

ROBERT L. LIEFF, Admitted to practice in California, 1966; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California and U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1969; U.S. Supreme Court, 1969; U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1972; U.S. Tax Court, 1974; U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, 1986.

Founding Partner (1972) and Chair of Tort Practice Group, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (1985-2007).

Education: Columbia University (M.B.A., 1962; J.D., 1962); Cornell University; University of Bridgeport (B.A., 1958).

Columbia Law School Dean's Council (2006-present); Columbia Law School Board of Visitors (1992-2006); Columbia Law School Center on Corporate Governance Advisory Board (2004).

Principal Cases:

- *Multi-State Tobacco Litigation* (1998), wherein Lieff Cabraser represented the Attorneys General of Massachusetts, Louisiana and Illinois, several additional states, and 21 cities and counties in California, in litigation against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and other cigarette manufacturers, part of the landmark \$206 billion settlement announced in November 1998 between the tobacco industry and the states' attorneys general; in California alone, Lieff Cabraser's clients were awarded an estimated \$12.5 billion to be paid through 2025;
- *In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation*, No. 3:89-cv-0095 HRH (D. Al.), where Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Class Counsel and on the Class Trial Team that tried the case before a jury in federal court in 1994 that led to a jury award of \$5 billion in punitive damages reduced in subsequent appellate review; in 2006, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals set the punitive damages award at \$2.5 billion, and subsequently the U.S. Supreme Court further reduced the punitive damages award to \$507.5 million, an amount equal to the compensatory damages, such that with interest, the total award to the plaintiff class was \$977 million;
- Successful recoveries for victim families in numerous Aviation Disaster and Crash Cases, including the Gol Airlines Flight 1907 Amazon crash (2006); the Lexington, Kentucky Comair CRJ-100 Commuter Flight Crash (2006); the Helios Airways Flight 522 Athens, Greece crash (2005); the Manhattan Tourist Helicopter Crash (2005); the U.S. Army Blackhawk Helicopter Tower Collision (2004); the Air Algerie Boeing 737 Crash (2003); the Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Airbus Disaster (1994); the United Airlines Boeing 747 Hawaii Disaster (1989); Lockheed F-104 Fighter Crashes (1974);
- *Cruz v. U.S., Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Wells Fargo Bank, et al.*, No. 01-0892-CRB (N.D. Cal.), where Robert Lieff's passion for viticulture and personal experiences working alongside day laborers in numerous vineyards led the firm into correcting a 60-year injustice on behalf of Mexican workers and laborers,

known as Braceros (“strong arms”), who came from Mexico to the United States pursuant to bilateral agreements from 1942 through 1946 to aid American farms and industries hurt by employee shortages during World War II, but from whom 10% of wages were withheld in forced savings accounts which were never paid out to the Braceros; despite significant obstacles including the aging and passing away of many Braceros, statutes of limitation hurdles, and strong defenses to claims under contract and international law, plaintiffs prevailed in an historic and meaningful restitution settlement in 2009;

- *Holocaust Cases*, wherein Lieff Cabraser was one of the leading firms that prosecuted claims by Holocaust survivors and the heirs of Holocaust survivors and victims against banks and private manufacturers and other corporations who enslaved and/or looted the assets of Jews and other minority groups persecuted by the Nazi Regime during the Second World War era; the firm served as Settlement Class Counsel in the case against the Swiss banks for which the Court approved a U.S. \$1.25 billion settlement in July 2000 (notably, Lieff Cabraser donated its attorneys’ fees in the Swiss Banks case, in the amount of \$1.5 million, to endow a Human Rights clinical chair at Columbia University Law School); the firm was also active in slave labor and property litigation against German and Austrian defendants, and Nazi-era banking litigation against French banks, in connection with which Lieff Cabraser participated in multi-national negotiations that led to Executive Agreements establishing an additional approximately U.S. \$5 billion in funds for survivors and victims of Nazi persecution; and most recently,
- *Monsanto Roundup Injury Litigation*, representing victims alleging their cancer injuries were caused by use of Monsanto’s unsafe Roundup pesticide (\$2 billion class settlement pending).

Academic & Other Philanthropy: Through a gift of all the attorneys’ fees from the firm’s Holocaust litigation, Robert Lieff endowed the Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein Clinical Professorship of Human Rights Law at his alma mater, Columbia Law School. Robert subsequently endowed a second chair at Columbia Law School as The Robert L. Lieff Professorship of Law: Director of the Center for Chinese Legal Studies. Robert is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Belloguardo Foundation in Santa Barbara, California.

Awards & Honors: AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell; Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in fields of “Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs,” Best Lawyers (2015-2021); “Elite Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame,” National Law Journal (2015); “Super Lawyer for Northern California,” Super Lawyers (2005-2009); “Lawdragon Finalist,” Lawdragon (2005).

Conferences & Seminars: Conceived, initiated, structured, developed, implemented, managed and presented the Global Justice Forum (2005-2014), a series of international gatherings across the world created to bring together plaintiff lawyers world-wide to discuss, review, and develop international and cross border litigation

for plaintiffs; “Representing International Plaintiffs in American Courts,” London, 2005; “Litigation Plaintiffs’ Claims Internationally,” Paris, 2006; “Litigation Plaintiffs’ Claims Internationally,” Rome, 2007; “Current Developments in Cross-Border Litigation,” New York (Columbia Law School), 2007; “Global Litigation in a Post-Economic Crisis World,” New York (Columbia Law School), 2009; “Meeting of Best Friends,” Vienna, 2009; “Selected Topics in Cross-Border Litigation—The GJN Organization and Structure,” New York (Columbia Law School), 2011; “International Litigation Issues,” Zurich, 2012; “The Global Justice Forum,” presented by Robert L. Lieff and the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy, New York (Columbia Law School), 2013; “The Global Justice Forum – Income Inequality,” presented by Robert L. Lieff and the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy, New York (Columbia Law School), 2014; conceived, initiated, structured, developed, implemented, managed and presented the Global Justice Network (2013-2015) to further connect and share knowledge and experience between plaintiff lawyers worldwide; “Global Justice Network Spring Conference,” Dublin, 2013; “Global Justice Network Spring Conference,” Amsterdam, 2015; “Global Justice Network Spring Conference,” San Francisco, 2015.

Prior Employment: Associate attorney, Chadbourne, Parke, Whiteside & Wolff (1962-1964); Associate attorney, Belli, Ashe & Gerry (1965 – 1968); Partner, Belli, Ashe, Ellison, Choulos & Lieff (1968-1972); Founding partner, Lieff Alexander Wilcox (1972-1975); Founding partner, Law Offices of Robert L. Lieff (1975-1983); Founding partner, Lieff & Cabraser (1983-1985); Founding partner, Lieff Cabraser Heimann (1985-1995); Founding partner, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (1995-2007), Managing Partner (1995-2002); Founding partner, Lieff Global (2007-2009); Of counsel, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (2007-present).

Member: Bar Association of San Francisco; State Bar of California (Member: Committee on Rules of Court, 1971-74; Special Committee on Multiple Litigation and Class Actions, 1972-73); American Bar Association (Section on Corporation, Banking and Business Law); Lawyers Club of San Francisco; San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association; California Trial Lawyers Association; Consumer Attorneys of California; Fight for Justice Campaign.