



## THE PLAINTIFFS' HOT LIST

*The National Law Journal's annual Plaintiffs' Hot List attempts to provide a snapshot of the most successful plaintiffs' practices of the moment. To identify them, we asked firms to provide us with a year's worth of representative cases, verdicts and settlements from June 2010 to June 2011. From there we sifted through dozens of potential firms, reporting on and researching each to come up with our list. In this special report, you'll find the results: We profile 20 firms that are at the cutting edge of plaintiffs' work—and that are giving defense players a run for their money.*

Baron & Budd ■ Berger & Montague ■ Bernstein Liebhard ■ Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman

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■ Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton ■ Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check ■ Korein Tillery ■ Labaton Sucharow

■ Lief Cabraser Heiman & Bernstein ■ Milberg ■ Pomerantz Haudek Grossman & Gross

■ Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan ■ Strook & Strook & Lavan ■ Whatley Drake & Kallas



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## DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO

Dickstein Shapiro, based in Washington, made its name as a defense shop but earned its way onto our list by winning three nine-figure recoveries for plaintiffs during our 12-month window. These included vindication for an inventor, the salvation of a multibillion-dollar construction project, and justice for sex abuse victims. Dickstein employs 371 attorneys, and also has offices in Los Angeles, Irvine and Palo Alto, Calif.; New York; and Stamford, Conn.

### NOTEWORTHY CASES

- *Saffran v. Johnson & Johnson*, No. 07-cv-000451 (E.D. Texas); *Saffran v. Boston Scientific Corp.*, No. 05-cv-547 (E.D. Texas). In these two cases, the firm won jury awards of \$593 million and \$501 million respectively for Dr. Bruce Saffran, who accused the defendants of turning down his design for a new stent and then producing it themselves. Dickstein attorneys Paul Taskier, Gary Hoffman and James Brady, Jr. guided the overall strategy and handled cross-examinations, arguments, witness preparation and expert testimony. Co-counsel included the Albritton Law Firm (lead trial counsel) and Williams, Morgan & Amerson.

- *Gen. Ins. Co. of America v. Society of Jesus*, No. 09-3351-elp (U.S. Bnkr. D. Ore.). Dickstein Shapiro secured a \$120 million settlement from insurance companies for hundreds of sexual abuse victims molested by Catholic priests. The \$118 million recovered from Safeco Insurance Co. is believed the largest amount ever paid by a single insurer in an abuse case.

- *Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's v. Tyson Foods Inc.*, No. 07C-06-255 (Del. Sup. Ct.). Tyson Foods was shipping approximately 100 million pounds of chicken leg quarters through seaports in the Gulf of Mexico when Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005, causing \$100 million in lost profits. After the insurers balked, Dickstein brought the case to the brink of trial, but the last insurer agreed to a favorable settlement just minutes before a jury was seated. Mark Kolman of Washington was co-lead counsel.