

Class Actions

Brown, Goldstein & Levy has had extensive experience and success as lead counsel in class actions and collective actions in Maryland and throughout the country, as well as serving as local counsel for other firms' class actions in Maryland.

Representative Cases

- *Kashmiri v. Regents of the University of California* - Won \$42 million in a class action on behalf of University of California students for tuition overcharges. Judgment affirmed on appeal at 156 Cal. App. 4th 809 (2007). Additional information regarding the distribution of the recovery is available at www.ucfeesclassaction.com.
- *Luquetta v. Regents of the University of California* - Won a \$39 million judgment for University of California professional degree students for the University's breach of its promise to hold the students' "professional degree fees" constant for the duration of their enrollment. An appeal is pending.
- *National Federation of the Blind v. Target Corp.* - Settled class action claim against Target Corporation for its failure to make www.target.com accessible to the blind. The case established the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act to web sites that relate to physical places of public accommodations and the applicability of California law to all commercial web sites. 452 F. Supp. 2d 946 (N.D. Cal. 2006). Target agreed to take necessary steps to make its web site fully and equally accessible and to pay \$6 million in damages to a class of blind Californians who had unsuccessfully attempted to use the web site.
- The firm successfully negotiated a class-action settlement agreement that paid out \$1.55 million to school bus drivers whose employer failed to pay the workers proper overtime and straight-time wages.
- *Heath v. Perdue Farms*, 87 F. Supp. 2d 452 (D. Md. 2000), recovered a total of \$2.4 million in overtime pay and fees on behalf of low-wage poultry workers.
- The firm currently represents over 1,000 school bus drivers who were not fully compensated by their employers over a several year stretch. These Fair Labor Standards Act cases seek over a million dollars in back-pay damages.
- The firm currently represents over 500 mostly Latino laborers employed in Delaware chicken processing plants. These line workers have not been paid for time they spend donning and doffing protective gear that the employers require them to wear.
- The firm is part of a consortium of law firms representing a certified class of disabled Social Security Administration workers who claim that the SSA discriminates against employees with targeted disabilities in affording promotions and other career advancement opportunities.
- The firm also represents classes of other manual workers in Maryland who work in laundries or lay cable and are not being properly paid overtime.

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