

Attorneys at Law



# One of the Nation's Leading Lawyers for Consumers

Jonathan D. Selbin is a senior partner in the New York office of Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, where he has practiced for 29 years, and a long-time member of the firm's Executive Committee. He has led complex consumer protection, defective products, and sex abuse class action lawsuits in courts around the country against many of the world's largest corporations and institutions. Together, cases in which Jonathan played a lead role have resulted in court-approved class action settlements with a combined total cash payout to class members in excess of \$3.5 billion, plus other relief such as extended and enhanced warranties and implementation of best-practices institutional reforms. He has extensive appellate experience, having argued in the 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, and 11th Circuits, as well as before state supreme and appellate courts.

Since March 2025, Jonathan has served as Special Assistant Attorney General to Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, assisting and advising her office on issues relating to federal constitutional and administrative law and connected questions.

Jonathan served on the Board of Directors of Equal Justice Works, where he and his family also founded the Selbin Voting Rights Fellowship which funds a rolling two-year fellow working to ensure fair access to voting. He also serves on the Board of the Beyond #MeToo Working Group on Corporate Governance, Compliance, and Risk.

Jonathan was a Finalist for The American Lawyer's 2021 Litigator of the Year, a National Law Journal 2021 "Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer," a Law360 2020 "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," and a New York Law Journal "2020 Litigation Trailblazer." In February 2020, Modern Counsel profiled Jonathan, highlighting his lifelong legacy of fighting for consumer and civil rights in "Jonathan Selbin Levels the Playing Field."

Jonathan is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1989 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan. He clerked for the Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California from 1993-1995 prior to joining Lieff Cabraser.

### Service In the Community

Jonathan is a founder and member of the Board of Directors of NY Silver Sluggers, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that promotes diverse youth baseball teams in New York City, including children of different races, ethnicities, religions, genders, and socio-economic backgrounds, and provides funding to cover fees and expenses related to participation in baseball programs, teams and leagues for those unable to afford it.

#### **Areas of Practice**

Consumer Protection, Defective Products

### Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts J.D. (Magna Cum Laude) - 1993

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) - 1989

#### **Bar Admissions**

California, 1994

District of Columbia, 2000

New York, 2001

New York State Supreme Court, 2002

U.S. Supreme Court, 2012

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit, 2022

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, 2016

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, 2009

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 2002

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2012

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, 2007

U.S. Court Of Appeals, 10th Circuit, 2014

U.S. Court Of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2015

U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1995

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 1997

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 2012

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2009 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2010

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 2007

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2008

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2001

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 2016

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2013

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 2014

# Professional Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association
Bar of the District of Columbia

Beyond #MeToo Working Group Board Equal Justice Works, Board of Directors; Development Committee Chair, 2017-2022 New York State Bar Association State Bar of California

## **Published Works & Appearances**

Speaker, Trial Lawyers of Mass Torts Los Cabos Conference, November 2025

Panelist, "Cross-Border Litigation of Defective Products," Perfect Law Class Actions & Mass Torts Conference, Florence, Italy, September 2025

Panelist, "General Trends in Class Litigation," Trial Lawyers of Mass Torts Park City, Utah Conference, February 2024

Contributing Author, "Ninth Circuit Reshapes California Consumer-Protection Law," American Bar Association, July 2012

On Class Actions, 2009

Contributing Author, California Class Actions Practice and Procedures (Elizabeth J. Cabraser, editor-in-chief), 2003

"Bashers Beware: The Continuing Constitutionality of Hate Crimes Statutes After R.A.V.," 72 Oregon Law Review 157, Spring 1993

#### Honors and Awards

Selected for inclusion by peers in The Best Lawyers in America in field of Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2013-2026

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America," Lawdragon, 2025, 2026

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2021-2025

"Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in America," Lawdragon, 2023-2025 Lawdragon Finalist, Lawdragon, 2009

Super Lawyer for New York Metro, Super Lawyers, 2006-2024

"Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer," National Law Journal, 2021

"Litigator of the Year Finalist," The American Lawyer, Industry Awards, 2020

"Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar," Law360, 2020

"Litigation Trailblazer," New York Law Journal, 2020

Distinguished Service Award, American Association for Justice, 2016

New York Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2013-2016