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Sean advises institutional investors worldwide on securities litigation and corporate governance matters. A founding partner of Handler Martin, Sean brings over 25 years of experience litigating and resolving many of the country's largest securities cases to a boutique litigation practice dedicated to protecting the interests of pension funds, asset managers, and sovereign wealth funds worldwide.

Sean began his career at Reed Smith LLP before quickly transitioning to a firm that would later become Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check LLP. There, he began helping institutional investors secure appointment as lead plaintiff in some of the largest securities cases in the world, including *In re Bank of America Corp. Securities, Derivative, and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation*, Master File No. 09 MD 2058 (S.D.N.Y.), which settled for $2.425 billion.

For 18 years, Sean served in a leadership capacity at Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, involved in all aspects of the firm's growth and strategic decision making. Over the last five years of his tenure, he shifted his focus to case resolution, serving as one of the principal negotiators in the settlements detailed below.

Notable Case Resolutions

- *Sjunde AP-Fonden v. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.* (1MDB), Case No. 1:18-cv-12084 (S.D.N.Y.) — $500 million settlement, pending final court approval.
- *In re Rivian Automotive, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 2:22-cv-01524 (C.D. Cal.) — settled for $250 million.
- *In re Celgene Corporation Securities Litigation*, Case No. 2:18-cv-04772 (D.N.J.) — settled for $239 million.
- *In re Kraft Heinz Securities Litigation*, Case No. 1:19-cv-01339 (N.D. Ill.) — settled for $450 million.
- *In re Snap Inc. Securities Litigation*, Case No. 2:17-cv-03679 (C.D. Cal.) — resolved for $187.5 million.
- *In re Allergan Generic Drug Pricing Securities Litigation*, Case No. 2:16-cv-09449 (D.N.J.) — settled for $130 million.

Memberships

- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Board Member — Jason Roselius Memorial Foundation

Awards/Rankings

- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, 2019–2025

Education

- Colby College, B.A. with distinction
- Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D. cum laude

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Pennsylvania
- New York