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**Sample of Class Cases Where One or More Attorneys in the Firm Represented Plaintiffs as Lead Counsel or Co-lead Counsel:**

*Cecil v. BP America Production Company*; No. 16-CV-410-KEW (E.D. Okla.) (royalty class conditionally certified for settlement purposes, settlement pending); *McKnight Realty Co. v. Bravo Arkoma, LLC et al*; No. CIV-17-308-KEW (E.D. Okla.) (royalty class conditionally certified for settlement purposes, settlement pending); *Bollenbach Enterprises Limited Partnership v. Oklahoma Energy Acquisitions, LP, et al.*, No. CIV-17-0134-HE (W.D. Okla.) (class settlement approved); *Eatinger v. BP America*, No. 07-1266-EFM (D. Kan.) (contested class certified, improper royalty owner non-gathering deduction claims settled); *Hershey v. ExxonMobil*, No. 07-1300-JTM (D. Kan.) (contested class certified, improper royalty owner deduction claims settled); *Freebird, Inc. v. Cimarex Energy Co.*, No. 08-CV-93 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Finney Cnty) (improper royalty owner deduction class claims settled, affirmed on appeal, 46 Kan. App. 2d 631, 264 P.3d 500 (2011)); *Freebird, Inc. v. Merit Energy Co.*, No. 10-1154-KHV (D. Kan.) (contested class certified, improper royalty owner deductions claims settled); *Wallace B. Roderick Revocable Living Trust v. XTO Energy Co.*, No.08-01330-JTM (D. Kan.) (class certification denied and case dismissed); *Lenz v. Exxon Mobil*, No. 07-CV-16 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Grant Cnty) (improper royalty owner deductions by failing to pay for helium settled with *Hershey* case, *supra*); *Wallace B. Roderick Revocable Living Trust v. Kansas Natural Gas*, No. 09-CV-14 (Kan. Dist. Ct. Kearny Cnty.) (improper royalty owner deductions class certified and later settled); *Arkalon Grazing Ass'n v. Chesapeake Operating, Inc.*, No. 09-1394-CM (D. Kan) (contested class certified, decertified and dismissed); *Chieftain Royalty Co. v. XTO Energy, Inc.*, No. CIV-11-29-FHS (E.D. Okla.) (royalty underpayment class conditionally certified for settlement purposes; settlement pending); *Fitzgerald Farms, Inc. v. Chesapeake Operating Co.*, No. CJ-10-38 (Beaver Co., OK) (royalty owner class certified, reversed on appeal, appellate ruling depublished, class settlement approved); *Hitch Enterprises, Inc. v. Cimarex Energy Co.*, No. CIV-11-13-W (W.D. Okla.) (royalty underpayment class claims settled); *Marvin Chance, Jr. v. United States Tobacco Company, et. al.*, No. 05-CV-112 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (contested indirect purchaser antitrust class certified, and case settled as two state class just before trial, settlement at 2006 WL 1390382 (Kan. Dist. Mar. 8, 2006)); *Premier Pork, Inc. v. Rhone Poulenc, S.A., et al.*, No. 00-CV-3 (Kan. Dist. Ct. Scott Cnty) (contested indirect purchaser antitrust class certified, settled just before trial, 2006 WL 1388464 (Kan. Dist. Jan 31, 2006)); *Daric Smith v. Philip Morris, et. al.*, No. 00-CV-26 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (contested indirect purchaser antitrust class certified, summary judgment granted and affirmed on appeal); *Dragon v. Vanguard Ind., Inc.*, No. 01-C-98 (Kan. Dist. Ct., McPherson Cnty.) (certified multi-state contested class action, overturned on appeal, 277 Kan. 776, 89 P.3d 908 (2004); multi-state class denied on remand, but reversed on appeal, 282 Kan. 349, 144 P.3d 1279 (2006); then recertified as a multi-state class on remand, appeal denied, and class settlement approved); *Lloyd Smith v. Kansas Gas Service Co., et al.*, No. 01-C-29 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Reno Cnty) (contested class certified, trial and judgment for the class, overturned on appeal, 285 Kan. 33, 169 P.3d 1052 (2007)); *Gilley v. Kansas Gas Service Co., et al.*, No. 01-C-0157 (Kan. Dist. Ct. Reno Cnty.) (contested class certified, lost at trial); *Merriman v. Crompton Corp.*, 282 Kan. 433, 146 P.3d 162 (2006) (established personal jurisdiction in international antitrust conspiracy after which the class

case was settled); *In re Vitamin Antitrust Litigation*, Master Case No. 98-C-4574 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Wyandotte Cnty.) (contested antitrust class certified, judgment taken for the class); *In re Union Pacific Railroad Empl. Prac. Litig.*, MDL No. 1597, 2005 WL 1027078 (D. Neb. March 31, 2005) (contested class certified; summary judgment on liability for plaintiff, reversed on appeal); *Stocking v. AT&T Corp.*, No. 03-0421-CV-W-HFS, (W.D. Mo.) (contested class certified, summary judgment granted plaintiff class, reversed on reconsideration); *Heath Merriman v. Cabot Corp.*, No. 2003 CV-115 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Pratt Cnty.) (multi-state indirect purchaser antitrust settlement class); *Anderson Contracting, Inc. v. Bayer AG, et al.*, No. CL-95959 (Iowa Dist. Ct. Polk Cnty.) (contested indirect purchaser antitrust class certified, affirmed on appeal, 776 N.W.2d 846 (2009), and later settled); *Critchfield Physical Therapy v. Taranto Group*, No. 07-CV-8652 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Johnson Cnty.) (contested TCPA class certified, affirmed on appeal, 293 Kan. 285, 263 P.3d 767 (2011), classwide settlement); *Fun Services v. Parrish Love d/b/a Asphalt Wizards*, No.0816-CV00064, (Mo. Cir. Ct. Jackson Cnty.) (contested TCPA class certified, lost declaratory judgment action involving insurance policies); *Schell v. OXY*, No. 07-1258-JTM, (D. Kan.) (contested class certified for house gas clause owners to obtain useable gas, summary judgment granted for the class, appeal upheld judgment in favor of the class, petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court denied); *Fun Services v. StreetGlow*, No.09-CV-02674 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Johnson Cnty.) (contested TCPA class certified, class settlement); *Anderson Office Supply, Inc. v. Advanced Medical Associates, P.A.*, No. 2009-CV-178 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Harvey Cnty.) (contested class certified, TCPA claims, affirmed on appeal, 47 Kan. App. 2d 140, 273 P.3d 786, *rev. denied* (2012), settled); *Teague v. Bayer AG*, No. 05-CVS-90 (N.C. Dist. Ct., Buncombe Cnty.) (indirect purchaser antitrust class action, dismissed, overturned on appeal, 2007 WL 2569668, class certified, multi-state settlement); *Freeman Industries, LLC v. Eastman Chemical Co.*, No. C34355-L (Tenn. Dist. Ct. Sullivan Cnty.) (indirect purchaser antitrust case, dismissed twice, reversed on appeal twice, and settled); *Sally Mussmann, et al. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al.*, No. LACV-27486 (Iowa Dist. Ct., Clinton Cnty.) (class wage and hour claims settled); *Boles v. Anadarko*, No. 08-CV-4 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (improper royalty owner deductions, settled in *Coulter v. Anadarko Petroleum Corp.*, 292 P.3d 289 (Kan. 2013)); *Cooper Clark Foundation v. Anadarko Petroleum Corp.*, No. 02-C-49 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (improper royalty owner payments by affiliate sales, settled in *Coulter*, 292 P.2d 289, *supra.*); *Roderick v. Noble Energy*, No. 09-CV-2 (Kan. Dist. Ct. Kearny Cnty.) (improper royalty owner deductions settled); *Roderick v. Osborn Heirs*, No. 09-CV-15 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Kearny Cnty.) (improper royalty owner deductions, settled); *Fun Services v. Hertz Equipment Rental*, No. 08-CV-03944 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Johnson Cnty.) (TCPA class action settled; insurance coverage action pending); *Carlile v. Murfin Inc., et al.*, No. 13 CV 61, (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (class action for underpayment of royalty by deduction of conservation fees settled *a. v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al.*, No. 01 L 85 (Ill. Cir. Ct., Rock Island Cnty.) (class settlement approved). And, counsel from the firm was on the plaintiff's steering committee in *In re Bread Antitrust Litigation*, Cause No. 3:95CV48 (Consolidated) (E.D. Tex.) (contested class certified, two defendants settled, others won at trial in parallel state court case handled by others); *DSR Investments LLC v. Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.*, No. CJ-11-12 (Okl. Dist. Ct., Dewey Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, class settlement approved); *Philip J.*

*Cornett and Ashcraft Group LLC v. Samson Resource Company*, No. CJ-09-81 (Okl. Dist. Ct., Dewey Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, class settlement approved).

**Additional Putative Class Action Cases:**

*Fawcett v. Oil Producers, Inc. of Kansas*, No. 11-CV-90 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (contested royalty underpayment class certified and partial summary judgment granted to the class on liability), *aff'd*, 49 Kan.App.2d 194, 306 P.3d 318 (July 19, 2013), class certification untouched but summary judgment for plaintiff class reversed, 352 P.3d 1032 (Kan. 2015) (remanded to district court for further proceedings); *Cardin Chiropractic & Acupuncture Clinic, P.A. (f/k/a Manfredi) v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City*, No. 0516-CV32359 (Mo. Cir. Ct., Jackson Cnty.) (allied provider breach of contract, class settlement approved); *Jackson v. Sprint Nextel*, No. 08-4133-RDR (D. Kan.) (antitrust, case dismissed); *In re Imprelis Herbicide Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig.*, No. 2:11-MDL-02284-GP (E.D. Pa.) (class settlement for defective herbicide); *Ryan Avenarius and Rodney Jaeger v. Eaton Corporation, et al.*, No. 10-CV-2539-EFM (D. Kan.) and 11-09-SLR (D. Delaware) (antitrust, class certification denied and affirmed on appeal); *Alice Colton v. Antero Resources Corporation and Antero Resources Piceance Corp.*, No. 2013CV30281 (Colo. Dist. Ct., Garfield Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, class certification pending); *Fitzgerald v. Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.*, No. 14CV58 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions dismissed); *Lambert v. Chevron U.S.A., Inc.*, No. 14-cv-01220-JAR (D. Kan.) (improper royalty deductions); *Catron v. Colt Energy, Inc., et al.*, No. 13-cv-04073-CM (D. Kan.) (class action under Kansas Restraint of Trade Act, dismissed); *Frank v. Crawley Petroleum Corp.*, No. CVI-14-1193-R (W.D. Okla) (improper royalty deduction class action, class certification pending); *Owens v. Dart Cherokee*, No. 12-4157-JAR (D. Kan.) (improper royalty deductions, settled class-wide); *Lytle v. Herman L. Loeb, L.L.C.*, No. 14-CV-13, (Kan. Dist. Ct. Barber Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Dreitz v. Linn Operating, Inc., et al.*, No. 13-1179-EFM (D. Kan.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed after defendant declared bankruptcy); *Woodard v. McCoy Petroleum Corp.*, No. 2014-CV-17 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Kingman Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Gagnon v. Merit Energy Co.*, No. 14-cv-00832-PAB (D. Colo.) (improper royalty deductions, class certification denied, case dismissed); *Knowles v. Mewbourne Oil Co.*, No. CIV-14-690-F (W.D. Okla.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Moore v. Nadel & Gussman, L.L.C.*, No. 14-CV-14 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Morton Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Baker Farms, Inc. v. Sandridge Exploration & Production, L.L.C.*, No. 14-CV-06 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Comanche Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed after informal discovery); *Whisenant v. Strat Land Exploration Co.*, No. CJ-2014-4, (Okl. Dist. Ct., Beaver Cnty.) (improper royalty deduction class certified, appeal pending); *Eastes v. Woolsey Operating Co., L.L.C.*, No. 2014-cv-000037, (Kan. Dist. Ct., Pratt Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Smith v. Caerus Kansas, Inc.*, No. CJ-2014-35 (Okl. Dist. Ct., Texas Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Holland v. Chieftain Oil Co.*, No. 2014-CV-30 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Barber Cnty.) (improper royalty deductions, dismissed); *Whisenant v. Sheridan Production Co.*, No. CIV-15-81-M (W.D. Okla.) (improper royalty deductions); *Barraza v. Cricket Wireless, LLC*, No. C 15-02471 WHA (N.D. Cal.) (putative consumer class action); *Bill G. Nichols v. Chesapeake Operating, LLC et al*, No. CIV-16-1073-M (W.D.

Okla.) (improper royalty deductions); *Jerry Venable Revocable Family Trust v. Chesapeake Operating, LLC*, No. CIV-16-782-M (W.D. Okla.) (improper royalty deductions); *Orion Property Group, LLC v. Mark Ujelle*, No. 17-2738 (D. Kan.) (violation of the RICO Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968 (fraud)); *James and Judy Grellner v. Devon Energy Corporation et al*, No. CJ-2016-242 (Okla. Dist Ct., Pittsburg County) (improper royalty deductions); *Little Land Company, L.P. v. EOG Resources, Inc.*, No. 17-CV-00057 (E.D. Okla) (improper royalty deductions); *In Re: EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litigation*, 17-MD-02785 (D.Kan.) (multi-district sales practices and antitrust litigation); *Steve Tronsgard v. FBL Financial Group, Inc.*, No. 17-2393 (D. Kan.) (violation of the RICO Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968 (fraud)); *Lawrence Rasnic et al v. FCA US LLC*, No. 17-CV-02064 (D. Kan.) (violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warrant Act, breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability and violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act against Chrysler arising out of its defective uConnect “infotainment” system); *Ronald and Melody LaRoe v. FCA US LLC*, No. 17-CV-02487 (D. Kan.) (violation of the RICO Act, the Magnuson-Moss Warrant Act, breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability and violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act against Chrysler arising out of its defective wire harness); *Ann Cavlovic v. J.C. Penney Corporation, Inc.*, No. 27-CV-2042 (D. Kan.) (false advertisement); *Hitch Enterprises v. Key Production Company, Inc.*, No. CJ-2017-01 (Okla. Dist. Ct., Texas County) (improper royalty deductions); *Shelly Nash Fitzgerald, as Trustee of the Nash Family Mineral Trust UTA dated October 27, 1992 v. Lime Rock Resources Operating Company, Inc.*, No. CJ-2017-31 (Okla. Dist. Ct., Texas County (improper royalty deductions); *Kunneman Properties LLC v. Marathon Oil Company*, No. 17-CV-456 (N.D. Okla) (improper royalty deductions); *John M. Hobbie Trust et al v. Merit Energy Company, LLC*, No. 2015-CV-000016 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Haskell County) (deep rights case); *Hitch Enterprises, Inc. v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2018-CV-000006 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Seward County) (improper royalty deductions); *Cooper Clark Foundation v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2017-CV-000003 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Grant County) (improper royalty deductions; *Cooper Clark Foundation v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2016-CV-000017 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Haskell County) (improper royalty deductions; *Phillip Fink v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2016-CV-000013 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Morton County) (improper royalty deductions; *Cooper Clark Foundation v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2016-CV-000039 (Kan. Dist. Ct., Grant County) (improper royalty deductions; *Tony R. Whisenant v. OXY USA Inc.*, No. 2017-CV-000012 (Okla. Dist. Ct., Beaver County) (improper royalty deductions; *Kevin Hoog v. Petroquest Energy, LLC et al*, No. 16-CV-463 (E.D. Okla.) (improper royalty deductions); *Kyle Alan Taylor v. Sheridan Production Company, LLC*, No. CIV-18-29 (W.D. Okla.) (improper royalty deductions).