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EDUCATION

magna cum laude Cornell University

cum laude Harvard Law School

Michael F. Ram is a consumer class action lawyer with 40 years of experience. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1982. In 1992 he was a co-recipient of the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award given by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice for National Association of Radiation Survivors v. Walters No. 83-c-1861 (N.D. Cal.)

From 1993 through 1997, Mr. Ram was with Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann and Bernstein where he represented plaintiffs in several major class actions, including:
Cox v. Shell, Civ. No 18,844 (Obion County Chancery Court, Tenn.) national class of six million owners of property with defective polybutylene plumbing systems and In re Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal Litigation, No. 95-cv-879 (D. Oregon) (co-lead counsel) national class of homeowners with defective siding.

In 1997, Mr. Ram founded Levy, Ram & Olson. He was co-lead counsel in many consumer class actions including a national class of half a million owners of dangerous glass pane gas fireplaces in Keilholtz et al. v. Superior Fireplace Company, No. 08-cv-00836 (N.D. Cal. 2008). He was co-lead counsel in Chamberlan v. Ford Motor Company, No. 03-cv-2628 (N.D. Cal.), a class action involving defective intake manifolds that generated four published opinions, including one by the Ninth Circuit, 402 F.3d at 950, and settled one court day before the class trial.

He heads the consumer products and automotive litigation department. He is co-lead counsel in numerous consumer class actions, including Gold v. Lumber Liquidators, N.D. Cal. No. 14-cv-05373-RS, a certified multistate class action involving bamboo floors, as well as Fowler v. Wells Fargo, N.D. Cal. No.3:17-cv-02092-HSG, a class action involving interest charges that settled for $30 million, and Lowell v Lyft, ED NY 7:17-cv-06251-PMH-AEK, a certified class of wheelchair users with ADA claims. He recently co-tried the class case and is awaiting a decision. He is currently serving as co-interim lead counsel in In re SharkNinja Pressure Cooker Litigation, D. Mass. No. 1:25-cv-11314-AK; lead trial counsel in Kellman v. Spokeo, Inc., N.D. Cal. No. 3:21-cv-08976-WHO, a certified class action; as well as serving on the Plaintiffs' Expert Discovery Committee In re Kia Hyundai Vehicle Theft Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 3052. He recently obtained a certified class as co-



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lead counsel in King v. National General, N.D. Cal. No. 4:15-cv-00313-DMR. As co-lead counsel in a recent $20 million class settlement in Smith v. Apple, Inc., N.D. Cal. No. 4:21-cv-09527-HSG and a settlement in excess of $1.5 billion while serving on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and co-chairing the Law and Briefing Committee In re Philips Recalled CPAP, Bi-Level Pap, And Mechanical Ventilator Products Litigation, MDL No. 3014, Mr. Ram helped garner the firm a nomination as a finalist for the National Law Journal's Elite Trial Lawyers awards in Class Action. He is currently serving as Vice-President of San Francisco for the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California Chapter.

Multidistrict Litigation

- CPAP PSC

BAR ADMISSION

- California 1982
- Northern District of California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association for Justice



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- Member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Bar Association of the Northern District of California

PRACTICE AREAS

- Class Action Attorney

RESULTS

- Schaefer v. Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc. , Employment Law (2021), $1,500,000
- Gold v. Lumber Liquidators, Product Liability (2020), $30,000,000
- McAdams v. Monier Lifetile, LLC, Product Liability (2020), $44,000,000
- Proposed $25 million medical monitoring class settlement, Product Liability (2024), $25,000,000
- Smith v. Apple, Inc., Class Action (2024), $20,000,000
- Rodriguez v. Google, Data Privacy (2025), $425,651,947

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Trial Lawyer of the Year from Trial Lawyers for Public Justice