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## **Cohen Milstein selected to the National Law Journal's "Plaintiffs Hot List" for the fifth time in six years**

Cohen Milstein has once again been named to the National Law Journal's annual Plaintiffs' Hot List. In "Deep Benches, High Stakes: The 2016 Plaintiffs' Hot List," the NLJ recognizes Cohen Milstein as one of 12 firms touted as leaders of the plaintiffs' bar.

The NLJ specifically highlights Cohen Milstein's success in the *RALI Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*, and the recent \$235 million settlement for the plaintiffs, New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund, the Boilermaker Blacksmith National Pension Trust and the New Jersey Carpenters Vacation Fund. That sum came in addition to a previously approved partial settlement of \$100 million, boosting the plaintiffs' total recovery to \$335 million.

The article quotes Judge Katherine Polk Failla, who oversaw the case, commending the firm for persevering through multiple setbacks. Noting that Cohen Milstein was the only firm to raise its hand to serve as lead counsel, Judge Failla observed: "In 2008 no one else seemed to want to take this particular tack with litigation, and in 2011 they seemed to be proven correct, but here we are with a rather substantial settlement. I don't want to demean this by saying that fortune favors the brave, but that is what happened here. Plaintiffs' counsel took on an enormous amount of risk and stuck with it for nearly seven years."

The full article can be read [here](#).

In this annual series, the NLJ shines a spotlight on firms that scored big recoveries for plaintiffs in 2015 and early 2016. These firms tapped their deep benches for high-stakes litigation battles in courts across the country, fighting for whistleblowers, consumers, institutional investors and college athletes – among many other clients – in multimillion-dollar suits.

### **Additional Recent Recognitions:**

#### ***Law360 Names Cohen Milstein Partner Julie Goldsmith Reiser One of the 25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law***

Cohen Milstein is proud to announce that Partner Julie Goldsmith Reiser has been named to Law360's inaugural list of "Women in Securities Law," which recognized 25 female attorneys who have achieved

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impressive success in securities litigation and enforcement. The Law360 series highlights women who have made a name for themselves as fair but tough enforcers.

Over the course of her illustrious career, Ms. Reiser has recovered millions of dollars for investors and won some major court decisions, including a recent appeal against BP. In recent years, she has spearheaded several complex securities actions for public pension fund clients that lost money on mortgage-backed securities issued by Countrywide Financial Corp. She also devised a novel argument that led to a \$69 million settlement with MBS trustee banks and is currently at the helm of a securities class action against BP PLC over alleged misrepresentations about the extent of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The full Law360 profile of Ms. Reiser can be read [here](#).

**Additionally**, Ms. Reiser was named a **2016 winner of the Burton Awards**, placing her among the “finest law firm writers” in the nation. Since 1999, the Burton Awards have associated with the Library of Congress to recognize writing excellence among the nation’s law firms. The competition produced 35 winners from published work submitted by 1,000 law firms. Articles were judged by a team of law school professors from Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford and other institutions.

Ms. Reiser’s article, “Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses: Taking the Alternative Out of Dispute Resolution,” responds to the Mercatus Center’s critique of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s study on mandatory arbitration clauses. Ms. Reiser’s article explains that arbitration clauses are insidious because consumers often recognize their significance and limitations only after a dispute arises and corporations use them to evade large-scale liability for unfair and deceptive practices. The winning submission can be read [here](#).

Ms. Reiser’s practice focuses on representing public pension plans and other institutional investors in high-stakes securities litigation. Over the years, Ms. Reiser has become a recognized leader in the securities plaintiffs’ bar, demonstrating a keen understanding of complex financial and economic issues and using her intuition and strategic thinking to develop strong legal theories.