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## Law360 Reveals Titans Of The Plaintiffs Bar

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Law360 (May 5, 2019, 10:02 PM EDT) -- They're global managing partners, lecturers in law, parents and former state prosecutors whose work in large-scale litigation has led to landmark victories and record-breaking deals. They've held public officials accountable, worked to correct systemic problems and obtained some of the most crucial jury verdicts on behalf of plaintiffs.

Some of the high-profile cases they've handled over the past year involved allegations of sexual misconduct against disgraced film mogul Harvey Weinstein, challenges to Facebook Inc.'s collection and storing of its users' biometric identifiers without written consent and class actions related to Equifax Inc.'s data breach that affected more than 145 million Americans.

Law360 is honoring 10 influential plaintiffs lawyers who had significant wins in 2018. The attorneys on the Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar list are champions in the courtroom who not only capture massive settlements and go up against big-name companies, but also take on leadership roles at their offices and elsewhere. They handle pro bono matters on behalf of their law firms' clients and sit on boards that strive to promote access to justice for underrepresented communities and lasting positive changes for women and children.

In the year after the #MeToo movement largely captured the country's attention, Debra Katz was among the Katz Marshall & Banks LLP attorneys who represented Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, who testified that then-U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her in the early 1980s. Before she became nationally known during the Kavanaugh hearings, Katz advised one of the women who went public with allegations that then-New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman had physically and emotionally abused her when they were romantically involved.

Brad Caldwell represents Match Group LLC as lead counsel in an intellectual property dispute between dating app rivals Bumble and Tinder. Caldwell, along with other lawyers at Caldwell Cassady & Curry PC, successfully fought off Bumble's attempt to get claims in Match Group's lawsuit dismissed when a Texas federal judge declined to find the company's patents invalid.

Kalpana Srinivasan of Susman Godfrey LLP was part of the winning team that helped data-analytics startup HouseCanary win a \$706 million jury verdict. The Texas state jury agreed that former collaborator Title Source Inc., an affiliate of Quicken Loans Inc., brazenly stole proprietary data recipes for home appraisals and comparisons as it allegedly readied to build its own software suite.



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And Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP partner Hannah Ross, who has prosecuted major securities fraud class actions throughout her career, helped procure a \$210 million deal for investors in their case accusing Wilmington Trust of concealing information about its fiscal health. The outcome marked the second-largest securities class action recovery in Delaware history, according to the firm.

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Congratulations to the 10 accomplished lawyers who earned a spot on Law360's 2019 Titans of the Plaintiffs Bar list.

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