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Labaton Sucharow LLP's strongest suit is in representing public and private institutional investors in securities class actions, and the sub-prime collapse and the ensuing credit crisis has given the firm ample opportunity to demonstrate its mettle. The New York firm represents the lead plaintiffs in five of the most high-profile securities class actions cases being prosecuted currently, namely Lehman Brothers, AIG, Bear Stearns, Countrywide Financial and Fannie Mae. **Thomas Dubbs** headed the team which acted as lead sole counsel to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, and others, in an action against the former chairman and directors of AIG, which resulted in a settlement subject to court approval of \$115m, one of the largest ever settlements with individual defendants. **Javier Bleichmar**, promoted to partner during 2009, is representing a number of corporate plaintiffs in a class action against Banco Santander seeking to recover investments which were substantially depleted by placement in funds managed and operated by Bernard Madoff. In the foregoing cases, and in others, the firm is noted for an inventive approach to legal arguments, frequently employing innovative cutting-edge ideas to press cases forward. The firm has provided litigation services to numerous institutional investors including New York City Pension Funds and the City of Dearborn Heights Police, Steamship Trade Association and the International Longshoremen's Association Pension Fund. Co-founders, chairman **Lawrence Sucharow**, and **Joel Bernstein**, bring huge gravitas to the practice. Other recommended partners include **Jonathan Plasse** and **Eric Belfi**.

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