Four Robbins Geller Attorneys Recognized as Northern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2016

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Practice Areas
Appellate
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Year after year, Robbins Geller continues to be ranked highly by Super Lawyers, an affiliate of Thomson Reuters. Firm partners Shawn Williams and Susan K. Alexander are both included on its annual Northern California Super Lawyers 2016 list, while partner Daniel J. Pfefferbaum and associate Matthew Melamed were named as “Rising Stars.” Super Lawyers recognizes attorneys who have distinguished themselves for their high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement in their legal practices. Each year, no more than 5% of lawyers are honored as Super Lawyers and 2.5% are named as Rising Stars in each state. Annual selection is made through a statewide survey of lawyers, independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews within each practice area. The Super Lawyers lists are published nationwide in Super Lawyers Magazine, as well as leading city and regional magazines and newspapers across the country. A full description of the methodology behind Super Lawyers’ selection process can be found on their website.

Since joining Robbins Geller in 2000, Shawn Williams has become one of the Firm’s top attorneys prosecuting securities class actions and shareholder derivative actions. He has implemented corporate governance enhancements in many companies victimized by stock option practices. Examples of cases include In re McAfee, Inc. Derivative Litig.; In re Marvell Tech. Grp. Ltd. Derivative Litig.; In re KLA Tencor S’holder Derivative Litig.; and The Home Depot, Inc. Derivative Litig. More recently, in a shareholder derivative action, City of Westland Police and Fire Ret. Sys. v. Wells Fargo & Co., Williams and a team of Robbins Geller attorneys secured significant governance reforms and corporate initiatives, including $36.5 million in funding for homeownership down-payment...
assistance in communities affected by the financial crisis and high foreclosure rates. Williams’ experience in pursuing justice for wronged shareholders began during his five years as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s office, where he tried 20 cases and led grand jury investigations into white collar fraud. He receives the Super Lawyer recognition for the third consecutive year.

Susan K. Alexander has more than 30 years of appellate experience, briefing and arguing on behalf of defrauded investors in nearly all of the federal circuits around the country. Among her most notable cases are In re VeriFone Holdings, Inc. Sec. Litig. ($95 million recovery), which is one of the largest securities class action settlements ever achieved in the Northern District of California, and the successful appellate ruling in Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Flowserve Corp. ($55 million recovery). Alexander has briefed or argued on behalf of defrauded investors in the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits. She was recently elected to be a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, an invitation-only fellowship that recognizes outstanding appellate lawyers and is committed to advancing the administration of justice and promoting the highest standards of professionalism and advocacy in appellate courts. Additionally, at the request of the Ninth Circuit, Alexander chairs the Court’s Advisory Rules Committee. She is also the Ninth Circuit’s Pro Bono Program District Coordinator for Northern California and Hawaii. She receives the Super Lawyer honor for the second consecutive year.

Daniel J. Pfefferbaum was a key member of two Robbins Geller teams handling class action lawsuits that recently resulted in significant litigation victories. After more than four years of litigation and on the eve of trial, Pfefferbaum and other Robbins Geller attorneys led shareholders to a $65 million recovery in a securities class action against Psychiatric Solutions Inc. and four of its former and current executives. The settlement is the largest securities class action recovery in the Middle District of Tennessee in almost a decade. Pfefferbaum is currently prosecuting two class actions against Donald J. Trump on
behalf of former “Trump University” students. He receives the Rising Star honor for the fourth consecutive year.

Matthew Melamed’s practice focuses on representing institutional and individual investors in securities litigation and whistleblowers who report wrongdoing to the SEC, CFTC and IRS. He was recently part of the litigation team that obtained a $50 million recovery on behalf of investors in medical device company St. Jude Medical. The case settled as trial loomed and after four and one half years of litigation. The settlement resolves accusations that St. Jude Medical misled investors by utilizing heavily discounted end-of-quarter bulk sales to meet quarterly expectations, which created a false picture of demand by increasing customer inventory due of St. Jude Medical devices. Melamed was named a Rising Star for the second consecutive year.