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Joe McLaughlin has represented clients in hundreds of class action and other aggregated proceedings in trial and appellate courts across the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Over the past 30 years, he has successfully represented clients in securities and complex commercial litigation and all types of government and internal investigations. Joe is widely regarded as one of the nation's leading class action practitioners, and received the Burton Award for Legal Achievement for authoring the frequently cited *McLaughlin on Class Actions: Law and Practice*. *The American Lawyer* recently featured Joe as a “reliable winner” in naming him national Litigator of the Week, and referred to him as a “class action star.” Recent legal commentary in a high profile securities class action stated that Joe’s “tenacity” and defense

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strategies “changed the course of the case,” resulting in a “landmark ruling . . . worth recounting because future securities defendants will surely try to replicate arguments that worked so well for Simpson Thacher and its client.” Joe is consistently recognized as a leader in his field by *Benchmark Litigation* and *The Legal 500*. He is Co-Chair of the Firm’s Client Committee and serves on the Board of Mobilization for Justice, which facilitates equal access to justice for indigent New Yorkers.