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Lewis J. Liman is a partner based in the New York office.

Mr. Liman's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including securities class action lawsuits, and on white-collar defense matters and investigations. He frequently handles cases in Federal or state court or involving the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, the New York Attorney General or industry self-regulatory organizations. Mr. Liman has tried numerous cases in federal district court and has handled appeals in state courts and in several federal courts.

Mr. Liman's representations have included the representations of Bank of America in litigation arising from its acquisition of Merrill Lynch; Bear Stearns in litigation and government investigations arising from allegations of mutual fund market-timing; Goldman Sachs in Enron-related litigation; a major investment bank in Refco matters; and Citigroup in investigations related to securities research analyst independence. He has represented numerous public companies in securities class action lawsuits or derivative actions, including sanofi-aventis, IMAX, and Pall Corporation. He has represented Boards of Directors in shareholder derivative litigation, including the Board of CA, Inc., and numerous individuals in DOJ or SEC matters or investigations, including those involving Baker-Hughes Corporation, Cardinal Health, JP Morgan Chase, Alcoa, ImClone, Safety-Kleen, Tyco, Lehman Brothers, United Rentals and UBS.

Mr. Liman has been named one of the country's Best Litigation Lawyers by Chambers USA; one of the nation's Star International Arbitration and White-Collar Crime Lawyers in Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys; a Leading Lawyer in Commercial Litigation by The Best Lawyers in America; Leading Lawyer in New York Securities Litigation and Criminal Defense White Collar by Super Lawyers magazine; and a Leading Lawyer in Securities Litigation by The Legal 500. He was also named the 2012 New York City Litigation - Banking & Finance Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers. Mr. Liman is a member of The Chief Judge's Task Force on Commercial Litigation in the 21st Century and a member of the ABA. He served as a member of the Task Force on The Role of Attorneys in Corporate Governance of The New York City Bar Association, and is a Trustee of the Federal Bar Council and a Director of the Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Liman's recent publications include "U.S. Supreme Court Rules That Securities Fraud Class Action Can Be Certified Without Pre-Certification Proof Of Loss Causation," The United States Law Week, July 12, 2011 (co-authored with Meredith Kotler and Jorge Tenreiro).

Mr. Liman joined the firm in 2003 as a partner. He received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1987, an M.Sc. in Economics, with distinction, from the London School of Economics in 1983, and an undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard University in 1983. Mr. Liman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Pierre N. Leval, of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and to Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Liman worked for over five years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, during which time he was appointed Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney.

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