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Labaton Sucharow LLP remains a formidable force representing institutional investors in securities class action litigation, having secured recovery settlements of \$1.8bn in 2010 alone. The firm has had a pivotal role in actions against significant players such as Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns and Morgan Stanley, alleging fraudulent activity or irresponsible practices. In another significant matter, **Joel Bernstein** led the firm as sole lead counsel for the plaintiffs in *In re Countrywide Financial Corporation Securities Litigation*. The group negotiated a \$624m settlement with Countrywide, which is awaiting approval from the US District Court for the Central District of California. If approved, this settlement will be among the largest securities class action settlements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. The team also acted for New Mexico State Investment Council and the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico in achieving a \$200m settlement with WellCare Health Plans in *Eastwood Enterprises, LLC v Farha et al.* The case involved allegations that WellCare overcharged state Medicaid programs. **Thomas Dubbs**, who led the team, ‘*combines tenacity and objectivity in a way that makes him a formidable adversary of the defense bar*’. Practice chair **Lawrence Sucharow** is another well-respected figure, while **Christopher Keller**, **Mark Arisohn**, **Eric Belfi** and **Javier Bleichmar** are also recommended.

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