

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

RONALD MONK, Individually and on Behalf of  
All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, WILLIAM C.  
WELDON, DOMINIC J. CARUSO, COLLEEN  
A. GOGGINS and PETER LUTHER,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 10-4841 (FLW) (DEA)

**DECLARATION OF JAMES E. CECCHI  
IN SUPPORT OF LEAD COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF  
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES FILED  
ON BEHALF OF CARELLA, BYRNE, CECCHI, OLSTEIN, BRODY & AGNELLO**

JAMES E. CECCHI, ESQ. declares as follows:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello. I submit this declaration in support of Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees in connection with services rendered in the above-captioned action (the "Action") from inception through September 30, 2013 (the "Time Period"), as well as for reimbursement of expenses incurred by my firm in connection with the Action.

2. My firm served as Liaison Counsel for Lead Plaintiff in this Action and performed the following: assisted Lead Counsel in the preparation of pleadings and briefs, advised Lead Counsel with respect to local procedures, appearances at court hearings and conferences, participated in the negotiation of the settlement and assisted in the drafting of the settlement papers.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a summary indicating the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff employee of my firm who was involved in the Action during the Time Period, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing rates. For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and reimbursement of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit 1 are the same as the regular rates that would be charged for their services in non-contingent matters and/or which have been accepted in other securities or shareholder litigation.

5. The total number of hours expended on this Action by my firm during the Time Period is 601.50. The total lodestar for my firm for that period is \$ 415,151.50, consisting of \$415,114 for attorneys' time and \$37.50 for professional support staff time.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit 2, my firm has incurred a total of \$973.23 in unreimbursed expenses in connection with the prosecution of this Action.

8. The expenses incurred in this Action are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

9. With respect to the standing of my firm, attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a brief biography of my firm and attorneys in my firm who were principally involved in this Action.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing facts are true and correct. Executed on October 10, 2013.

/s/ James E. Cecchi

JAMES E. CECCHI

# Exhibit 1

**In Re: Johnson & Johnson Securities Litigation**

**FIRM NAME:** Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C.  
**REPORTING PERIOD:** Inception through filing of Motion for Preliminary Approval

## Categories

- [1] Investigation of claims, witness interviews and preparation of initial Complaint and First Amended Complaint  
 [2] Preparation of Lead Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint and Motion for Partial Reconsideration of the Court's Order on the Motion to Dismiss  
 [3] Preparation (including research and drafting) of Second Amended Complaint, witness interviews and Motion to Amend Complaint  
 [4] Preparation (including research and drafting) of Lead Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint and Preparation for Oral Argument  
 [5] Negotiation and preparation of joint discovery plan; meet and confer sessions with Defendants regarding discovery disputes and related correspondence; preparation of Motions to Compel; preparation for/attendance at discovery hearings and conferences before Magistrate Judge  
 [6] Preparation of document requests, interrogatories and initial disclosures; review and analysis of documents produced by Defendants and third parties; responding to Defendants' document requests; post-complaint witness interviews  
 [7] Preparation for depositions (including document analysis and preparation of deposition outlines)  
 [8] Preparation of Court submissions for settlement approval  
 [9] Preparation of mediation submissions and participation in mediation sessions and calls with Mediator  
 [10] Analysis of loss causation/damages issues and consultation with damages expert  
 [11] Preparation of subpoenas on third parties; negotiations with third parties regarding subpoenas  
 [12] Client communications, meetings, client document-related discovery and client related issues  
 [13] Miscellaneous

	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	Hours	Hourly Rate	Lodestar
<b><u>PARTNERS</u></b>																
J. Cecchi	12.10	75.50	18.00	35.20	27.00	43.00	0.00	83.20	67.00	1.00	0.00	8.80	4.30	375.10	\$750.00	\$281,325.00
L. Taylor	6.80	12.30	15.70	48.00	51.00	48.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.50	210.30	\$600.00	\$126,180.00
<b>TOTAL PARTNERS</b>	<b>18.90</b>	<b>87.80</b>	<b>33.70</b>	<b>83.20</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>91.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>106.20</b>	<b>67.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>9.80</b>	<b>585.40</b>		<b>\$407,505.00</b>
<b><u>ASSOCIATES</u></b>																
D. Ecklund	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	4.00	\$495.00	\$1,980.00
Z. Bower	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	\$495.00	\$594.00
A. Petrolle	0.00	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.90	10.60	\$475.00	\$5,035.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>15.80</b>		<b>\$7,609.00</b>
<b><u>PARALEGALS</u></b>																
C. Buggy	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	\$125.00	\$37.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>		<b>\$37.50</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>18.90</b>	<b>92.80</b>	<b>34.00</b>	<b>84.40</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>91.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>109.70</b>	<b>67.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>15.90</b>	<b>601.50</b>		<b>\$415,151.50</b>

# Exhibit 2

**FIRM NAME:** Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, P.C.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>MONTHLY EXPENSES</b>
Mediation Expense	
Travel/Meals	
Telephone/Facsimile	\$123.56
Postage/Fed X	\$47.00
Commercial Copies (Outside Copier)	
Internal Reproduction/Copies/Printing	\$417.75
Experts/Consultants	
Court Costs	\$350.00
Court Reporters/Transcripts	
Messenger	
Computer Research (Westlaw/Lexis etc)	\$34.92
Fax	
Other	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$973.23</b>

# Exhibit 3



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## Carella, Byrne

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO CARELLA, BYRNE**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello, with offices in Roseland, New Jersey, had its origins in a partnership created in 1976 by Charles C. Carella and others. Since then, the firm has grown from four attorneys to over 35 attorneys. In 1990, the firm merged with two others: Bozonelis and Woodward of Chatham, New Jersey, and Cecchi, Brody & Agnello, of Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

Throughout our history, our goal has not been growth for growth's sake, but to be a diversified full-service firm that offers our clients a depth of experience that is virtually unmatched. Most importantly, our growth has been a studied one: an approach which has enabled us to maintain the energy and cooperative spirit of a small practice, allowing us to respond quickly and creatively to our clients' problems.

We have significant strength in complex litigation, federal class action litigation, intellectual property, corporate, health care, public financing, environmental, labor, tax and administrative law. This level of experience offers our corporate clients very broad-based legal representation.

We have long been recognized as one of the leading New Jersey law firms, a reputation that has helped us attract a wide spectrum of clients -- from individuals to multinational corporations; from small businesses to non-profit organizations; from zoning boards to state governments.

Today, Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello is an established and successful law firm that is ready to serve you or your organization with a breadth and depth of experience rare in a firm our size.

To help us serve our clients' promptly and in a cost effective manner, we have a full complement of law clerks, paralegals, word processors and support staff, and state-of-the-art computer and word processing systems, including optical scanners, laser printers, and Westlaw.

We are committed to quality and diversity in our practice areas. Diversity allows our firm to remain a competitive force in the legal marketplace. The firm's commitment to the highest quality of legal work walks hand-in-hand with its commitment to employ the highest quality of diverse people so that we can best serve all of the needs of our clients.

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### GENERAL LITIGATION

The Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello litigation department participates in a broad range of contested matters. We represent corporations in derivative suits and with respect to allegations of breach of federal and state securities regulations. Additionally, we represent institutions and national companies in warranty, franchise and dealer termination actions; medical malpractice defense claims; and real estate matters, including planning board, board of adjustment proceedings and fair-share housing cases.

#### **Technical Litigation**

We are uniquely staffed to handle complex technical litigation. In addition to legal training, a number of attorneys have degrees and experience in chemical, electrical, mechanical and biomedical engineering. Litigation cases involve patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, unfair competition and construction, as well as architectural and engineering malpractice.

#### **Environmental Litigation**

We handle environmental cases involving current owner liability and third-party common law claims, plus cases under federal and state statutes such as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, ECRA, the Spill Act, the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984), the Clean Water Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act of 1980 (as amended by the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986), and many others. We have attorneys expertly trained in environmental matters with a background uniquely suitable to rendering appropriate advice to our corporate and individual clients.

#### **Medical Malpractice Defense**

Medical malpractice defense work is one of the busiest areas of our litigation practice. We represent a number of major health care institutions, and serve as primary defense counsel for insureds of major insurance companies. During our history, we have represented physicians, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, nurses, nurse midwives, and hospitals in a variety of complex litigated matters throughout the state courts.

#### **Intellectual Property Expertise**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello is nationally recognized in the fields of patent, trademark, copyright, unfair competition, trade secret law and antitrust law as applied domestically and internationally. We have broad technical expertise in chemical, mechanical and electrical engineering; physics; organic chemistry; biochemistry; commercial and industrial building construction, and road and bridge construction; sewage and waste management, including toxic and hazardous waste, radwaste and environmental control. A number of our partners and associates are registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Our particular litigation expertise is in U.S. District Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeal in California, Illinois, Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida and New Jersey, as well as the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

We also maintain close ties with associate counsel in the United Kingdom, Japan, West Germany, Canada, Italy, France, Austria, Taiwan, Korea, Australia and the Peoples Republic of China. We have controlled and/or participated in patent and other intellectual property litigation in Japan, West Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Austria.

What's more, we offer many other intellectual property services, including licensing and preparation and prosecution of patent applications around the world.

### **Corporate and Financial**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello provides all legal services involving the sale, purchase and reorganization of a business, including creation of corporations, partnerships and limited partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, public and private corporate financing, and representation in regulatory compliance cases.

### **Banking**

We have broad experience in commercial lending matters (secured and unsecured), representing both lenders and borrowers; and have counseled banks in all aspects of operations. We have represented institutions in both state and federal regulatory compliance, and in all phases of loan work-outs and financial restructurings. Our experience also extends to commercial litigation and foreclosures.

All too often, financial institutions face breach of both secured and unsecured loan agreements. So to help our clients preserve their banking relationships with their customers, we regularly handle work-outs, no matter how simple or complex. We've handled multiparty and multistate transactions involving construction, apartment complexes, warehouse lines of credit and inventory financing.

### **Savings and Loan Conversions**

We have helped savings and loan associations convert from mutual ownership to stock ownership. These include standard conversions, modified conversions, supervisory conversions and holding company formations. Services range from contract negotiation and completion, to regulatory authority application preparation and follow-up. And after conversion, we provide general counsel.

### **Mergers and Acquisitions**

Our firm has counseled corporate clients on mergers and acquisitions, with a special emphasis on the acquisition or divestiture of stand-alone businesses. Clients have included large corporations filling in product lines; small, privately held corporations which are

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liquidating; and large corporate division managers involved in a management buy-out. We counsel clients on employee issues, environmental concerns, liability and contractual issues, regulatory matters and tax issues.

### **Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy**

Our firm provides comprehensive legal expertise for clients involved in both corporate and individual insolvencies. We have represented corporate debtors-in-possession, corporate trustees, creditors committees and secured and priority parties in reorganizations and liquidations.

We have expertise in those areas impacting on current bankruptcies including tax (including ERISA), environmental (including state and federal regulations), labor, admiralty, intellectual property, general corporate transactions and commercial and corporate litigation.

### **Public Finance**

We are a nationally recognized Bond Counsel firm. This means that the investment community looks to us as an expert in public finance law, and that our approving legal opinions are relied on by investors as to the legality and enforceability of tax-exempt obligations.

We have served as Bond Counsel for the issuance of hundreds of millions of dollars of tax-exempt financings for municipalities and local, county and state authorities. And in this capacity, we have assisted in financing everything from the purchase of a town's computer system to the building of a resource recovery facility, to the repair of the Garden State Parkway.

In addition, we have served as underwriters' counsel and counsel to national investment banking firms, and as general counsel to companies obtaining tax-exempt loans for industrial development.

### **Class Action Litigation**

Carella Byrne is also actively involved in the prosecution of sophisticated plaintiffs' cases involving securities fraud, consumer fraud and antitrust.

### **UCR Litigation**

Carella Byrne was appointed as a member of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and Settlement Liaison Counsel in this litigation, which alleges that Aetna systematically underpaid out-of-network medical claims using the flawed Ingenix database. Generally, subscribers in health insurance plans receive reimbursement for out-of-network services based upon "usual and customary" rates for the applicable service. The Ingenix database was a database, allegedly of "usual and customary" rates for medical services which health insurers used for calculating out-of-network reimbursement. Plaintiffs allege that the health insurers which used the Ingenix database for calculating reimbursement knowingly submitted artificially low data to the database, which, they, in turn, used to pay artificially low reimbursement for out-of-network services. *In re Aetna UCR Litigation*, Master Docket No. 07-3541(SRC).

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In a virtually identical case against CIGNA, Carella Byrne was appointed as Settlement Liaison Counsel. *Franco v. Connecticut General Life Insurance*, Master Docket No. 07-6039 (SRC).

### **Hertz Equipment Rental LDW Litigation**

Carella Byrne is Co-Lead Counsel in litigation challenging Hertz Equipment Rental's loss damage waiver and environmental recovery fee. In that litigation, the plaintiffs contend that those fees violate the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act because the loss damage waiver provides no real benefit to customers and the environmental recovery fee has nothing to do with expenses related to environmental protection. Class certification was granted by way of opinion and order dated December 11, 2008. *Davis Landscape v. Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation*, Civil Action No. 06-3830(DMC).

### **In re Medco/Express Scripts Merger Litigation**

Carella Byrne was co-Interim Lead Counsel in this action, which challenged the \$30 billion proposed merger between Medco and Express Scripts, among the largest pharmacy benefit management companies in the country. The action challenged, among other things, the \$945 million break-up fee payable to Express Scripts in the event of an offer from another bidder.

The settlement in this action, which was approved in April 2012, included a \$300 million reduction in the breakup fee and certain additional disclosures in the proxy statements soliciting shareholder approval of the merger. *In re Medco/Express Scripts Merger Litigation*, Civil Action No. 11-4211(DMC).

### **In re Effexor Antitrust Litigation**

Carella Byrne serves on the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, which alleges that Wyeth violated federal and state antitrust laws by fraudulently obtaining patents and filing sham patent infringement litigation to extend its monopoly on the brand-name drug Effexor XR, an anti-depressant drug which generates over \$1 billion per year in revenues. This action is in its beginning stages. *In re Effexor XR Antitrust Litigation*, Civil Action No. 11-5661.

### **In Re: Schering-Plough/Enhance Securities Class Action Litigation**

Carella Byrne filed the first case against Schering Corporation and was appointed to the leadership team as liaison counsel on behalf of the class in this securities fraud litigation related to misleading statements contained in public securities filings made by Schering-Plough Corporation related to the continued commercial viability of Vytorin and Zetia, while it was aware of the results of the Enhance study which questioned the effectiveness of both drugs. *In Re: Schering-Plough/Enhance Securities Litigation*, Lead Case No. 08-397(DMC).

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### **In re: Merck & Co. Enhance Securities Class Action Litigation**

Carella Byrne has been appointed to the leadership team of the case as Liaison Counsel on behalf of the class in this securities fraud litigation related to misleading statements contained in public securities filings made by Merck & Co., Inc. related to the continued commercial viability of Vytorin and Zetia, while it was aware of the results of the Enhance study which questioned the effectiveness of both drugs. These consolidated actions are pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. *Genessee County Employees' Retirement System v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al*, Civil Action No. 08-2177 (DMC); *Horowitz and Hoffmans v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 08-2260 (DMC)

### **Merck/Vioxx Securities Class Action**

In September 2006, Carella Byrne was appointed Co-Liaison Counsel for the class in the multi-billion dollar securities class action against Merck & Co. arising out of the withdrawal of the drug Vioxx from the market in 2004. The United States Supreme Court recently agreed that the claims in this action should go forward and it is proceeding in the District Court. *In Re: Merck & Co., Inc., Securities, Derivative & "ERISA" Litigation*, MDL No. 1658 (SRC).

### **Rail Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Class Action**

In May 2006 Carella Byrne, along with Quinn, Emmanuel, Urquhart Olivier & Hedges and others, filed the first nation-wide class action against the five major United States railroads alleging that they engaged in a price-fixing conspiracy through the use of inflated rail fuel surcharges, *Dust Pro, Inc. v. CSX Transportation, Inc., et. al.*, Civil Action No. 07-2251 (DMC). This significant nationwide antitrust case (involving damages in the billions) has been consolidated by the Panel on Multi District Litigation in the District of Columbia with approximately 20 other complaints filed around the nation. Carella Byrne has been appointed to the five member Executive Committee who, along with two co-lead counsel, will lead this important case forward. *In re Rail Freight Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1969 (PLF).

### **Pfizer Securities Litigation**

Carella Byrne is Liaison Counsel in this federal securities fraud class action alleging that Wyeth, which was subsequently purchased by Pfizer, made false statements with respect to the projected sales for a pipeline drug to treat Alzheimer's Disease when, in fact, tests indicated that the drug was a failure. *Security Police and Fire Professionals of America Retirement Fund v. Pfizer*, Civil Action No. 10-3105(SDW)

### **Schering-Plough/Merck Merger Litigation**

Carella Byrne was appointed as Co-Class Counsel, out of 15 competing lawsuits, in litigation challenging the merger between Schering-Plough and Merck. As Co-Class Counsel, Carella Byrne was able to negotiate a settlement which provided for significant disclosures to shareholders for use in the vote on deciding whether to approve the merger. That settlement

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received final approval on April 16, 2010. *In re Schering-Plough/Merck Merger Litigation*, Civil Action No. 09-1099(DMC).

### **In re Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation**

Carella Byrne filed the first complaint, and numerous follow up complaints, against Schering-Plough and Merck relating to their marketing of anti-cholesterol drugs Vytorin and Zetia after it was revealed that the companies had been concealing a significant study questioning the effectiveness of the drugs. The hundreds of cases filed across the nation were consolidated in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey by the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation. Carella Byrne was appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel and achieved final approval of a \$41.5 million settlement on behalf of consumers and third-party payors. *In Re: Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1938 (DMC).

### **KPMG Tax Shelter Litigation**

Carella Byrne was co-counsel for the class with respect to a class action entitled *Marvin Simon, as Authorized Representative for The Marvin Simon Trust, as amended, for Palm Investors, LLC and for The Jeffrey Markman 1993 Irrevocable Trust, Marilyn Simon, Clause Harris, Ann Harris, Ben Simon, Heidi Simon, Britt Simon, Kim Fink, Amy Goldberg, Stefan Rassing, Individually and as Trustee of The S. Rassing 1999 Trust, Fitzroy Ventures, Llc, Michael Le, Individually and as Trustee of the ML Le 1999 Trust, and Mackenzie Ventures, LLC v. KPMG LLP and Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP*, Civil Action No. 05-3189(DMC).

The *Simon* class action involved allegations against KPMG, and the law firm of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, stemming out of their role in the promotion of fraudulent off-shore tax shelters. The case settled for approximately \$200,000,000, and was approved by the United States District Court, District of New Jersey. Carella Byrne was instrumental in achieving this significant settlement over vigorous objections from certain class members. Indeed, to achieve the settlement three full days of plenary hearings were held before the District Court, where both fact witnesses and expert witnesses testified. Carella, Byrne handled all aspects of the plenary hearing.

### **Exxon Dealer Class Action**

In 2005, Exxon and Class Counsel reached a settlement which required Exxon to pay \$1,000,070,000 into a settlement fund which would then be utilized to pay claims submitted to a Special Master by over 10,000 class members. On behalf of the State of New Jersey, Carella Byrne participated in the settlement negotiations and assisted class counsel achieve an overwhelming victory for the class.

Further, in connection with the settlement of the class' case, the Honorable Alan Gold, U.S.D.J., appointed Carella Byrne to represent the interests of 34 States as "States' Counsel", in the post-settlement claims administration process. That assignment is ongoing. *Allapattah Services, Inc. v. Exxon Corporation*, Case No. 91-0986-Civ-Gold.



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### **Wachovia ERISA Class Action**

Carella Byrne was Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of the class in *Serio, et al. v. Wachovia Securities LLC*, Civil Action No. 06-4681(DMC), which was brought on behalf of former Prudential Financial financial advisors and branch managers whose deferred compensation contributions were forfeited when they left employment with Wachovia Securities. The plaintiffs argued that the respective deferred compensation plans are, in fact, “retirement plans” under ERISA and, as a result, the employee contributions should not have been forfeited. Alternatively, the plaintiffs argued that they were constructively discharged as a result of adverse employment conditions which made it impossible for them to perform their jobs and, as a result, their accounts should not have been forfeited under the terms of the respective plans. The settlement in this matter was approved in March 2009.

### **In re: Mercedes-Benz Tele-Aid Contract Litigation**

Carella Byrne was Co-Lead Counsel with two other firms on behalf of the class in this multidistrict litigation arising from Mercedes-Benz’s continued sales of analog Tele-Aid systems in its automobiles when it knew that FCC regulations required the discontinuance of all analog cellular communications as of February 2008. In this action, *In re Mercedes-Benz Tele-Aid Contract Litigation*, MDL No. 1914(DRD), the plaintiffs allege claims for consumer fraud and breach of warranty. The District Court certified a national consumer fraud and unjust enrichment class in 2009. The settlement of this case received final approval in September 2011.

### **In Re Virgin Mobile USA IPO Litigation**

On November 21, 2007, Carella Byrne filed the first securities class action lawsuit against Virgin Mobile USA alleging that Virgin created and distributed a materially false and misleading Registration Statement and Prospectus in connection with its October 2007 IPO.

On March 18, 2008, Carella Byrne and its co-counsel were appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the Class by the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Final approval of the \$19.5 million settlement in this matter was granted in December 2010. *In Re: Virgin Mobile USA IPO Litigation*, Lead Case No. 07-5619 (SDW).

### **Internet Tax Class Actions**

This class action was filed in Florida of Monroe County and other Florida counties which charge occupancy taxes on hotel and motel rooms. The complaint alleges that the defendants, travel websites, paid occupancy taxes based upon on the wholesale prices they paid for hotel and motel rooms, rather than the retail prices paid by the customer. The suit seeks taxes on the difference between the wholesale and retail prices. Final approval of the \$6.5 million settlement received final approval in January 2011. *The County of Monroe, Florida v. Priceline.com*, Case No. 09-10004-CIV-MOORE/SIMONTON

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### Johnson & Johnson

Carella Byrne is Co-Lead Counsel in an action asserting shareholder derivative claims and is liaison counsel in separate securities fraud claims relating to allegations that Johnson & Johnson undertook several massive secret recalls of products, violated anti-kickback laws, and engaged in off-label marketing products which resulted in expenses and governmental fines of hundreds of millions of dollars. *In re Johnson & Johnson Derivative Litigation*, Civil Action No. 10-2033(FLW); *Monk v. Johnson & Johnson*, Civil Action No. 10-4841(FLW)

### Sprint ETF Action

Carella Byrne was appointed as Co-Class Counsel for a nationwide class of individuals who were charged an early termination fee by Sprint Nextel. The Sprint ETF action settled for \$17,500,000 in 2009 and the Court granted final approval of the settlement in this matter by way of Opinion and Order dated January 15, 2010. *Sampang, et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC, et al.*, Civil Action No. 07-5324(JLL).

### T-Mobile ETF Action

Carella Byrne was appointed as Co-Class Counsel for a nationwide class of individuals who were charged an early termination fee by T-Mobile. The Court granted final approval of the \$12,500,000 settlement in this matter by way of Opinion and Order dated September 10, 2009. *Milliron v. T-Mobile*, Civil Action No. 08-4149(JLL).

### AT&T ETF Action

Carella Byrne was appointed as Co-Class Counsel for a nationwide class of individuals who were charged an early termination fee by Cingular and AT&T. The action as settled for in excess of \$18,000,000 in 2009 and the Court final approval of the settlement by way of Order dated October 13, 2010. *Sampang, et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC, et al.*, Civil Action No. 07-5324(JLL).

### Patent Infringement Actions

Carella Byrne is also representing numerous pharmaceutical companies in pending patent infringement actions. The majority of these actions arise under the Hatch-Waxman Act. Representative cases include: *Aventis v. Teva Pharmaceutical*, Civil Action No. 07-2454 (JAG) (Allegra); *Schering v. Ivax Corporation*, Civil Action No. 00-2931 (Claritin); *Eli Lilly and Company v. Actavis Elizabeth LLC et al.*, Civil Action No. 07-770; *Connetics v. Agis Industries*, Civil Action No. 05-5038 (GEB) (Olux); *Merck & Co. v. Apotex*, Civil Action No. 06-5789(MLC) (Trusopt); *Janssen Pharmaceutica v. Apotex*, Civil Action No. 06-1020(DMC) (risperidone); *Cephalon v. Mylan Pharmaceuticals, et al.*, Civil Action No. 03-1394(JCL) (Provigil); *Celgene Corp. v. Barr Laboratories*, Civil Action No. 07-286(SDW)(Thalomid); *Novartis Corp., et al. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 06-5954(HAA); *Savient Pharmaceuticals v. Sandoz, et al.*, Civil Action No. 0605782(PGS) (oxandrolone).

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### Trusteeship/Receiverships

In addition to these ongoing matters, Carella Byrne previously was appointed Trustee/Receiver by the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, in connection with securities law violations by Eddie Antar, founder of the defunct consumer electronics chain Crazy Eddie, *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Eddie Antar et al.*, Civil Action No. 89-3773 (JCL).

The Antar Receivership required Carella Byrne to work with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and to commence litigation in numerous foreign jurisdictions, including Switzerland, Canada, Liechtenstein and Israel, in an effort to repatriate and recover millions of dollars in illegally obtained assets which Mr. Antar had diverted from the Crazy Eddie chain.

In its capacity as Trustee/Receiver, Carella Byrne recovered over \$80,000,000, which was paid to Mr. Antar's victims. The SEC has reported that the *Antar* case represented the largest asset recovery in a contested case as of that time. The investment of the assets fully funded all expenses of the receivership and contributed a substantial amount to the settlement fund, even though the receivership extended from 1990 to 2005.

In addition to its other responsibilities Carella Byrne undertook administration of the settlement fund, including addressing tax and lien issues on behalf of the funds and harmed investors, participating in obtaining a tax exempt ruling on fund income from the New Jersey Division of Taxation, and working closely with the claims administrator and the SEC. Notably, in the claims evaluation and payment process, Carella Byrne personally reviewed and evaluated each claim for payment or denial of payment, and communicated the decisions to investors, the SEC and the Court, and appeared in response to any objection or appeal of the claims decisions, none of which was reversed or modified. Carella Byrne also oversaw the distribution process consisting of payments of thousands of checks to investors in a two-tier distribution process administered by the claims administrator and the bank. Finally, investor contact information was maintained and updated for future distributions in a related case.

Carella Byrne appeared for the bankruptcy trustee in *In Re Robert E. Brennan, Debtor*, Case No. 95-35502(KCF) and *Conway v. Pirates Associates et al.*, Adv. Pro. No. 98-3245(KCF). The *Brennan* matter arose out of claims by the SEC against Robert Brennan, formerly of First Jersey Securities, for securities law violations. Litigation was pursued in various domestic and foreign jurisdictions for the recovery of assets. We were successful in identifying and piercing various off-shore trusts and recovering millions of dollars for the bankruptcy estate, which was used in part to satisfy the SEC's judgment against Brennan.

Carella Byrne has also appeared either as trustee, receiver or counsel in: *Federal Trade Commission v. Oak Tree Numismatics, et al.* (D.N.J.) (control and operation of a rare coin dealer, distributions to customers, and turn-back of the enterprise to the defendants without exception); *United States v. Sheelan* (D.N.J.) (liquidation of Rule 144 restricted stock as restitution); *Harvey, Attorney General v. Clover Merchant Group et al.* (Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County Chancery Division) (equitable receivership for fraudulent securities dealer).

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Carella Byrne attorneys have also advised and represented clients with respect to numerous antitrust issues relating to restraint of trade, price fixing and monopolization, both in court and in connection with FTC investigations. Those cases include: *Biovail Corporation International v. Hoechst AG*, 49 F.Supp.2d 750 (D.N.J. 1999); *Grace Consulting, Inc. v. Geac Computer Systems, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 02-1252(KSH)(D.N.J.) and *Golden Bridge Technologies v. Nokia, et al.*, Docket No. 2:05-CV-170 (E.D.Tex).

### **REAL ESTATE, LAND USE AND RESORT DEVELOPMENT**

The Firm handles all aspects of transactions involving residential, commercial and industrial properties for both corporate and individual clients. Such transactions involve the preparation and review of real estate and financial documentation, environmental matters, land use regulations, and other related matters. Condominium transactions, including the formation of the condominium project and its approval by the regulatory authorities, and the preparation of the registration statement are included within this area.

The Firm's representation of land developers includes the preparation with the developer of Planning Board Applications, and the appearance before such Boards in connection with applications for subdivisions, variances and site plans. In this connection, the Firm works with the developer's experts in such areas as architecture, engineering, environmental, and traffic.

The Firm has been engaged in extensive litigation in real estate and related environmental matters, and has both represented and opposed major title companies in complex litigation.

### **Regulatory Practice**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello is uniquely qualified to guide its clients through the proliferation of governmental regulation in a number of different areas of the law, from the regulation of casinos, to hospitals, from resource recovery facilities to public utilities.

### **Health Care Law**

In order to effectively operate in today's competitive environment, hospitals and other health care delivery systems must keep pace with technological advances and changes in law and insurance. We do.

Currently we represent and advise a variety of health care clients, from rehabilitation facilities and nursing homes to general acute care hospitals. And our primary concern is to help each organization achieve workable solutions to operational problems. To accomplish this, we identify problems and then offer both short- and long-term recommendations to prevent exposure to legal and financial risks. Most importantly, we provide up-to-date knowledge in a constantly changing regulatory system.

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We'll handle all legal matters relevant to operation; policy and regulatory requirement correction; risk management review; and efficient, effective management plan development. And we do it all with a sensitive approach to our clients' concerns.

We have extensive experience representing fiscally distressed hospitals in turn around situations. Our team of experts provides needed direction in the areas of affiliation, corporate restructuring, general workouts, and vendor negotiations, while overseeing crucial day-to-day financial and system operations.

### **Public Utilities**

Our firm has a well-earned reputation for excellence in litigation and negotiation of public utility matters, with special emphasis on rate applications, alternative energy and cogeneration projects, solid waste litigation, and utility-related public issue negotiation.

In fact, we took the lead in drafting and passage of the "McEnroe Legislation" for resource recovery facilities; we have served as senior counsel in numerous cases before the Board of Public Utilities; and we have worked with major investment banks to provide financing for utility and cogeneration projects.

### **Environmental Law**

We have a broad range of experience in guiding clients through the increasingly complex web of federal and state laws designed to clean up and preserve the environment. We offer counsel on compliance with all government statutes and regulations, as well as their application to commercial and real estate transactions. We can help businesses obtain the needed air, water and waste permits. And our litigation attorneys have extensive trial and appellate experience in a variety of cases, including toxic tort, hazardous waste, products liability, insurance law, and more.

### **Tax**

Our firm has sophisticated experience in New Jersey State tax matters. We represent multi-national and multi-state corporations in planning, compliance, and litigation cases involving corporate income tax, sales and use tax, and other state and local taxes, including property taxes. We also provide services in federal, corporation, partnership, individual and non-profit association tax matters. This includes providing representation before the U.S. Tax Court and Administrative offices of the IRS.

### **Labor Relations**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello handle all aspects of labor relations matters in the public and private sectors. Our labor relations practice encompasses representation of management in collective bargaining negotiations, including preparation of management's contract proposals, acting as management's chief spokesperson at negotiations, and preparation and finalization of negotiated collective bargaining agreements. In addition, we represent management in the public and private sectors in grievance, disciplinary and binding arbitration proceedings.

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We also have extensive experience in handling matters before the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission and the National Labor Relations Board and in representing management in labor related litigation in both the state and federal courts.

### **Government Affairs**

Recognizing the need for both adversarial and negotiation excellence in the modern government arena, Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello has developed an extensive public issues practice. Our members have testified before Congress, State Legislatures, plus state, county and local governmental and regulatory agencies. To help us retain our leadership role, we are active in a public policy consortium -- the State Capital Law Firm Group -- working within a network of prestigious firms located in every state and throughout the world.

We first work to help our clients focus their concerns, then to develop strategies for implementing their proposals, and finally to act as their representative in every forum of public policy development.

With a strong emphasis on administrative law proceedings and municipal law, we have been successful in representing major national clients in government-related matters. This strength enables us to provide full-service public policy programs for clients, ranging from specific issue representation to integrated crisis management.

### **International Law**

Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein, Brody & Agnello has valuable expertise in various aspects of international law.

Areas of note include airline transportation and trademark litigation involving gray market or parallel imports. Our foreign litigation experience is in the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, West Germany, Austria, Australia, New Zealand and Italy.

The firm has particular expertise in taking foreign discovery for use in domestic litigation under the Hague Convention as well as Consular Treatises. Additionally, we have special expertise in the international overreach of the U.S. Antitrust Laws and the international transfer of technology. To accomplish this, we maintain a close working relationship with associate counsel in many foreign countries. These firms have special competence in dealing with economic and financial issues, both in their own countries and in regional economic blocks in their region, such as the Common Market.

In connection with our intellectual property law expertise, we file and prosecute patent and trademark applications throughout the world, including the European Patent. And we handle the sale and licensing of technology and trademarks.

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Mr. Carella graduated from Fordham University with a B.S. degree in 1955 (Cum Laude) and received an LL.B. degree from Rutgers University in 1958. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1959 and the New York Bar in 1983.

He has served as an Assistant Prosecutor as well as Special Prosecutor of Essex County; Director of the New Jersey State Lottery Commission, Executive Secretary to the Governor, State of New Jersey, 1975-1976; Member of the Ethical Standards Commission for the State of New Jersey; as well as Chairman, New Jersey State Racing Commission, 1976-1980. He has served as Chief Counsel to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners.

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Mr. Byrne is a former Vice President of the National District Attorney's Association; Chairman of the National Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals; Chairman,

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National Governors Association on International Trade; and trustee of Princeton University. He is an Editor of the New Jersey Law Journal and of Irish Law Reports; and former Chairman of the Princeton University Council on New Jersey Affairs and United States Marshals Foundation. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of Mack Cali Realty and Chelsea GCA.

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Mr. Cecchi graduated from Colgate University in 1989 with honors, majoring in History and Political Science. Mr. Cecchi was Executive Editor of the Colgate News. In 1989 he graduated from Fordham University School of Law and was a member of the International Law Journal. Mr. Cecchi served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Nicholas H. Politan in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey from 1989-1991. He is a member of the Federal, New Jersey State, Essex County and Bergen County Bar Associations.

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Mr. Brody graduated from Boston University cum laude in 1973 with an A.B. degree in political science. In 1976, he graduated Boston University Law School with a Juris Doctor degree. He has had extensive experience in complex civil and chancery litigation and has a substantial family law practice.

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*Verizon Wireless Services LLC*, 228 F.R.D. 173 (D.N.J. 2008)(motion to intervene and appointment of class counsel); *In re Gabepentin Patent Litigation*, 395 F.Supp.2d 175 (D.N.J. 2005)(motion for summary judgment in Hatch-Waxman patent infringement case); *Euro-Pro Corporation v. TriStar Products*, 172 F.Supp.2d 567 (D.N.J. 2001)(whether shape of hand-held vacuum had acquired secondary meaning for trademark protection); *Biovail Corporation International v. Hoechst AG*, 49 F.Supp.2d 750 (D.N.J. 1999)(antitrust claim related to settlement agreement to pay generic drug maker to keep product off the market); *Broadcast Music, Inc. v. 84-88 Broadway, Inc.*, 942 F.Supp. 225 (D.N.J. 1996)(copyright infringement); *Broadcast Music, Inc. v. DeGallo, Inc.*, 872 F. Supp. 167 (D.N.J. 1995)(copyright infringement); *Lifschultz Fast Freight v. Rainbow Shops*, 805 F.Supp. 1119; 784 F.Supp. 89 (S.D.N.Y. 1992)(claims relating to negotiated freight charges made in excess of published tariffs); *McGill v. Mountainside Police Dept.*, 720 F.Supp. 418 (D.N.J. 1989)(civil rights claims); *In Re Sound Radio, Inc.*, 145 B.R. 193 (Bankr., D.N.J. 1992)(motions to pay professional fees from bankruptcy estate); *In Re Prestegaard*, 139 B.R. 117 (Bankr., S.D.N.Y. 1992)(extent to which homestead exemption can avoid mortgage); *Unanue v. Rennert*, 39 A.D.2d 289, 831 N.Y.S.2d 904 (1<sup>st</sup> Dept. 2007)(appeal of *sua sponte* order); *Downs v. Yuen*, 298 A.D.2d 177, 748 N.Y.S.2d 131 (1<sup>st</sup> Dept. 2002)(enforceability of Hong Kong divorce decree under international comity); *Velazquez v. Jiminez*, 336 N.J.Super. 10 (App.Div. 2000)(whether Good Samaritan statute applies to physician responding to emergency in the hospital); *Conestoga Title Insurance Co. v. Premier Title Agency*, 328 N.J.Super. 460 (App.Div. 2000)(whether corporation can make fidelity bond claim for thefts by sole owner of corporation); *Citibank v. Errico*, 251 N.J.Super. 236 (App. Div. 1991)(whether NJ or NY law applies to deficiency judgment on defaulted mortgage). Publications: “Responding to the Complaint” in *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure*, New Jersey Law Journal Books, 3d Ed. 2009; “Applying the CISG to International Software Transactions”, *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, October 1999, “The Digital Millennium Copyright Act: New Protections for the Computer Age”, Intellectual Property Supplement, *New Jersey Law Journal*, July 26, 1999; “Copyright Basics for Occupational Therapy Practitioners”, *OT Practice*, May 1999, “Facing the New Millennium-Without Bugs”, *OT Practice*, December 1998; “The Year 2000 Malpractice Bug: Waiting to Trap the Unwary Attorney”, for National Legal Malpractice Conference, sponsored by ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability, September 1998; “Self-Help in 2000: How a business can do its own Y2K compliance without violating copyright laws”, Intellectual Property Supplement, *New Jersey Law Journal*, July 20, 1998; “State and Local Taxation of Software: A Trap for the Unwary CIO” Chief Information Officer Journal, Fall 1989. Lectures: “Intellectual Property Basics for Health Care Attorneys”, 2004 Health & Hospital Law Symposium, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, October, 15, 2004; “Hot Topics in Copyright Law”, 2003 Intellectual Property Summit, New Jersey Institute For Continuing Legal Education, May 2, 2003; “The Inside Track on Copyright Law”, WYNY 103.5 First Annual “Country Holiday Expo” songwriters’ seminar, November 18, 1995. Practice areas: Commercial Litigation; Intellectual Property Litigation; Bankruptcy. Mr. Taylor was a merit selection to the 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010 New Jersey “Super Lawyers”.

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