recovery. Ibrahim v. Old Kent Bank, No. 99 C 999 (N.D. Ill.)

➤ **USAA “Medical Payments” Litigation.** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit challenging USAA Insurance Company’s payment of medical bills and use of allegedly biased claims valuation software. The case settled for \$35 million, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. Bemis v. United Services Automobile Association, et al., No. 00 L 224 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District).

➤ **AT&T / Cingular “Early Cancellation Fee” Litigation.** F&W appointed one of Rule 23(g) Interim Class Counsel by District of New Jersey in putative national class action challenging cell phone companies’ “Early Termination Fees” on cell phone users. Larson v. AT&T Mobility, et al., 07-05325-JLL (D.N.J. 2008). The parties have now agreed to settle this case and related action for over \$18 million, and the settlement has now been granted preliminary approval.

➤ **Trilegiant / Cendant Unauthorized Charge Litigation.** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit challenging imposition of allegedly unauthorized charges on consumers who purportedly signed up for various “memberships” offered by Trilegiant and its marketing partners. The case settled for \$25 million cash, plus injunctive relief and attorneys’ fees and expenses. Pederson v. Trilegiant Corp. f/k/a Cendant Membership Services, Inc., No. 01 L 1126 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District)

➤ **Horace Mann “Medical Payments” Litigation.** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit challenging Horace Mann’s use of allegedly biased claims valuation software to pay medical claims. The case settled for \$1.5 million, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. Aleman v. Horace Mann Ins. Co., No. DC-03-176 (District Court, 229th Judicial District, Texas)

➤ **Homecomings “Junk Fee” Litigation.** F&W co-lead counsel in lawsuit that challenged imposition of third party fees on mortgages. The case settled for \$15 million, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. Knight v. Homecomings Financial Network, No. 03 L 1923 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District).

➤ **Ashland Oil “Valvoline Motor Oil” Litigation.** F&W lead counsel in lawsuit that challenged misrepresentations in the sale of Valvoline motor oil. The case settled for \$3 million, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. Blackwell v. Ashland, Inc. d/b/a The Valvoline Company, No. 99 CI 00129 (Greenup County, Kentucky)

➤ **Travelers “Medical Payments” Litigation.** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit that challenged Travelers

Insurance Company's use of allegedly biased claims valuation software to adjust and pay insured persons' and medical providers' claims. The case settled for \$15 million, plus attorneys' fees and expenses. Ragan v. Travelers Property Casualty Company, No. 00 L 224 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial District).

➤ ***Chase "Disposition Fee" Litigation.*** F&W lead class counsel in lawsuit that challenged Chase Manhattan's imposition of "Disposition Fees" on lease holders at scheduled lease termination. The case settled for \$10 million, plus attorneys' fees and expenses. Hall v. Chase Manhattan Automotive Finance Corp. d/b/a Chase Auto, No. 99 CH 360 (Illinois Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois).

➤ ***Hollywood Video "Late Fees" Litigation.*** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit that challenged Hollywood Video's imposition of "late fees" on its customers. The case settled for \$13 million, plus attorneys' fees and expenses. DeFrates v. Hollywood Entertainment Corp., No. 02 L 707 (Illinois Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit).

➤ ***Liberty Fire/Liberty Mutual Medpay Litigation (personal Lines) (Oregon).*** \$5.5 million settlement; F&W co-lead class counsel in national settlement of claims challenging Liberty's payment of medical bills, which allegedly exceeded "usual and customary" charges and/or reductions taken pursuant to PPO agreements. Froeber v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., No. 00 C 15234 (Circuit Court Marion County, Oregon).

➤ ***Behr Sealant Litigation (Illinois/California).*** F&W class counsel in case that first sought and obtained certification of a national class (excluding

Washington state), after which the case settled through prior pending California action for \$100 million. Caliper v. Masco Corporation, Behr Process Corp., et al., No. 01 L 232 (Illinois Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit).

➤ ***UPS "Excess Insurance" Litigation.*** F&W co-lead class counsel in lawsuit challenging insurance charges imposed by UPS. The case was settled for \$48 million, including attorneys' fees and expenses. Triad Industries v. United Parcel Service, No. 00 L 600 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit).

Pending Cases include:

➤ ***H&R Block "Peace of Mind" Litigation.*** F&W co-lead counsel in certified, multi-state class action challenging H&R Block's "Peace of Mind" charge. Plaintiffs claim that Block sells "Peace of Mind" to persons who, because of their financial means, receive little or no benefit from the program. Marshall v. H&R Block Tax Services, Inc., No. 08-cv-591-MJR (S.D. Ill. 2008), previously pending in Illinois state court as 02 L 0004 (Illinois Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit).

➤ ***LG Front Load Washing Machine Litigation.*** F&W appointed one of Rule 23(g) Co-Lead Class Counsel in putative class action alleging that LG's front load washing machines suffer from inherent design defect that causes mold to buildup in the machine. In re: LG Front Load Washing Machine Class Action Litigation, 08-cv-51-FSH (D.N.J. 2008).

➤ ***In re: Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2001.*** F&W appointed Rule 23(g) Executive Committee Class Counsel in putative class action

alleging that Whirlpool's front load washing machines suffer from inherent design defect that causes mold to buildup in the machine. In re: Whirlpool Corp. Front-Loading Washer Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2001, 08-wp-65000-JG (N.D. OH 2008).

➤ **Group Health Out-of-Network "UCR" Litigation:** F&W has long been at the forefront of litigation against the insurance industry's use of flawed and fraudulent computerized fee programs such as Ingenix. Many group health insurers use these allegedly biased programs to calculate "usual and customary" (UCR) reimbursement deductions for out-of-network treatment, and to cheat patients and medical providers out of money. F&W is currently involved in UCR Group Health cases against Aetna, Wellpoint and Cigna, among others. *E.g.*, In re: Aetna UCR Litigation, MDL No. 2020, 07-cv-3541-FSH (D.N.J.); In re Wellpoint Inc. Out-of-Network "UCR" Rates Litigation, MDL 2074, 09-ml-2074-PSG (C.D. C.A.).

➤ **Automobile Medpay "UCR" Litigation:** F&W filed one of the very first "UCR" class actions – in 1999 - challenging the automobile industry's use of biased computer databases. Strasen v. Allstate Ins. Co. The Strasen case settled in 2009 and provided benefits to the class of over \$60 million. F&W has thus long been at the forefront of litigation against the auto insurance industry's use of flawed and fraudulent computerized fee programs such as Ingenix. These bogus programs are used to chisel patients and medical providers out of insurance coverage granted by a policy's "medical payment" or PIP coverage.

F&W has litigated over 15 UCR class action lawsuits, and is currently in leadership roles in litigation against Farmers

Insurance Exchange, Allstate, 21st Century and others.

➤ **AT&T Internet Sales Tax Litigation, MDL 2147.** F&W along with co-counsel has filed suit against AT&T challenging its imposition of state or local taxes on Internet access. Buchar, et al. v. AT&T Mobility, LLC, 10-cv-00842 (N.D. Ill., filed 2/08/10) The Judicial Panel of Multi-District Litigation recently consolidated and coordinated these cases in the Northern District of Illinois as MDL No. 2147 before Judge Amy St. Eve.

➤ **In re: Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Cheese Antitrust Litigation, MDL 2031.** F&W is an active participant in the current class action against the world's largest dairy cooperative, the Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), challenging DFA's manipulation of commodities price to drive up the price it would receive for selling raw milk. This complex litigation is proceeding under the federal antitrust and racketeering laws.

➤ **Motorola Securities Litigation.** F&W is liaison counsel on behalf of the St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund in this securities fraud action filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund v. Motorola, Inc., et al., No. 10-cv-00427 (N.D. Ill. 2010).

➤ **DirecTV Early Termination Fee Litigation, MDL 2093.** F&W is Rule 23(g) Executive Committee Counsel in this case challenging DirecTV's imposition of early termination fees. These fees, which plaintiffs' allege are nothing more than illegal penalties, prevent customers from switching premium cable service by charging customers exorbitant termination

fees whenever a customer attempts to switch or stop service prior to the contract's expiration (even if due to poor service). In re: DirecTV Early Cancellation Fee Marketing and Sales Litig., MDL 2093, No. 09-ml-2093AG (C.D. Calif. 2009).

➤ ***Sirius / XM Radio Inc. Merger Litigation.*** F&W is currently deeply involved in the ongoing class action against satellite broadcaster Sirius challenging the legality of Sirius' merger with competitor XM. The merger is being challenged under the antitrust laws and seeks redress for all Sirius and XM subscribers who have been subjected to multiple price increases since the merger.

➤ ***STi Calling Card Litigation.*** F&W is one of Rule 23(g) Co-Lead Class counsel in this case that challenges the methods used to bill time and charge fees on calling cards sold by STi and its affiliates. Ramirez v. STi Prepaid LLC et al., 08-cv-01089-SDW (D.N.J. 2008). Plaintiffs allege that STI does not properly disclose all fees and limits adequately and, for example, a card selling for \$10.00 with 60 minutes of promised calling card time is in fact only good for 35 minutes of calling time when undisclosed fees and charges are included. F&W has filed several "calling card" cases and has settled virtually identical claims against *Epana*, *Total Call*, *Locus International* and others.

➤ ***"Title Premium" Litigation.*** F&W represents homeowners in putative class actions against title insurers who allegedly failed to provide mandatory refinance discounts to homeowners who refinanced their existing mortgages. *See e.g., Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co.*, 545 F.Supp.2d 662 (E.D. Mich. 2008); Lewis v. First American Title Ins. Co., 2007 WL 2815041 (D. Id.) (certifying class of

Idaho homeowners who purchased title insurance from First American; see *Lewis* at -- F.R.D. --, 2010 WL 675230 (D. Idaho Feb. 24, 2010).

ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHIES

FREED & WEISS LLC is comprised of the following attorneys:

ERIC C. BRUNICK is an associate at F&W and a member of the Illinois bar. Eric graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2005. While at Chicago-Kent, Eric earned CALI awards in Legal Writing II, and in his seminar course, Consumer Health Benefits. Eric is a certified mediator for the Center for Conflict Resolution in Chicago, IL.

Prior to law school, Eric graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1995 with a B.S. in Computer Engineering. Eric spent eight years in the technology industry designing software for and providing business and technology consulting services to Fortune 500 companies. Eric's specialization was in client management and user interface design.

RICHARD J. BURKE, P.C. is a Partner at F&W and the managing partner of its St. Louis, Missouri office. Rich has worked on over 100 class action cases throughout the country. In his 30 years of practice, Rich has tried over 100 cases to verdict including medical malpractice,

federal and state criminal cases, products liability and complex commercial litigation. Richard specializes in complex litigation including consumer and insurance class actions, telecommunications, and appellate practice in the state and federal courts. He has briefed and argued significant cases before the Supreme Courts of Illinois and Missouri, the United States Courts of Appeal for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits, and intermediate state appellate courts. Rich is also a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Rich has been appointed class counsel in numerous high profile class action law suits, including cases against AOL, Behr Process Corporation, Hilton Hotels, Hollywood Entertainment Corporation, Homecomings, Sprint, Travelers Property Casualty Company, United Parcel Service, and United Services Automobile Association.

Rich graduated with a B.A. from Knox College in 1975, and received his J.D. from Washington University School of Law in 1978.

PAUL CHO is an associate at F&W and a member of the Illinois bar. Prior to joining Freed & Weiss, Paul worked as an associate attorney for a Chicago-based law

firm where he was involved in various litigation matters, including environmental cleanup matters under CERCLA, securities arbitration matters before FINRA, and other commercial and civil litigation matters. Paul also has experience in both transactional and regulatory compliance matters, including preparation and review of contractual documents and analysis of federal and state regulations affecting corporate clients.

Paul is a 2007 graduate of University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as a managing editor for Minnesota Journal of International Law. Paul earned a dual degree in English and History from the University of Michigan in 2001, and a master's degree in Biblical Studies from Westminster Theological Seminary in 2004. Paul reads, writes, and speaks fluent Korean, and can also read basic Hebrew and Greek.

ERIC D. FREED is a founding member of F&W. Eric graduated from Claremont McKenna College, and obtained his Juris Doctorate from University of Illinois School of Law. Eric is admitted to practice in Illinois and in the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the Central District Court of California.

Eric has focused his practice on plaintiff class action litigation for over 15 years, and previously founded and operated the Law Office of Eric D. Freed in California and Chicago, prior to co-founding F&W in 1999.

GEORGE K. LANG is a Partner at Freed & Weiss.

George is member of the Illinois bar, and is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar). George graduated from Drake University in 1987 with a Triple Major in English, Philosophy and Psychology. In 1991 received his Juris Doctorate from Drake University Law School and his Masters in Business Administration from Drake University College of Business Administration. In 1995 George received his LL.M in Health Law from DePaul University Law School where he was also Assistant Casenote Editor for the JOURNAL OF HEALTH AND HOSPITAL LAW. George is Co-Founder of the American Trial Lawyers Association Toxic Mold Litigation Group as well as a former Co-Chair. Prior to joining F&W, George

practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation.

JEFFREY A. LEON is a Partner at Freed & Weiss and heads its antitrust and RICO practice.

Jeff has a broad and deep understanding of the antitrust laws gained from his eighteen years of practicing antitrust law first as associate at Kirkland and Ellis (1991-1996), associate (1996-2000) then partner at Winston & Strawn (2000-2007) and partner at Ungaretti & Harris (2007-2008). From a trial perspective, Jeff is one of the most experienced antitrust lawyers in the country. Unlike most antitrust lawyers, Jeff has actually tried cases. Jeff has:

- defended ITW Corporation in a two and one-half month jury trial against claims it had engaged in a conspiracy to fix the prices of high pressure laminate, gaining a complete defense verdict in favor of his client. The class in that case was seeking \$1.3 billion in damages;

- defended Chicago Bridge & Iron in a three-month bench trial at the Federal Trade Commission against a challenge to its acquisition of Pitt-Des Moines, Inc.;

- defended Yukon Fuel in a contested consent decree proceeding and temporary restraining order hearing concerning its merger with its largest competitor, defeating

challenges to the merger in both proceedings.

Jeff has also represented some of the largest corporations in the country against antitrust challenges including Ameritech Corporation (now SBC), Bell Atlantic (now Verizon), Abbott Laboratories, and American Home Products. In addition, he has made numerous representations of Fortune 500 companies against consumer fraud lawsuits.

Jeff now uses his unique perspective as an experienced trial lawyer and defense lawyer to vindicate the interests of those aggrieved by anticompetitive conduct including price fixing, monopolization, and unlawful mergers and acquisitions. Jeff understands keenly how lawyers for these large companies will defend their clients, because he used to be one of those lawyers. He also understands how to prepare a case for trial, and is not afraid to see a case end up in a trial if a trial benefits his clients.

Jeff has written and spoken on antitrust issues. He has lectured on antitrust law at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern and he has published several articles on antitrust law including, for example, *DISAGGREGATION OF ECONOMIST LIABILITY TESTIMONY IN SECTION ONE LITIGATION*, *ABA Section of Antitrust Law*

Economics Committee Newsletter and THE EVIDENTIARY ROLE OF ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE POLICIES IN SECTION ONE CIVIL LITIGATION, *ABA Sherman Act Section One Committee Newsletter*.

Jeff is a 1991 summa cum laude graduate of the Indiana University School of Law where he was third in his class, an editor of the Indiana Law Journal, champion of the Sherman Minton Moot court competition and a member of Order of the Coif. Jeff graduated cum laude from the University of Redlands in 1987 with degrees in political science and history. Jeff was a championship debater at Redlands, and was selected as the fifth most outstanding individual speaker at the 1987 National Debate Tournament.

JULIE D. MILLER is an associate at F&W and a member of the Illinois and Wisconsin bar. Julie graduated with high distinction from Pennsylvania State University in 2005 with a B.S. in Supply Chain and Information Studies and a minor in Spanish. In 2008, she graduated *cum laude* from Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington. While at IU, Julie was the Senior Production Manager for the INDIANA JOURNAL OF GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES, after earning Associate of the Year

award during her first year on the journal. Julie was a quarterfinalist in the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition and member of the Moot Court Board. During law school, Julie interned for United States Magistrate Judge Tim A. Baker of the Southern District of Indiana and clerked for Judge Frank M. Nardi for the Owen County Circuit Court. Julie is an active volunteer and member of the Young Professionals Board of Directors for the Center for Disability and Elder Law in Chicago.

JULIA PETERSON is an associate at F&W and a member of the Missouri bar and resident associate at F&W's St. Louis office. Julia graduated from University of Utah in 2000 with a BA in English Literature. She is a 2005 graduate of Saint Louis University School of Law, where she was a David Grant Clinic Student Award Candidate and a merit based scholar for all six semesters. Julia is admitted to the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits. Julia is a merit badge counselor for Boy Scouts of America, a volunteer for performing arts organization for disadvantaged youth and is a Presidential Campaign Volunteer.

JAMIE E. SALTZMAN WEISS is a Partner at Freed & Weiss. Jamie is admitted to the Illinois bar, and is also admitted to practice in the Northern District of Illinois. Jamie attended Indiana University, receiving Bachelors of Art in Psychology and Telecommunications, and received her Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law-Illinois Institute of Technology, where she also earned a Certificate in Environmental Law. Prior to joining F&W, Jamie worked for the Law Offices of Eric D. Freed, on antitrust and securities class action cases, and for a boutique plaintiffs' personal injury firm in Chicago. Jamie is actively involved in animal rights, and is a member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

PAUL M. WEISS is a founding Member of F&W. Paul received both undergraduate and law degrees from Indiana University, graduating law school *magna cum laude* and ORDER OF THE COIF and was a member of LAW REVIEW. Paul is admitted generally to practice in the State of Illinois, United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois, Eastern District of Michigan and is a Member of the Northern District Trial Bar. Paul has been admitted to practice *pro hac*

vice in several state and federal courts, including New Jersey, Idaho, New Mexico, California and Florida.

Paul has litigated numerous class actions in state and federal courts. Prior to founding F&W, Paul practiced for four years at the Seattle, Washington office of what was then known as Hagens & Berman, focusing exclusively on plaintiff consumer class actions.

Paul's published opinions include: Saltzman v. Pella Corp., 257 F.R.D. 471 (N.D. Ill. 2009); Harper v. LG Electronics USA, Inc., 595 F.Supp.2d 486 (D.N.J. 2009); Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co., 545 F.Supp.2d 662 (E.D. Mich. 2008); Coppolino v. Total Call International, Inc., 588 F.Supp.2d 594 (D.N.J. 2009); Waudby v. Verizon Wireless Services LLC, 248 F.R.D. 173 (D.N.J. 2008); Phillips v. Ford Motor Co., 435 F.3d 785 (7th Cir. 2006); Knudsen v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., 435 F.3d 755 (7th Cir. 2006) ("Knudsen II"); Knudsen v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., 411 F.3d 805 (7th Cir. 2005) ("Knudsen I"); Hall v. Sprint Spectrum L.P., 376 Ill.App.3d 822 (Ill. App. 2007), *petition leave appeal denied*, Sprint Spectrum, Petitioner, No. 105309 (January 30, 2008); Kinkel v. Cingular Wireless, 357 Ill.App.3d 556 (Ill.App. 2005), *affirmed*, 223 Ill.2d 1 (Ill.

2006); Hall v. Sprint Spectrum L.P., 368 Ill.App.3d 820 (Ill. App. 2006); Zobrist v. Verizon Wireless, 354 Ill.App.3d 1139 (Ill. App. 2004); Peach v. CIM Ins. Corp., 352 Ill.App.3d 691, *appeal denied*, 212 Ill.2d 536, *petition for cert. denied*, 126 S.Ct. 1429 (U.S. Ill. Feb. 27, 2006); America's Moneyline, Inc. v. Coleman, 360 F.3d 782 (7th Cir. 2004); Reynolds v. GMAC Financial Services, 344 Ill.App.3d 843 (5th Dist., Ill. 2003); American Bankers Life Assur. Co. of Florida v. Evans, 319 F.3d 907 (7th Cir. 2003); Hanke v. American Intern. South Ins. Co., 335 Ill.App.3d 1164 (5th Dist., Ill. 2002), *appeal denied*, 203 Ill.2d 546 (Ill. 2003); Travis v. American Mfrs. Mut. Ins. Co., 335 Ill.App.3d 1171 (5th Dist., Ill. 2002), *appeal denied*, 203 Ill.2d 571 (Ill. 2003); Cohen v. Blockbuster Entertainment, Inc. 338 Ill.App.3d 171 (1st Dist., Ill. 2003); Cohen v. Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., 376 Ill.App.3d 588 (Ill. App. 2007); Best Buy Co. v. Barrera, 248 S.W.3d 160 (Tex. 2007); Harsch v. Illinois, et al., 2002 WL 1433875 (Ill.Ct.Claims March 13, 2002); Garbie v. DaimlerChrysler, 211 F.3d 407 (7th Cir. 2000); Saltzman v. Pella Corp., 2007 WL 844883 (N.D. Ill., March 20, 2007); Lewis v. First American Title Ins. Co., 2007 WL 2815041 (D.Id., Sept. 25, 2007); Power v. GMAC Mortgage Corp.,

2007 WL 723509 (N.D. Ill., March 7, 2007); Leon County v. Hotels.com, et al., 2006 WL 3519102 (S.D. Fla., Dec. 6, 2006); Ibrahim v. Old Kent Bank, 2000 WL 263987 (N.D. Ill. 2000); Carey v. Kerr McGee Chemical Corp., 60 F.Supp. 800 (N.D. Ill. 1999) and 999 F.Supp. 1109 (N.D. Ill. 1998); In re. Ticketmaster Corp. Antitrust Litigation, 929 F.Supp. 1272 (E.D. Mo. 1996); Polk v. Cao, 279 Ill.App.3d 101 (1st Dist., Ill. 1996); Osario v. Harza Engineering Co., 890 F.Supp. 750 (N.D. Ill. 1995); Carter v. New Trier East High School, 272 Ill.App.3d 551 (1st Dist., Ill. 1995); National Paint & Coatings Ass'n v. City of Chicago, 45 F.3d 1124 (7th Cir. 1995).

Paul has been featured in the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL'S article on Illinois class actions (June 12, 2003 edition) and the CHICAGO LAWYER'S article on "CLASS ACTIONS: THE BATTLE HEATS UP." (April 2003). Paul has been guest lecturer at Chicago-Kent College of Law and Loyola University of Chicago School of Law on such topics as consumer class action and environmental contamination suits.

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