

Scott Alan George

Counsel



Scott is a counsel at the firm's Philadelphia office. He focuses his practice on complex litigation and class actions, primarily involving product liability, property damage, consumer protection, personal and catastrophic injury, and pharmaceutical injury.

Since joining Seeger Weiss in 2008, Scott has been in the leadership of many cases in both state and federal courts, including some of the most high-stakes, high-profile litigations in the U.S. In such national litigation, Scott has served as class counsel, as a member of bellwether trial teams, and a leader in settlement negotiations to leverage often historic results for his clients and class members.

Selected Representations

- *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2672 (N.D. Ca.). Served under the leadership of Christopher Seeger who was appointed to Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, to represent individuals affected by the **Volkswagen** diesel emissions controversy. Worked primarily on the expedited discovery efforts, including implementation of the Technology Assisted Review (TAR) Protocol and depositions related to Defendants spoliation of evidence. The efforts lead to the **\$21 billion settlement** which includes a massive buyback program for consumers and billions of dollars for environmental remediation.
- *In re National Football League Players' Concussion Injury Litig.*, MDL No. 2323 (E.D. Pa.). Served under the leadership of Christopher Seeger who was appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel by the Honorable Anita Brody in the highly visible and contentious multidistrict litigation against the **National Football League**. Scott was a member of the team that negotiated the Settlement Agreement and has been heading up implementation of the Settlement, including driving registration, for over a year. The results achieved there—an **uncapped settlement fund valued at approximately \$1 billion** and a medical testing program—were overwhelmingly supported by the class and received unprecedented media attention. This settlement was approved by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and certification of appeal was ultimately denied by the United States Supreme Court.
- *In re Chinese-Manufactured Drywall Prods. Litig.*, MDL No. 2047 (E.D. La.). Served as a member of the trial team in obtaining successful verdicts in a succession of bellwether liability and damages trials on behalf close to 5,000 property owners who used the allegedly toxic drywall, many in rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. These verdicts served as the precursor to a national settlement valued at approximately **\$1 billion** with worldwide drywall distributor **Knauf Plasterboard Tianjin (KPT)** in 2011.
- *In re Aberin v. American Honda Motor Co.*, No. 3:2016cv04384 (N.D.Cal) Directly overseeing under the authority of Christopher Seeger who was appointed to serve as Co-Lead Class Counsel all aspects of the litigation against **Honda Motor Company**, representing car owners alleging a defect in the Bluetooth system of several models and years. Case pending.

- *In re Alexander v. Coast Professional Services*, No. 2:12-cv-01461 (E.D.Pa.). Appointed Co-Class Counsel, representing plaintiffs in a class action against **Coast Professional Services** (Coast Professional, Inc.), alleging that the company violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by failing to properly calculate reasonable and affordable payment when offering rehabilitation of defaulted student loans. Settlement in this case established a common fund based on the maximum statutory damages from which pro rata payments were available to thousands of borrowers affected by Coast Professional's wrongful conduct.
- *In re Taha v. Bucks County*, 2:12-cv-06867 (E.D.Pa.). Appointed Class Counsel on behalf of individuals suing **Bucks County** and the **Bucks County Correctional Facility**, alleging that they had publicly disseminated information on the internet in violation of the Pennsylvania Criminal History Record Information Act by creating the "Inmate Lookup Tool," which allowed access to information about thousands of people who'd been held or incarcerated since 1938, including expunged records. The class certification order was affirmed by the Third Circuit. The litigation remains pending with the trial court for resolution on a class-wide basis.
- *In re Caterpillar, Inc., C13 and C15 Engine Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2540 (D.N.J.). Represented current and former vehicle owners and lessees against **Caterpillar Inc.**, claiming that the company's exhaust emission control systems (CAT Regeneration System, or CRS) was defective, causing its C13 and C15 on-highway diesel engines to lose horsepower and shut down, irreparably. Helped secure a **\$60 million settlement**.
- *In re Ford Fusion and CMax Fuel Economy Litigation*, MDL No. 2450 (S.D.N.Y.). Appointed to the Plaintiffs Executive Committee in the multidistrict litigation against **Ford Motor Company**, representing Ford hybrid car drivers over allegedly misleading advertisements about fuel efficiency. Case pending.
- *In re Whirlpool Corporation Front Loading Washer Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 2001 (N.D. Oh.). Appointed to the Plaintiff Steering Committee in the long-running class action, representing customers against **Whirlpool Corporation**, alleging that some of their washer models were defected, producing mold. A settlement providing compensation for owners of the defective washers was approved in September 2016.

- *In re Pro et al. v. Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation*, No. 06-3830 (D.N.J.). Appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the class settlement, representing customers against **Hertz Equipment Rental Corp.**, accusing the company of perpetrating consumer fraud by tacking on illegal damage waiver fees to rental agreements. Helped recover a settlement of more than **\$100 million**.
- *In re Vonage Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 1862 (D.N.J.). Seeger Weiss was appointed to serve as Co-Lead Class Counsel, and as a member of the legal team, Scott represented a class action of former customers against **Vonage Holdings Corp.**, claiming that the telecommunications giant violated the law by offering “one month free” and “money back guarantee” promotional offers, yet charged various subscription and termination fees upon requests for cancellation. Helped secure a **\$4.75 million settlement** in “dollar for dollar” reimbursements.

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

New York

New Jersey

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, District of New Jersey, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education

J.D., Temple University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1998

B.A., Goddard College, 1989

Stevens Institute of Technology, 1984

Temple University School of Law Moot Court Honor Society, 1998

Pro Bono

- Nationality Services Center; Scott has provided legal services assisting persons and families with refugee status to become legal permanent residents.

- Bella Vista Neighbors Association; Scott provides ongoing counsel on a variety of issues to the Registered Community Organization in Philadelphia.

Teaching

Occasional lecturer at Temple University and Temple University Beasley School of Law on Class Action issues.

Lectures & Panels

Harris Martin – Chinese Drywall Litigation Conference – Panel Coordinator
The Fontainebleau Miami Beach
Miami Beach, FL, October 20, 2011 – October 21, 2011

Publications

“Spotlight on Cost-Shifting of E-Discovery”
Law360
Nov 6, 2012

Practices

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