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## FIRM RESUME

Sweetnam LLC is a class action law firm dedicated to representing victims of fraud at the hands of corporations, financial institutions and insurance companies. Sweetnam LLC has extensive experience prosecuting class actions in state and federal courts across the country involving violations of consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices statutes, breach of warranty and violations of federal securities laws, shareholder derivative suits and appeals. Sweetnam LLC has acted as lead counsel, co-lead counsel and has been a member of the executive and steering committees in consumer, antitrust and other class action, complex and multidistrict litigation matters.

## WILLIAM M. SWEETNAM

Sweetnam LLC's Managing Member, William M. Sweetnam, has spent the past fifteen years concentrating exclusively in the area of class action and complex litigation, prosecuting hundreds of consumer, shareholder and antitrust class action in federal and state courts across the country. Mr. Sweetnam and his firm have acted as lead counsel, co-lead counsel and has been a member of the executive and steering committees in consumer, antitrust and other class action, complex and multidistrict litigation matters.

Prior to founding Sweetnam LLC in 2008, Mr. Sweetnam was a partner at a Chicago class action litigation boutique, where he perfected his skills representing victims of consumer fraud and deceptive and anti-competitive practices. Mr. Sweetnam has extensive litigation experience in a variety of nationwide class actions in state and federal courts alleging violations of consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices statutes, breach of warranty and violations of federal securities laws, shareholder derivative suits and appeals.

Mr. Sweetnam began his career as a class action and complex litigation practitioner with Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, LLP, one of the largest class action law firms in the United States, where he was part of a team of lawyers involved in prosecuting class actions challenging abusive marketing practices in several areas involving life insurance and annuities. These cases led to class settlements valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, and sometimes even billions of dollars, with such major life insurance companies as Prudential, Met Life, John Hancock, New York Life, State Farm,



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American Express/IDS, Transamerica, and many others, as well as to numerous changes in industry sales practices.

Mr. Sweetnam continued his career at one of Chicago's oldest and most respected class action litigation firms, Krislov & Associates, Ltd., where he represented consumers and investors engaged in an array of nationwide class actions in state and federal courts involving everything from consumer fraud to breach of warranty and securities and shareholder derivative lawsuits and appeals.

Mr. Sweetnam began his career as a lawyer representing plaintiffs in catastrophic injury cases in 1994. In 1995, he began defending corporate, insurance industry and insurance policyholder clients.

Mr. Sweetnam is a graduate of The University of Michigan and the De Paul University College of Law where he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law and was a member of the Journal of Art and Entertainment Law. He has written and lectured on class actions and class action litigation reform.

Mr. Sweetnam was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is married with three children, and resides in Lake Forest, Illinois.

### EDUCATION

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (B.A., 1990)

De Paul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois (J.D., 1994)

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation and Appeals

- Class Actions
- Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices
- Breach of Warranty
- Securities Fraud
- Shareholder Derivative Actions
- False Claims
- Antitrust

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois Supreme Court
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan



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United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Member, Sweetnam LLC, Chicago, Illinois (2008 - Present)

Partner, Freed & Weiss, LLC, Chicago, Illinois (2002-2008)

Senior Associate, Krislov & Associates, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois (1999-2002)

Associate, Schiffrin, Craig & Barroway, LLP (now Barroway Topaz Kessler Meltzer & Check, LLP),  
Chicago, Illinois (1997-1999)

Associate, Merlo, Kanofsky & Brinkmeier, Ltd. (now Merlo Kanofsky & Gregg, Ltd.), Chicago,  
Illinois (1995-1997)

Associate, Peter D. Kasdin, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois (1994-1995)

### LECTURES

*The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005: Selecting a Forum and Keeping It, Illinois Institute for  
Continuing Legal Education, Chicago, Illinois, June, 2008*

*Federalization of Consumer Class Action Litigation: The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, The John  
Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, March, 2006*

### FILM

*Where's Jim Kim*, Sterling Clayton, Directed by W. Clay, Leopardboy International Productions (1999)

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

*In re Comcast Corp. Set-Top Cable Television Box Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2034 (E.D. Pa.)  
(Antitrust) (Member, Plaintiffs' Steering Committee)

*In re Park West Galleries, Inc., Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 2076 (W.D. Wash.)  
(RICO, Consumer Fraud) (Co-Chair, Plaintiffs' Executive Committee)

*In re Refrigerant Compressors Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2042 (E.D. Mich.) (Antitrust)

*In re Time Warner, Inc., Set-Top Cable Television Box Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1995 (S.D.N.Y.)  
(Antitrust)

*In re Directv, Inc., Early Cancellation Fee Marketing And Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 2093  
(Consumer Fraud)



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*In re Digitek Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1968 (S.D. W. Va.) (Products Liability)

### REPORTED DECISIONS

*Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, No. 05-8010, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, 411 F.3d 805; 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 10440, April 29, 2005, Submitted, June 7, 2005, Decided, Motion granted by, Remanded by *Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33102 (N.D. Ill., Dec. 13, 2005)

*Vernon v. Qwest Communs. Int'l, Inc.*, C08-1516Z, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 61680, July 16, 2009, Decided, July 16, 2009, Filed

*Saltzman v. Pella Corp.*, No. 06 C 4481, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION, 257 F.R.D. 471; 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49527, June 4, 2009, Decided, June 4, 2009, Filed

*Coneff v. AT&T Corp.*, CASE NO. C06-944 RSM, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, 620 F. Supp. 2d 1248; 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47691, May 22, 2009, Decided, May 22, 2009, Filed

*Blackman v. Park West Galleries, Inc.*, Case No. C08-1310RSL, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41082, April 29, 2009, Decided, April 29, 2009, Filed

*Hoving v. Lawyers Title Ins. Co.*, Case Number 07-15322, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION, 256 F.R.D. 555; 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26466, March 30, 2009, Decided, March 30, 2009, Filed

*Smith v. Lawyers Title Ins. Corp.*, CIVIL CASE NO. 07-12124, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16140, March 2, 2009, Decided, March 2, 2009, Filed

*In re Nationsrent Rental Fee Litig.*, CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. 06-60924-CIV-BROWN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, MIAMI DIVISION, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23662, February 23, 2009, Decided, February 24, 2009, Filed

*In re Nationsrent Rental Fee Litig.*, CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. 06-60924-CIV-BROWN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, MIAMI DIVISION, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3438, January 12, 2009, Decided, January 12, 2009, Entered, Class certification granted by, in part, Class certification denied by, in part *In re Nationsrent Rental Fee Litig.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23662 (S.D. Fla., Feb. 23, 2009)

*Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co.*, CASE NO. 2:07-CV-15322, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9862, January 9, 2009, Decided, January 8, 2009, Filed, Motion granted by, in part, Motion denied by, in part, Class certification denied by *Hoving v. Lawyers Title Ins. Co.*, 256 F.R.D. 555, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26466 (E.D. Mich., Mar. 30, 2009)



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*Wilson v. H&R Block Enters.*, Case No. 07-0437-CV-W-ODS, Case No. 07-0599-CV-W-ODS, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, WESTERN DIVISION, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 465, January 6, 2009, Decided, January 6, 2009, Filed

*In re Digitek Prods. Liab. Litig.*, MDL No. 1968, JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION, 571 F. Supp. 2d 1376; 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 92201, August 13, 2008, Filed

*In re BP Prods. N. Am., Inc.*, MDL No. 1946, JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION, 560 F. Supp. 2d 1377; 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 46538, June 9, 2008, Filed

*Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co.*, Case Number 07-15322, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION, 545 F. Supp. 2d 662; 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 30049, April 14, 2008, Decided, April 14, 2008, Filed, Motion granted by, Sanctions disallowed by, Request granted, Request denied by *Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9862 (E.D. Mich., Jan. 9, 2009)

*In re Nissan N. Am., Inc.*, MDL No. 1921, JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION, 542 F. Supp. 2d 1367; 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28620, April 7, 2008, Filed

*City of Fairview Heights v. Orbitz, Inc.*, No. 05-CV-840-DRH, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25646, March 31, 2008, Decided, March 31, 2008, Filed

*Jepson v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, No. C06-1723, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83004, October 26, 2007, Decided, October 26, 2007, Filed

*Berry v. Budget Rent a Car Sys.*, Case No. 06-61815-CIV-COHN/SNOW, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, 497 F. Supp. 2d 1361; 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 51492, July 16, 2007, Decided, July 17, 2007, Entered

*Jepson v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, CASE NO. C06-1723-JCC, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 53480, May 1, 2007, Decided, Dismissed by *Jepson v. Ticor Title Ins. Co.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83004 (W.D. Wash., Oct. 26, 2007)

*City of Fairview Heights v. Orbitz, Inc.*, Case No. 3:05-840-DRH, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26736, April 11, 2007, Decided, Class certification denied by, Motion to strike granted by *City of Fairview Heights v. Orbitz, Inc.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25646 (S.D. Ill., Mar. 31, 2008)

*Saltzman v. Pella Corp.*, No. 06 C 4481, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19650, March 20, 2007, Decided, Certificate of appealability granted, in part, Class certification denied by, in part *Saltzman v. Pella Corp.*, 257 F.R.D. 471, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49527 (N.D. Ill., 2009)

*Cook v. Home Depot U.S.A., Inc.*, Case No. 2:06-cv-00571, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO, EASTERN DIVISION, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15679; 62 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d (Callaghan) 197, March 6, 2007, Filed

*Womack v. Nissan N. Am., Inc.*, CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:06-CV-479-DF, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, MARSHALL DIVISION, 550 F. Supp. 2d 630; 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 97798, February 16, 2007, Decided, February 16, 2007, Filed



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*Eavenson v. Selective Ins. Co.*, Case No. 06-731-MJR , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10170, February 12, 2007, Decided

*Leon County v. Hotels.com, L.P.*, CASE NO. 06-21878-CIV-HUCK/SIMONTON , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 88253, December 6, 2006, Decided

*City of Fairview Heights v. Orbitz, Inc.*, No. 05-CV-840-DRH , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47085, July 12, 2006, Decided , July 12, 2006, Filed , Motion denied by *City of Fairview Heights v. Orbitz*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26736 (S.D. Ill., Apr. 11, 2007)

*Bemis v. Allied Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co.*, Case No. 05-cv-751-DRH , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21489, April 20, 2006, Decided

*Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, No. 05 C 5924 , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION, 405 F. Supp. 2d 916; 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33102, December 13, 2005, Decided , December 13, 2005, Filed , Vacated by, Remanded by *Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, 435 F.3d 755, 2006 U.S. App. LEXIS 2012 (7th Cir. Ill., Jan. 27, 2006)

*In re Nat'l Life Ins. Co.*, Docket No. 2:97-CV-314 , UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT, 247 F. Supp. 2d 486; 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25875, April 15, 2002, Decided, April 16, 2002, Filed

*Kaskel v. N. Trust Co.*, No. 99 C 2421, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15302; 45 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d (Callaghan) 827, September 24, 2001, Decided , September 24, 2001, Docketed, Later proceeding at *Kaskel v. N. Trust Co.*, 2003 U.S. App. LEXIS 8481 (7th Cir. Ill., May 5, 2003)

*Wardrop v. Amway Asia Pac. Ltd.*, 99 Civ. 12093 (DC), UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2857; Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) P91,346, March 19, 2001, Decided, March 20, 2001, Filed

*Grove v. Principal Mut. Life Ins. Co.*, 4-97-CV-90224, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA, CENTRAL DIVISION, 14 F. Supp. 2d 1101; 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3983, March 16, 1998, Decided, March 16, 1998, Filed

*Enzenbacher v. Browning-Ferris Indus. of Ill.*, No. 2-01-1027, APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS, SECOND DISTRICT, 332 Ill. App. 3d 1079; 774 N.E.2d 858; 2002 Ill. App. LEXIS 614; 266 Ill. Dec. 419, July 18, 2002, Filed, Petition for Rehearing Denied September 11, 2002. Released for Publication September 11, 2002. As Corrected September 11, 2002.