



Paul J. Geller

Partner

“Paul’s dedication and passion in protecting the rights of his clients is truly inspiring.”

– Robert Bertisch, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County

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Practice Areas

Consumer Fraud and Multi-District Litigation
Securities Fraud
Shareholder Derivative and Corporate
Governance Litigation

Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1993,
with Highest Distinction

- Editor, *Emory Law Journal*
- Order of the *Coif* Legal Honor Society
- Awarded multiple American Jurisprudence Book Awards for earning the highest grade in the school in a dozen courses

University of Florida, B.S., 1990, Psychology

- Member, University Honors Program

Admissions

Florida

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals:
Fifth and Eleventh Circuits

United States District Courts: Northern,
Middle and Southern Districts of Florida;
District of Colorado; Eastern District of
Michigan

Paul Geller, Managing Partner of the Boca Raton, Florida office, is a Founding Partner of the Firm, a member of its Executive and Management Committees and head of the Firm’s Consumer Practice Group. Geller’s 24 years of litigation experience is broad, and he has handled cases in each of the Firm’s practice areas. Notably, before devoting his practice to the representation of consumers and investors, he defended companies in high-stakes class action litigation, providing him an invaluable perspective. Geller has tried bench and jury trials on both the plaintiffs’ and defendants’ sides, and has argued before numerous state, federal and appellate courts throughout the country.

Geller was recently selected to serve in a leadership position on behalf of consumers in the massive Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Emissions case. The San Francisco legal newspaper *The Recorder* labeled the group that was appointed to the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee a “class action dream team.” The Committee and government agencies reached a series of settlements on behalf of purchasers, lessees and dealers that total well over \$17 billion, the largest consumer settlement in history.

Just two months later, Geller was appointed to the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee in *In re Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Antitrust Litig.*, an antitrust action alleging a nationwide conspiracy in the market for water-treatment chemicals that are used by various paper mills and public municipalities across the country. The case involves claims that chemical manufacturers participated in a price-fixing and bid-rigging scheme to inflate and maintain prices between 1997 and 2010. Most recently, Geller was appointed as Co-Lead Counsel in *In re EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Mktg., Sales Practices & Antitrust Litig.*, a nationwide class action that alleges that pharmaceutical company Mylan N.V. and others engaged in anticompetitive and unfair business conduct in its sale and marketing of the EpiPen Auto-Injector device. In appointing Geller as Co-Lead Counsel, the court noted his experience in “handling complex litigation including consumer and antitrust class actions.”

Other noteworthy recent successes include a \$265 million recovery against Massey Energy in *In re Massey Energy Co. Sec. Litig.*, in which Massey was found accountable for a tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Geller also secured a \$146.25 million recovery against Duke Energy in *Nieman v. Duke Energy Corp.*, the largest recovery in North Carolina for a case involving securities fraud, and one of the five largest recoveries in the Fourth Circuit.

Additionally, Geller was the lead counsel in *Kehoe v. Fidelity Fed. Bank & Trust*, one of the country’s first cases alleging a class-wide privacy violation, settling the case for a \$50 million recovery in addition to enhanced privacy protections. More recently, he was one of the lead counsel in the Sony Gaming Networks Data Breach litigation, which resulted in significant monetary recovery and other benefits to class members.

Geller is on the Advisory Board of The Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims at Emory University School of Law (“Emory Institute”), and frequently lectures on MDL and class action issues at judicial seminars, bar conferences, and academic programs. Recent presentations include The Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies’ Class Action Settlement Conference (“*Compensation of Objectors*,” San Diego, CA; Oct. 2016), and the Emory Institute’s Complex Settlements Conference co-sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the JPML (“*Fairness Determinations: Pitfalls and Challenges in Class Settlement*,” Atlanta, GA; Dec. 2016). Geller has been rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell (the highest rating available), twice named one of the nation’s top “40 Under 40” by *The National Law Journal*, and has been named one of “Florida’s Top Lawyers” by *Law & Politics* and *South Florida Business Journal*. He has also been named a Leading Lawyer in America by *Lawdragon*, one of Florida’s “Legal Elite” by *Florida Trend* magazine and one of “Florida’s Most Effective Lawyers” by American Law Media’s *Daily Business Review*. Just recently, *Best Lawyers®* named Geller a Best Lawyer in America in the area of “Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs” for the second year in a row, and was additionally chosen as Lawyer of the Year, in that same category.

Featured Seminars & Speaking Engagements

- ValueEdge Advisors' 2017 Public Funds Forum: "The Opioid Epidemic," San Diego, California; September 6, 2017
- ValueEdge Advisors' 2017 Public Funds Forum: "Keynote Address," Q&A Presentation with President Bill Clinton; San Diego, California; September 5, 2017
- Emory Law Institute for Complex Litigation and Mass Claims, Complex Settlements Conference co-sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the JPML: "Fairness Determinations: Pitfalls and Challenges in Class Settlement," Atlanta, Georgia; December 14, 2016
- The Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, Class Action Settlement Conference: "Compensation of Objectors," San Diego, California; October 6-7, 2016
- ValueEdge Advisors' 2016 Public Funds Forum: "The Volkswagen Emissions Scandal: A Look Under the Hood of Dieselpgate," Deer Valley, Utah; September 2, 2016
- LSI's Automobile Class Actions with Global Ramifications: "Volkswagen Emissions Scandal: So What Kind of Case is This Anyway?," New Orleans, Louisiana; December 2, 2015
- ValueEdge Advisors' 2015 Public Funds Forum: "Playing to Win: Lessons on Teamwork and Leadership," Presentation with Shaquille O'Neal; Laguna Beach, California; September 9, 2015
- Institute for Law & Economic Policy's 19th Annual Symposium: "Multi-Jurisdiction Litigation – State, Federal & Foreign," Co-Panelist with Judges Shira Scheindlin and Leo Strine, Jr.; Naples, Florida; April 12, 2012

Individual & Firm Honors & Awards

- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) Proven Trial Lawyers
- Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*®, 2018
- Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*®, 2017-2018
- Attorney of the Month, *Attorney At Law*, 2017
- Leading Lawyer in America, *Lawdragon*, 2006-2007, 2009-2017
- Featured in "Lawyer Limelight" series, *Lawdragon*, 2017
- Selected as one of Florida's top lawyers in Class Action & Mass Torts by *Super Lawyers*, 2007-2017
- Recommended Lawyer, *The Legal 500*, 2016
- Selected as a Top Rated Lawyer, South Florida's Legal Leaders, *Miami Herald*, 2015
- Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2013
- Featured as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" in *Florida Trend* magazine, 2003, 2006
- Named one of "Florida's Most Effective Lawyers" in the Class Action category by American Law Media, 2006
- Featured as one of Florida's top lawyers in *South Florida Business Journal*, 2006
- Selected as one of the nation's top "40 Under 40" by *The National Law Journal*, 2002, 2005
- Top Plaintiff Firm, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2010-2018
- Tier 1 Firm, "Best Law Firms," U.S. News – *Best Lawyers*®, 2013-2018
- Band 1 Law Firm, *Chambers USA*, 2010-2017
- Top-Tier Plaintiffs' Firm, *The Legal 500*, 2010-2017
- Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2015-2016
- Selected as the Securities winner, Elite Trial Lawyers, *The National Law Journal*, 2016
- Elite Trial Lawyers, *The National Law Journal*, 2014-2016
- Most Feared Litigation Firms, *BTI Consulting*, 2014-2015
- Most Feared Plaintiffs' Firm, *Law360*, 2013-2015
- Plaintiffs' Hot List, *The National Law Journal*, 2004-2009, 2011, 2013-2014

Featured Articles & Case News

- Carlos Harrison, *Where Pit Bulls Fear to Tread: Anywhere Near Attorney Paul Geller*, Florida Super Lawyers Mag. (June 2009), <http://www.superlawyers.com/florida/article/Where-Pit-Bulls-Fear-to-Tread/df6258d4-73ab-4c28-8479-d02d07162180.html>
- David Wilkening, Paul Geller: Ultimate Fighter, Boca Life Mag., Jan. 2007, at 50-51
- Jim McCormick & Maryann Karinch, *Business Lessons from the Edge: Learn How Extreme Athletes Use Intelligent Risk Taking to Succeed in Business* 189-192 (McGraw-Hill 1st ed. 2009)
- *HSBC Faces \$2.46 Billion Judgment in Securities Fraud Case*, The New York Times (Oct. 17, 2013), <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/18/business/hsbc-is-fined-2-46-billion-in-securities-fraud-case.html>
- Ed Silverman, *Pfizer to Pay \$400M to Settle Shareholder Suit Over Off-Label Marketing*, The Wall Street Journal (Jan. 27, 2015), <http://blogs.wsj.com/pharmalot/2015/01/27/pfizer-to-pay-400m-to-settle-shareholder-suit-over-off-label-marketing/>
- Institutional Shareholder Services Top 50 Report, May 2015 (ranking Robbins Geller #1 in both the total amount and number of class action recoveries for 2014)
- C.N.V. Krishnan, et al., *Who are the Top Law Firms? Assessing the Value of Plaintiffs' Law Firms in Merger Litigation*, Am. L. & Econ. Rev. (Fall 2015) (objectively ranking Robbins Geller as the top law firm out of 336 firms that settled M&A cases in Delaware between 2003 and 2012)