#### BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS MAY 6, 2025 9:00 AM



#### **Governor's Conference Room and Microsoft Teams meeting**

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Meeting Coordinators: Catelin Newell – Dir. Admin Services & IT, Kate Schirado – Exec. Assistant

#### > = Board Action Requested

#### 1. Call to Order – Chairman

- A. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Consideration of Approval of <u>March 27, 2025 Land Board Meeting Minutes</u> by voice vote minutes available via link

#### 2. **Operations – Joseph Heringer**

- A. Commissioner's Report pg. 2
- B. Financial Dashboard pg. 3

#### 3. **Division Reports – Joseph Heringer**

- A. Surface pg. 12
- B. Minerals pg. 14
- C. Unclaimed Property pg. 16
- D. <u>Financials for period ending February 28, 2025</u> financials available via link

#### 4. Investments – Frank Mihail, CIO

- A. Investment Update pg. 17
- B. Securities Litigation Monitoring Presentations pg. 22
- C. Khosla Venture Cap Recommendation pg. 65

#### 5. Litigation Update – Joseph Heringer – pg. 83

- Executive session under the authority of NDCC §§ 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 regarding:
  - Royalty Settlements



RE: Commissioner's Report (No Action Requested)

#### **Special Mention Events**

- <u>National Association of State Trust Lands Virtual Spring Meeting</u> attended April 8, 2025, for association business and collaboration regarding current issues; annual conference in Denver July 21-13, 2025
- State Investment Board Investment Committee attended April 17, 2025, meeting as Vice Chair
- State Investment Board attended April 25, 2025, full State Investment Board meetings as a voting member

#### **Human Resources**

- Revenue Compliance Position open due to retirement; filled with May 5, 2025, start date
- <u>Temporary Unclaimed Property Claims Processor</u> temporary position needed to help clear claims backlog; posted with hopeful June 1, 2025, start date
- Commissioner Annual Performance Review committee will bring report and salary recommendation to May 29, 2025, meeting
- Commissioner Term of Office statute requires the new four-year term of the Commissioner to start July 1<sup>st</sup> following the general election of the governor so this will be on the May 29, 2025, meeting agenda

#### **Legislative Session**

- DTL Budget (SB 2013) House amendments: 1) Unclaimed Property Compliance Officer 2) \$550,000 employee retention funding (\$843,431 recommended by CBIZ Compensation Study);
   3) collaboration with Dept. of Commerce on revenue diversification efforts; Senate conferees accepted House changes and full Senate approved on April 22, 2025, by a vote of 45-2
- Coal Leases / Rare Earth Minerals (HB 1459) proposed statutory structure governing extraction of rare earth minerals imbedded in mined coal; conference committee approved addition amendments which will be going to both floors

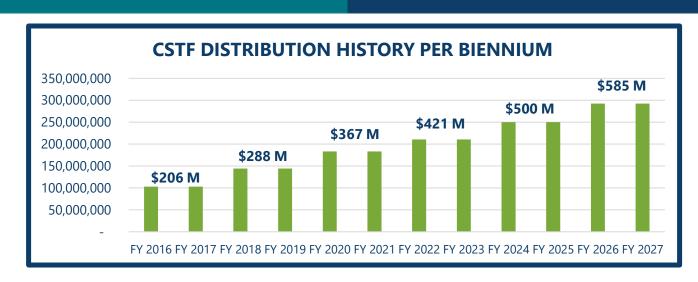
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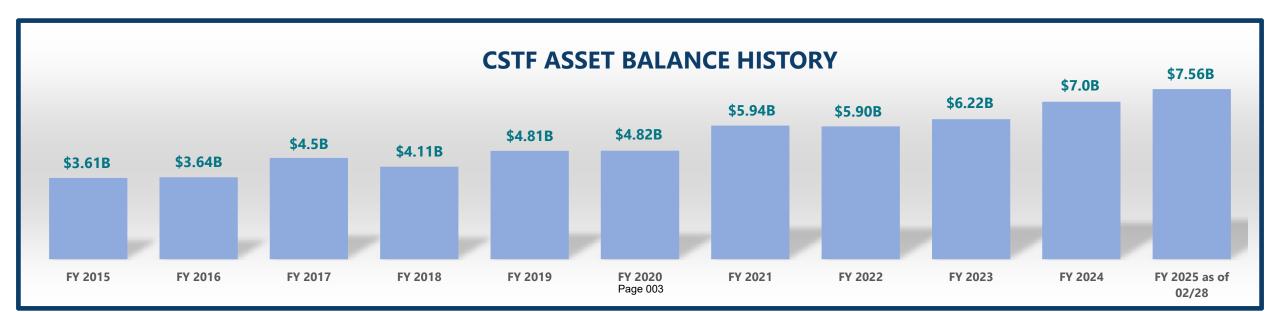


CSTF ASSET BALANCE as of 02/28/2025 (unaudited)

\$7,560,744,030

+\$888 million year-over-year from 02/29/2024 balance of \$6.67 billion





## COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2023-25 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS



Monthly Distribution to the State Tuition Fund for the 2023-25 Biennium \$27,770,000 Multiplied by 9 months per year =\$250,000,000 Divided by 115,740 students = \$2,160/student per year

North Dakota Cost to Educate Per Student 75.7% State Funding Share \$2,160 CSTF per Student Annual Distribution \$13,778/year =\$10,430 =21% of state funding share



## COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2025-27 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS



Monthly Distribution to the State Tuition Fund for the 2025-27 Biennium \$32,500,000 Multiplied by 9 months per year =\$292,500,000 Divided by 116,598 students = \$2,508/student per year

North Dakota Cost to Educate Per Student 75.7% State Funding Share \$2,508 CSTF per Student Annual Distribution \$13,778/year =\$10,430 =24% of state funding share



## COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2023-25 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS



## **Current Biennium Distributions to the State Tuition Fund through 04/30/2025**

\$472.23 million of \$500 million total

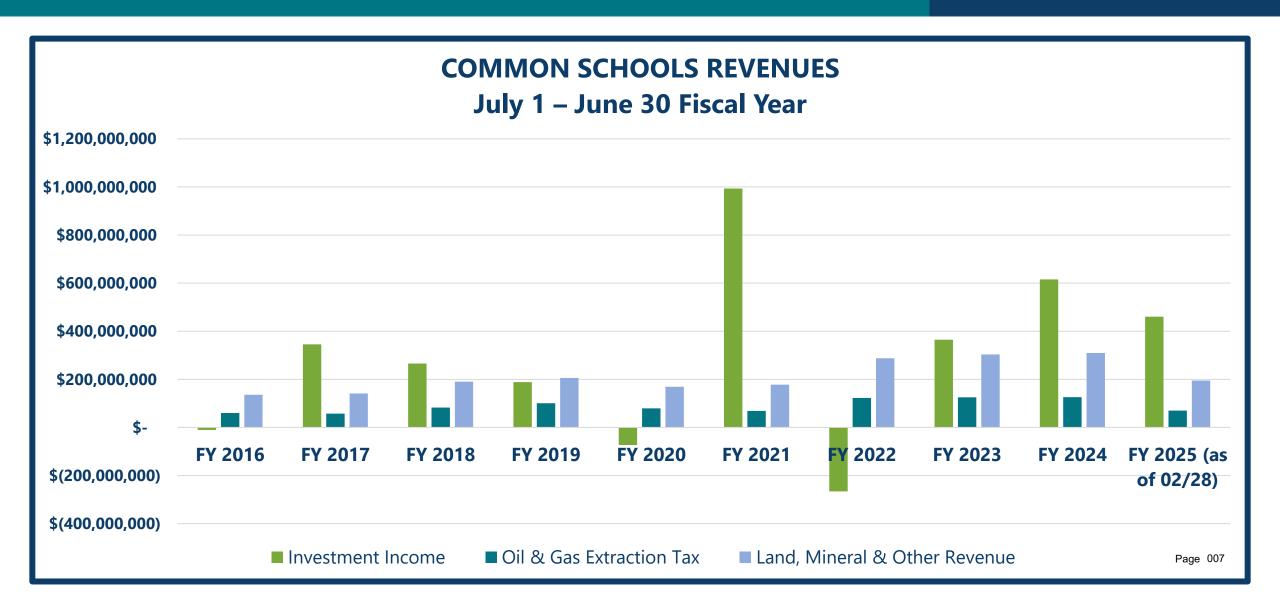
**CSTF Distributions Since FY 2014** 

\$2 BILLION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF!



#### COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND (CSTF) OVERVIEW





#### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & **IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIIF) OVERVIEW**



#### **SIIF BALANCE as of 01/31/2025** (unaudited)

- Total Balance \$1,513,329,147
- Uncommitted Balance \$1,209,387,242

#### SIIF BALANCE as of 02/28/2025 (unaudited)

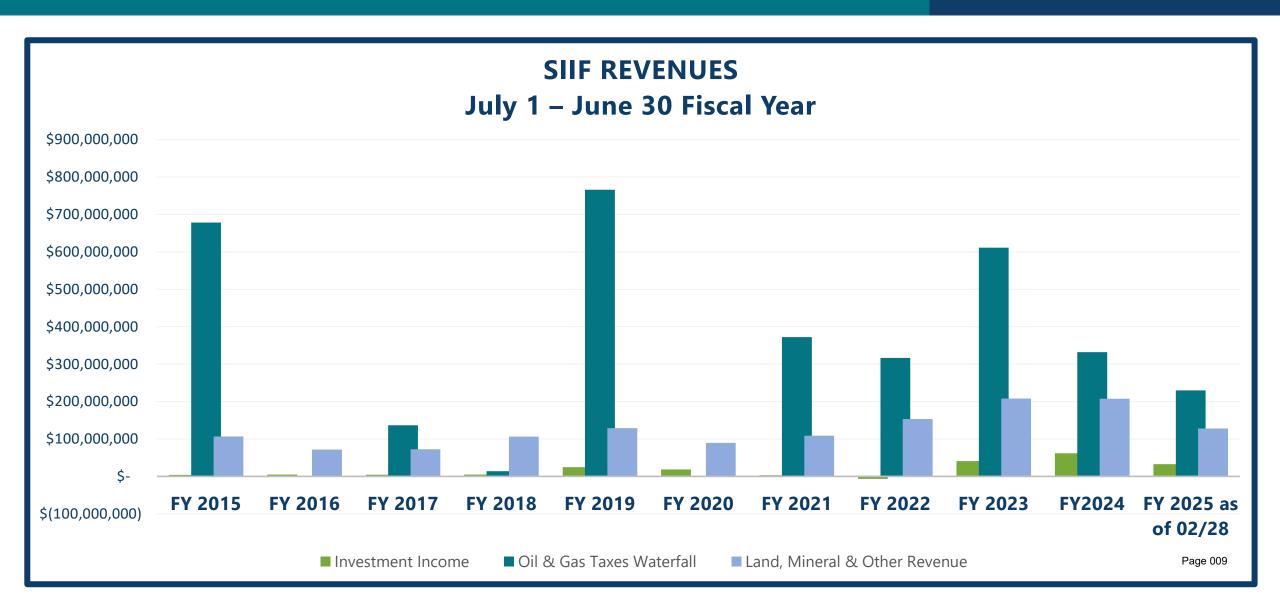
- Total Balance \$1,605,093,583
- Uncommitted Balance \$1,302,151,676

#### SIIF QUARTERLY BALANCE HISTORY (UNAUDITED)



## STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIIF) HIGHLIGHTS







State General Fund \$230M Social Services Fund \$250M **Budget Stabilization Fund** Currently at cap, receives no oil allocations State General Fund \$230M Lignite Research Fund AMOUNT ALLOCATED \$10M AMOUNT REMAINING State Disaster Relief Fund \$8.5M Strategic Investment & Improvements Fund (SIIF) \$400M **Public Employees Retirement Fund** \$65M Non-oil Producing Political Subdivision Infrastructure Funds Municipal Cty Township \$115M \$115M Airport Infrastructure Fund \$20M Strategic Investment & Improvements Fund (SIIF) \$102.2M Remainder

#### **ESTIMATED TOTAL NET ASSETS** as of 02/28/2025



**Mineral Tracker Valuation** as of October 31, 2024, on 2.6 million Mineral Acres \$2,461,271,622















\* Total excluding SIIF

## SURFACE DIVISION ENCUMBRANCES ISSUED



Encumbrances issued by the Commissioner: 22 Right of Way Agreements in February generated a total of \$292,484 in income for the Trusts.



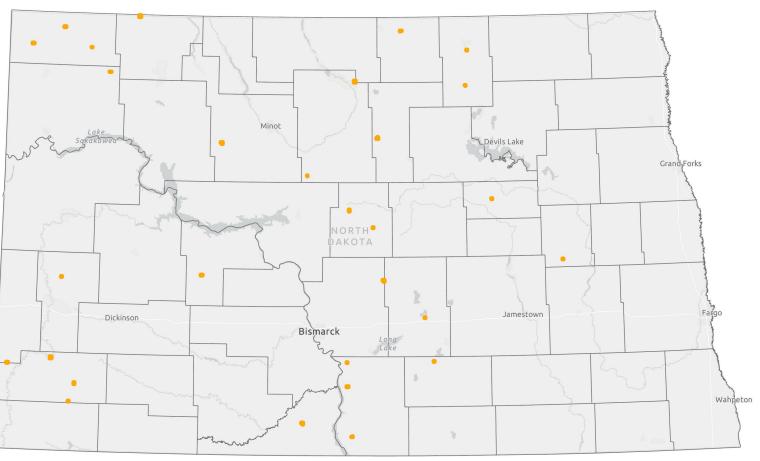


## SURFACE DIVISION 2025 SPRING AUCTION SUMMARY



The Division conducted spring surface lease auctions in March. Spring Auctions are "clean-up" auctions for unleased or dropped tracts.

<b>AUCTION SUMMARY</b>						
Counties	20					
Total Tracts	53					
Total Acres	82,001					
Registered Bidders	31					
Tracts Receiving Competition	25%					
Highest Bid/Acre (Pasture)	\$44					
Total Revenue	\$119,382					

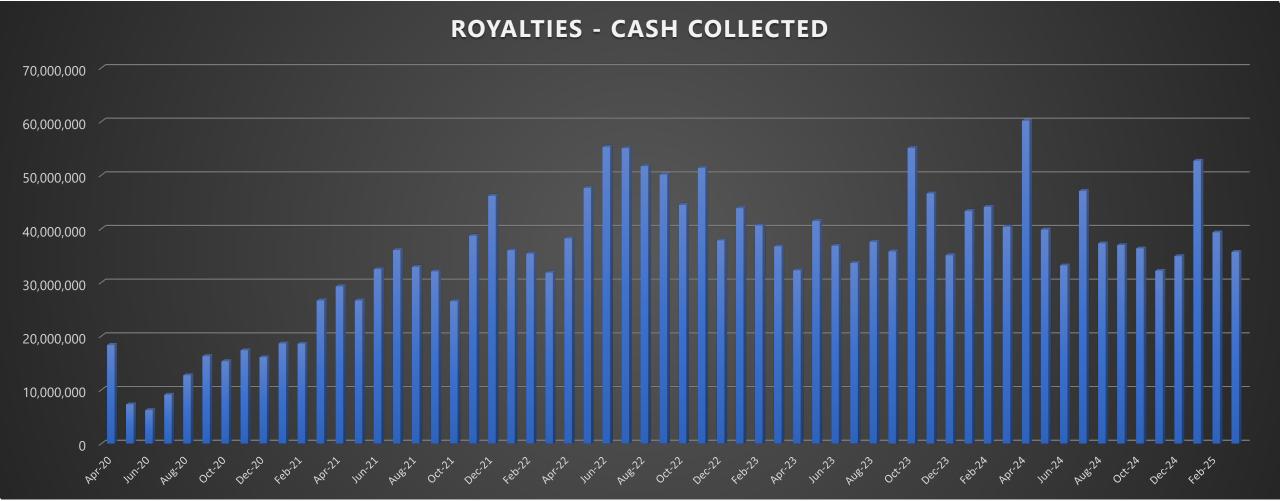


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## MINERALS DIVISION FISCAL YTD O/G ROYALTIES



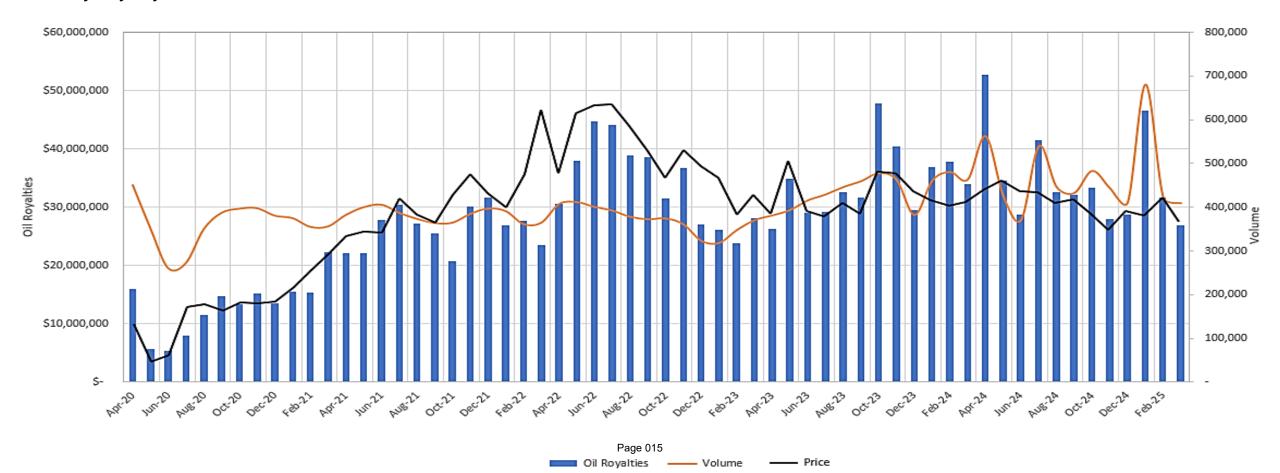
As of March 31, 2025\*, for fiscal year 2024-25 the Department has received \$352,626,989 in royalties as compared to \$371,758,706 last fiscal year at this time.



#### PRICE MAIN DRIVER OF O/G ROYALTIES



In the early years production growth was the driver of the Department's royalty increases. Now that our net monthly production has been more stable, averaging 468,326 barrels per month over the past twelve months, the price of oil & gas is the main driver of monthly royalty variations.

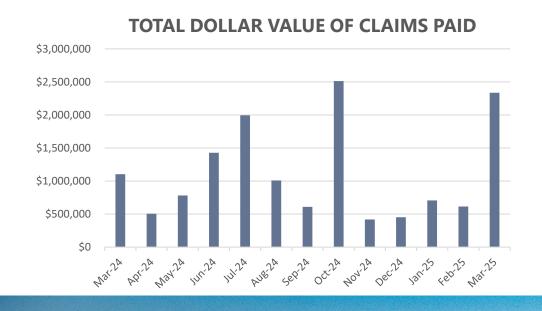


#### **UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION**

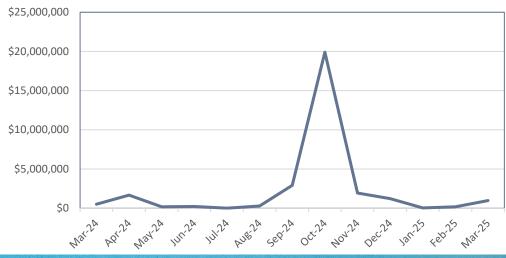
https://unclaimedproperty.nd.gov



For the month of February 2025, the Division paid 786 claims with \$2,336,190 returned to rightful owners. The Division also received 81 holder reports with a dollar value of \$970,295.



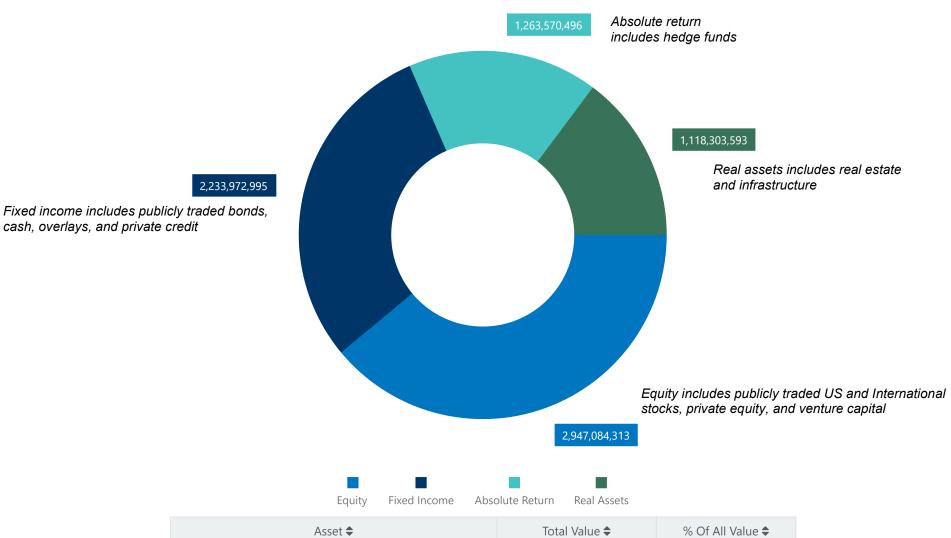
#### TOTAL VALUE OF PROPERTY REPORTED





Report as of 03/31/2025

#### Asset Allocation



Asset <b>♦</b>	Total Value <b>♦</b>	% Of All Value 🕏
All 🔻	7,562,931,397	100%
Equity •	2,947,084,313	39%
Fixed Income	2,233,972,995	30%
Absolute Return	1,263,570,496	17%
Real Assets Page 01	1,118,303,593	15%

Infrastructure •

Real Estate





401,050,251

717,253,342

5.3%

9.48%

7%

10%

-1.7%

-0.52%

-128,354,947

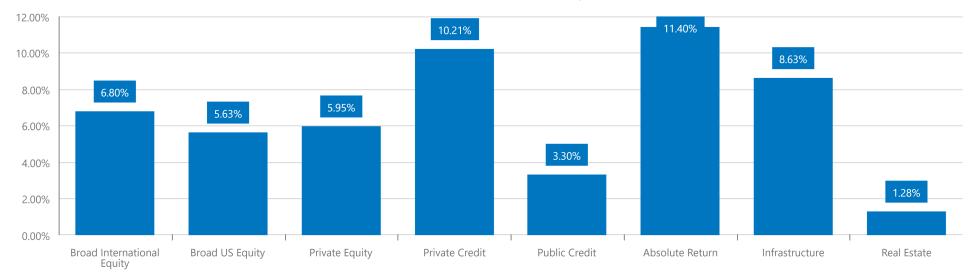
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Report as of 03/31/2025

#### Flash Performance Report

Unaudited preliminary estimates



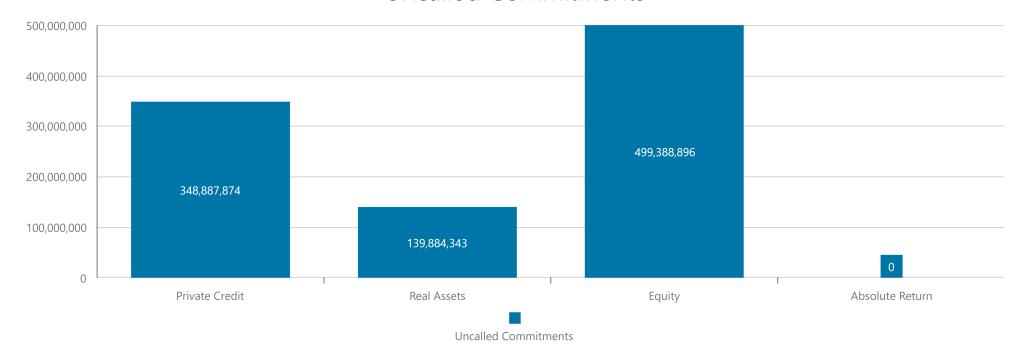
1Y : Net Of Fee Txs : Cumulative Return

	MTD	QTD	YTD	FYTD	1Y
	Net of Fees Txs				
Asset <b>♦</b>	Cumulative Return \$	Cumulative Return <b>\$</b>	Cumulative Return 🗢	Cumulative Return \$	Cumulative Return 🗢
Total Portfolio	-1.24%	1.08%	1.08%	5.22%	6.91%
Equity 🔻	-3.11%	0.45%	0.45%	5.11%	6.63%
Broad International Equity	-0.93%	6.34%	6.34%	5.67%	6.8%
Broad US Equity	-6.02%	-5.24%	-5.24%	3.68%	5.63%
Private Equity	0%	0%	0%	4.62%	5.95%
Fixed Income	0.15%	1.81%	1.81%	4.97%	6.87%
Private Credit	0.13%	0.82%	0.82%	7.23%	10.21%
Public Credit •	0.18%	2.99%	2.99%	2.38%	3.3%
Absolute Return	-0.63%	1.68%	1.68%	8.41%	11.4%
Real Assets 🔻	0.33%	0.34%	0.34%	2.88%	3.69%
Infrastructure •	0.55% Page 01	9 0.6%	0.6%	5.86%	8.63%
Real Estate	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	1.35%	1.28%



#### Report as of 03/31/2025

#### **Uncalled Commitments**



Asset <b>♦</b>	Commitment (\$M) <b>♦</b>	Funded Commitment (\$M) <b>♦</b>	Uncalled Commitments (\$M) <b>♦</b>
All (MTD) ▼	3,991	3,003	988
Ares •	300	100	200
GCM Grosvenor	580	188	392
Hamilton Lane	50	30	20
Khosla Ventures 🕨	35	16	19
Monarch •	120	85	35
Blue Owl •	125	92	33
a16z •	35	7	28
Industry Ventures	50	4	46
Pantheon •	Page 020 100	5	95
Blackstone	120		120



#### Report as of 03/31/2025

#### Liquidity Waterfall



Entity <b>♦</b>	1 Day (\$M) <b>♦</b>	1 Week (\$M) <b>♦</b>	1 Month (\$M) <b>♦</b>	1 Quarter (\$M) 🕏	6 Months (\$M) 🕏	1 Year (\$1M) <b>\$</b>	All Time (\$M) <b>♦</b>
All 🔻	102	2,132	3,137	3,886	5,239	5,773	7,545
Equity •		1,115	2,120	2,683	2,683	2,683	2,947
Fixed Income	102	1,016	1,016	1,016	1,304	1,442	2,232
Absolute Return •				187	457	664	1,255
Real Assets					795	984	1,111

Measures how long it would take to liquidate the entire portfolio



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#### Key Distinctions

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#### 2024'S TOP 10 INVESTOR RECOVERIES



RANK	DEFENDANT	TOTAL RECOVERY
1	<b>É</b>	\$490 Million
2	*	\$434 Million
3	Alphabet	\$350 Million
4	Uber	\$200 Million
5	RITE	\$192.5 Million
6	tu simple	\$189 Million
7	Envision HEALTHCARE	\$177.5 Million
8	<b>Pattern</b>	\$100 Million
9	Perrigo Company plc	\$97 Million
10	Becton, Dickinson and Company	\$85 Million





# ISS SCAS'S TOP 50 LAW FIRMS OF 2024

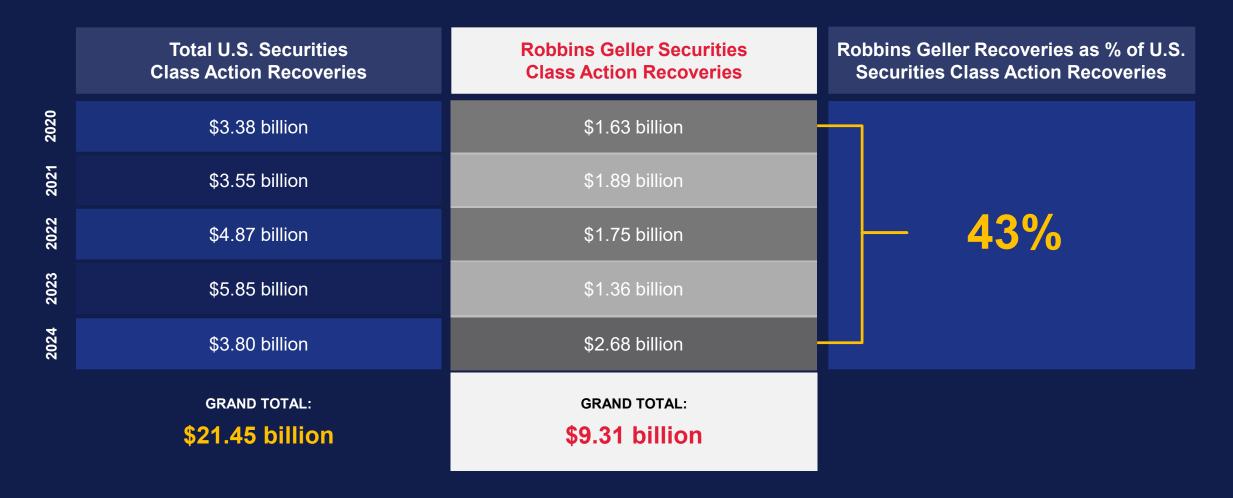


### TOP 10 LAW FIRMS BY DOLLAR SIZE OF SECURITIES-RELATED SETTLEMENTS



"Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ranked first among plaintiffs' firms with \$2.51 billion in total settlement funds approved by courts during 2024."

#### Annual U.S. Securities Class Action Recoveries



#### Representative Clients



















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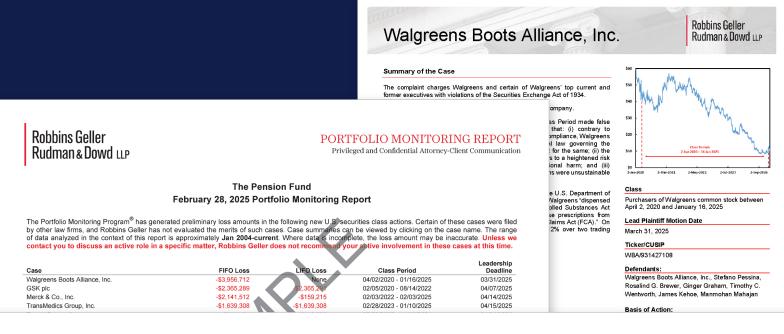


# Exclusive Advantages of Robbins Geller's Portfolio Monitoring Program®

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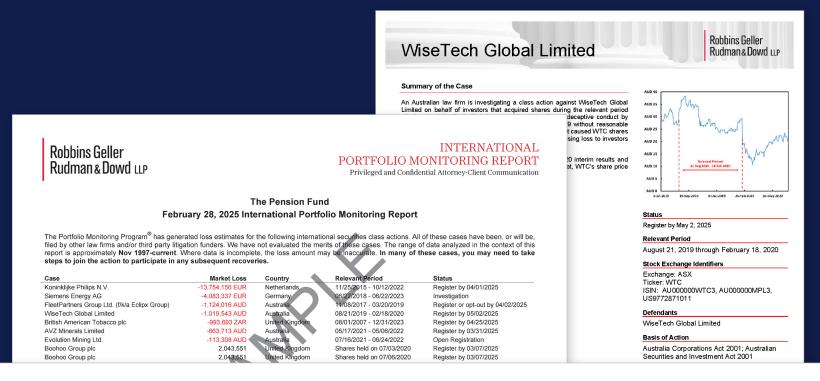
- Twenty-five highly trained lawyers, forensic accountants, economists, damage analysts, and investigators.
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   <u>third-party vendors or from locations outside of the United States.</u>
- We monitor debt and equity securities at no cost to the plan.
- International monitoring crucial for clients who invest globally.

#### Monitoring Reports



Case		FIFO Loss	LIFO Loss	Class Period	Leadership Deadline
Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.		-\$3,956,712	None	04/02/2020 - 01/16/20	03/31/2025
Novo Nordisk A/S	-\$8,489	-\$8,489	11/02/2022 - 12/19/2024	03/25/2025	
Crocs, Inc.	-\$7,909	None	11/03/2022 - 10/28/2024	03/24/2025	
The Trade Desk, Inc.	-\$6,473	-\$322	05/09/2024 - 02/12/2025	04/21/2025	
Manhattan Associates, Inc.	-\$5,074	-\$4,353	10/22/2024 - 01/28/2025	04/28/2025	
Target Corporation	208,990		Shares held on 04/11/2022	04/01/2025	
Target Corporation	149,605		Shares held on 04/17/2023	04/01/2025	
Alarum Technologies Ltd.	None		03/14/2024 - 08/26/2024	04/15/2025	
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#### **International Monitoring Reports**



CaseMarket LossCountryRelevant PeriodStatusWiseTech Global Limited-1,019,543 AUDAustralia08/21/2019 - 02/18/2020Register by 05/02/2025

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#### Settlement Reports

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#### SETTLEMENT REPORT

Privileged and Confidential Attorney-Client Communication

#### The Pension Fund October 25, 2024 Settlement Report

#### Shareholder Class Actions

Robbins Geller has identified the following settled shareholder class actions with upcoming claims deadlines. Check-marked and shaded cases are those where the Portfolio Monitoring Program<sup>®</sup> indicates that an eligible claim may exist. The range of data analyzed in the context of this report is approximately **Jan 2004-current**. Where data is incomplete, potential claims may not be identified. Please click on the case name to view the Claims Administrators' websites for additional information about these settlements.

	Claims Deadline	Case	Class Period	Gross Class Recovery	Claims Administrator
1	10/31/2024	Victoria Gold Corp.	07/01/2020-11/12/2020	\$925,000 (CAD)	KND Complex Litigation
1	11/01/2024	Medibank Private Ltd.	07/01/2019-10/25/2022	TBD	Phi Finney McDonald
	11/04/2024	Eos Energy Enterprises, Inc. (fka BRII)	Held 11/10/2020-11/16/2020	\$8,500,000	A.B. Data, Ltd.
<b>✓</b>	11/08/2024	Qualcomm Inc.	02/01/2012-01/20/2017	\$75,000,000	A.B. Data, Ltd.
<b>✓</b>	11/08/2024	The Lovesac Co.	06/08/2022-08/16/2023	\$615,000	Strategic Claims Services
	11/11/2024	Lightning eMotors, Inc.	05/14/2020-08/16/2021	\$13,350,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC
<b>✓</b>	11/12/2024	Under Armour, Inc.	09/16/2015-11/01/2019	\$434,000,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC
	11/19/2024	Sunlight Financial Holdings, Inc.	01/25/2021-09/28/2022	\$3,500,000	Strategic Claims Services
✓	11/20/2024	Uber Technologies, Inc.	05/10/2019-11/05/2019	\$200,000,000	A.B. Data, Ltd.
	11/21/2024	Ginkgo Bioworks Holdings, Inc.	05/11/2021-10/05/2021	\$17,750,000	Strategic Claims Services
✓	11/21/2024	Oak Street Health, Inc.	08/06/2020-11/08/2021	\$60,000,000	JND Legal Administration
	11/28/2024	Recon Energy Africa Ltd. (Canada)	05/30/2020-09/07/2021	\$5,075,000 (CAD)	Berger Montague (Canada) PC
	12/02/2024	Bioventus Inc.	02/11/2021-11/21/2022	\$15,250,000	A.B. Data, Ltd.
	12/04/2024	Blink Charging Co.	03/06/2020-08/19/2020	\$3,750,000	Strategic Claims Services
	12/12/2024	CM Life Sciences, Inc.	07/19/2021-07/22/2021	\$21,000,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC
	12/13/2024	QuantumScape Corp.	11/27/2020-04/14/2021	\$47,500,000	A.B. Data, Ltd.
	12/14/2024	HyreCar Inc.	05/13/2021-08/10/2021	\$1,900,000	Strategic Claims Services
	12/17/2024	CF Finance Acquisition Corp. II	Held 03/03/2021- 03/08/2021	\$12,000,000	Gilardi & Co. LLC
1	12/17/2024	Citrix Systems, Inc.	03/08/2022-09/30/2022	\$17,500,000	JND Legal Administration

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#### UNIQUE INSIGHTS:

#### We Identify Large Claims Missed by Other Firms



No. 1:08-cv-10783 (S.D.N.Y.)

\$272 M



No. 4:16-cv-05314 (N.D. Cal.)

\$809.5 M



No. 3:18-cv-06245 (N.D. Cal.)

\$350 M



No. 1:10-cv-03864 (S.D.N.Y.)

\$400 M

#### Walgreens

No. 1:18-cv-02118-JPW (M.D. Pa.) **\$192.5 M** 



No. 2:10-cv-02847 (N.D. Ala.)

\$90 M



No. 3:11-cv-01033 (M.D. Tenn.)

Hospital Corporation of America

HCA

\$215 M

Walmart >

No. 5:12-cv-05162 (W.D. Ark.)

\$160 M



No. 1:07-cv-04507 (N.D. III.)

\$200 M

No. 1:17-cv-00241-MHC (N.D. Ga.) **\$87.5 M** 

\$2.7 billion

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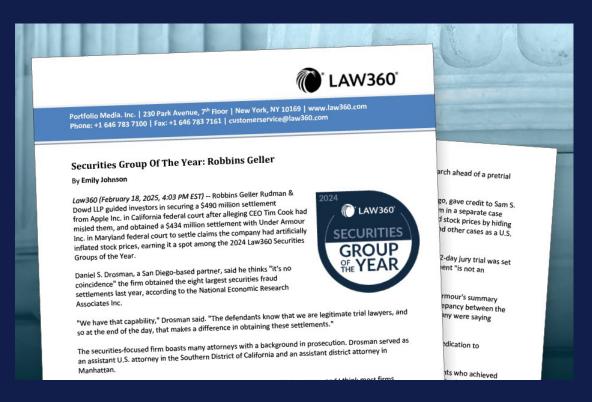
#### Just ask our peers – they agree.

"I'll be honest ... Another plaintiff firm could have tagged Twitter for \$100 million, maybe \$200 million. Robbins Geller is the only one that could have gotten a settlement like that out of them, and that's because they are a credible trial threat."

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# Thank you for your consideration. We welcome the opportunity to be of service.

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### Presentation for:

# North Dakota Department of Trust Lands Land Board

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### The Firm

- Founded in 1983
- Offices in New York, Delaware, Illinois, California, and Louisiana
- Approximately 120 attorneys and over 75
   professional staff, including financial analysts,
   fraud investigators, litigation support, and IT
   specialists—all committed to representing
   public pension funds and other institutional
   investors in litigation
- Over 350 institutional investor clients rely on BLB&G for securities monitoring services
- Culture based on integrity, professionalism, and excellence





### A Bulwark Against Corporate Fraud and Malfeasance

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# ISS Securities Class Action Services Ranks BLB&G #1

ISS Securities Class Action Services Ranks **BLB&G First** in *Top 100 Class Action Settlements*of All-Time Report for 15th Consecutive Year:

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- Secured more than \$27 billion of the top 100 class action recoveries, \$7 billion more than our closest competitor.
- Achieved seven settlements of \$1 billion or more—three more than any other firm.



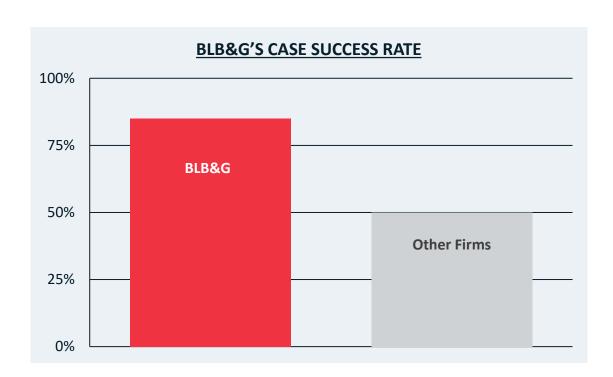
### **HISTORIC RECOVERIES**

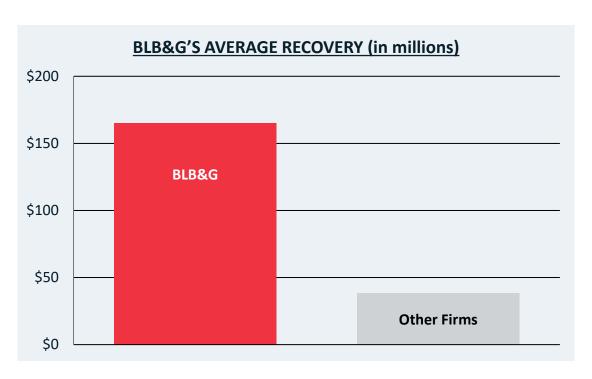
\$6.20	BILLION WORLDCOM
\$3.30	BILLION CENDANT
\$2.40	BILLION BANK OF AMERICA
\$2.00	BILLION* ALLIANZ
\$1.07	BILLION NORTEL NETWORKS II
\$1.06	BILLION MERCK
\$1.05	BILLION MCKESSON HBOC
\$1.00	BILLION WELLS FARGO

<sup>\*</sup>Aggregate recovery for over 30 separate institutional investors

### The Best Success Rate in the Field

BLB&G's success rate in cases has been significantly better than our competitors', with the vast majority of our cases upheld by the courts. BLB&G achieves recoveries that are, on average, four times greater than our competitors'.





Source: Stanford Securities Litigation Analytics (2000-2023). This information is derived from Stanford Securities Litigation Analytics ("SSLA"), a research project at Stanford Law School that tracks and collects data on securities class action litigation and SEC enforcement actions brought to enforce the disclosure requirements of the securities laws.



### Our Philosophy and Selective Approach to Litigation

- We only pursue meritorious cases. Our specialized team of lawyers, financial analysts, and financial investigators rigorously vets each potential case to confirm the merits and protect our clients' interests.
- We vet more than 300 filed and unfiled potential cases a year, moving forward solely with those that best fit each client's litigation preferences, risk tolerance, and strategic needs. We typically determine only 10-15% to be meritorious and worthy of institutional leadership.
- We provide advice and recommendations on when to be active and when not to be.

  Our selective approach ensures the best chance of a significant recovery or meaningful corporate governance reforms.



### **Innovative Litigation to Protect Our Clients' Diverse Portfolios**



• Allianz: BLB&G initiated a comprehensive, proprietary investigation in the wake of the collapse of the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds during the beginning of the pandemic. Our investigation focused on alleged misconduct and breaches of fiduciary and contractual duties in the management of those funds, which had deviated from their stated market-neutral strategy. We filed the first complaint setting forth the primary claims and positioned our clients to capitalize on the evidence we developed. Several of our competitors told clients not to pursue these claims, advising that the risks and challenges in the case impeded the ability to achieve a recovery. Through our efforts, aggressive approach to the litigation, and vigorous advocacy, we were able to recover over \$2 billion for our clients—including clients who filed complaints and those that did not engage in litigation—believed to be the largest recovery ever achieved in any comparable matter.



• Wall Street Banks: We were the primary law firm to identify and file claims arising from investments in bonds and preferred securities in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, which resulted in billions of dollars in recoveries for investors—claims that other firms failed to pursue. Our work in these cases, including against banking giants Citigroup, Wachovia, and Merrill Lynch, set the bar for holding mortgage lenders, investment banks, bond insurers, large financial institutions, and other participants in the subprime mortgage securitization process accountable for abusive practices and fraud that resulted in massive investor losses. The American Lawyer noted that BLB&G's recoveries in financial crisis-related cases were "a good measure beyond any other securities class action plaintiffs firm."



### **Proven Trial Experience and Remarkable Results**

We are willing and ready to prosecute every case through trial, and our trial teams have recently secured impressive results for our clients.



Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac Challenged the federal government's decision to sweep Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's net worth to the U.S. Treasury. A jury unanimously concluded that the government had breached its implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and, in March 2024, the court entered a final judgment of \$812 million.



**Columbia Pipeline Group** Represented former stockholders in a case alleging that Columbia's former executives breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the sale to TransCanada. Achieved a \$350 million post-trial judgment—one of the largest shareholder verdicts in Delaware Chancery Court history.



**Mindbody** Achieved a precedent-setting outcome in Delaware Chancery Court in the class action against Mindbody executives in connection with the merger of Mindbody and Vista Equity Partners. Obtained a \$47 million post-trial award and set significant precedent for corporate advisors and M&A practitioners nationwide.



### **Pursuit of Corporate Governance Reforms**

We are equally proud of the impactful results we have achieved for clients when prosecuting corporate governance matters that have helped reform business practices.



FirstEnergy Achieved a \$180 million recovery—the second largest derivative recovery in federal court history—and unprecedented corporate governance reforms that included removal of longstanding directors. The action alleged breaches of fiduciary duty in connection with the largest public corruption scandal in Ohio history.



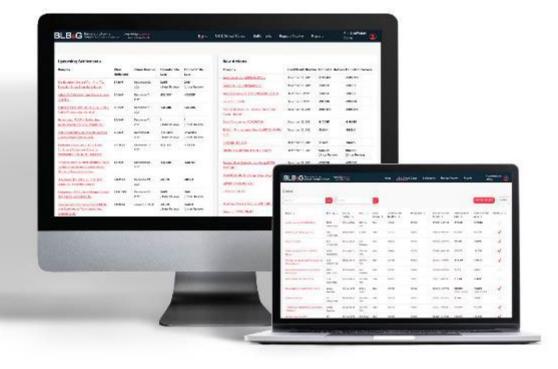
**McKesson** Achieved a \$175 million settlement that also imposed substantial corporate governance reforms. The suit alleged breaches of fiduciary duty for failing to oversee McKesson's compliance with the Controlled Substances Act and related regulations governing the distribution of opioids and reporting of suspicious orders.



**Viacom/CBS** Represented CalPERS and other Viacom stockholders challenging the merger of Viacom and CBS, securing a \$122.5 million recovery—the second largest recovery for stockholders in Delaware fiduciary class action history.



### Real-Time Analysis From the Best Team in the Business



BLB&G offers the most sophisticated and finely tuned portfolio monitoring and securities litigation evaluation in the industry. In fact, we pioneered the practice of portfolio monitoring almost 30 years ago, and the experience, in-house capabilities, and the results we achieve for our clients are second to none. It's why we have been selected to serve as monitoring counsel to over 350 institutional investors.

#### PortfolioWatch allows you to:

- View, sort, and search our comprehensive database of new, potential, and settled cases in the United States and globally.
- Easily access settlement amounts, claims deadlines, repose deadlines, financial exposure, and relevant lead plaintiff deadlines.
- Reference court dockets with full access to all court filings, along with trading information and settlement website, all at the click of a mouse.
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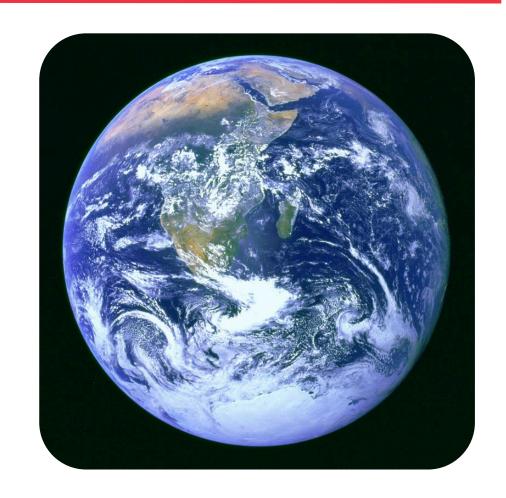
# Our core mission is to protect and preserve the financial interests of our clients.

- All monitoring and advisory services (for both U.S. and non-U.S. actions)
  are provided at no charge to our clients.
- U.S. litigation services are provided on a contingency fee basis. That means our clients bear no out-of-pocket costs.
- Global litigation advisory services are provided at no charge to our clients, which makes us financially independent and focused on providing the best advice for our clients.



### **Global Securities Litigation Overview**

- Our Global Securities and Litigation Monitoring Team includes professionals based in the United States and Europe dedicated to identifying and evaluating non-U.S. actions.
- Particularly active in Europe, leveraging our resources, connections, and personnel on the ground in Canada, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Sweden, and beyond.
- Relationships with many international law firms and litigation funders around the globe.
- No financial or referral fee relationships with litigation funders—we are entirely independent.
- Advise clients to pursue only those actions in which the merits appear strong and there are no material risks, burdens, or substantial practical barriers to recovery.





### **Global Jurisprudence Experience**

- BLB&G pioneered a path for recovery for investors in non-U.S. companies in Europe under the Dutch Collective Settlement Act:
  - Converium: BLB&G secured a \$58 million settlement for non-U.S. investors.
  - Volkswagen: BLB&G established a foundation seeking to resolve the claims of our clients who traded in VW securities in Germany.
- BLB&G has brought many successful cases in the U.S. that assert foreign law claims, involve foreign legal issues, and include international discovery, including:
  - Perrigo (claims under U.S. and Israeli law)
  - Volkswagen (discovery in Germany and litigation of foreign privacy laws)
  - Stonington (discovery in Belgium and litigation of foreign privacy laws)
  - Vale (discovery in Brazil)



### **Representative Public Pension Fund Clients**

- North Dakota State Investment Board
- Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
- Arizona State Retirement System
- Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System
- Boston Retirement System
- California Public Employees' Retirement System
- Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds
- Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island
- Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
- Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado
- Indiana Public Retirement System
- Jacksonville Police & Fire Pension Fund
- Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System
- Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association
- Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions

- Los Angeles Water and Power Employees' Retirement Plan
- Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System
- Louisiana Sheriffs Pension & Relief Fund
- Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System
- Louisiana State Police Retirement System
- Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
- Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan
- New Mexico Educational Retirement Board
- New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association
- New Orleans Employees' Retirement System
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
- Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System

- Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System
- Oregon Public Employees Retirement System
- Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
- Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago
- San Antonio Fire & Police Pension and Health Care Funds
- State of Hawaii Employees' Retirement System
- State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio
- State Universities Retirement System of Illinois
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- The Division of Investment of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury
- Virginia Retirement System



### **How BLB&G Suits NDDTL's Needs**

- We are conservative in the cases we recommend—an approach that matches the needs of our clients and produces results.
- We offer the most sophisticated portfolio monitoring and securities litigation evaluation in the industry—the reason we have been selected to serve as securities monitoring counsel by over 350 institutional investors.
- We devote the resources needed to provide clients with the best possible advice, and to effectively investigate and prosecute their claims.
- As securities monitoring counsel, we will provide our services in a manner tailored to NDDTL's preferences and needs, and without any cost or expense.



### **Hannah Ross**

Hannah Ross, a BLB&G partner and member of the firm's Executive Committee, has over 25 years of experience as a civil and criminal litigator. In addition to prosecuting securities fraud, corporate governance, and other forms of shareholder litigation, Hannah dedicates a significant part of her practice to case evaluation and client development, counseling clients on potential claims in U.S. and non-U.S. jurisdictions.

Hannah is a fierce litigator who fights to maximize recoveries for investors injured by corporate fraud and malfeasance. Most recently, Hannah was a leader of the team that recovered over \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds. Hannah has also co-led or served as a senior member in cases against some of the largest U.S. banking institutions, including *Bank of America* (\$2.425 billion recovery) and *Wells Fargo* (\$1 billion recovery), as well as several that collapsed in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis.

Hannah is a leader at BLB&G and in the public pension fund community, serving as co-chair of the firm's Forum for Institutional Investors and Women's Forum. She also serves on the Corporate Leadership Committee of the New York Women's Foundation and recently concluded a three-year term on the Council of Institutional Investors' Market Advisory Council. She is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys and has served as an adjunct faculty member in the trial advocacy program at the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University.

Hannah is widely recognized by industry observers for her professional achievements, including as a "notable practitioner" by *Chambers USA*; a "Litigation Star," a "Top U.S. Woman Litigator," and one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in the nation by *Benchmark Litigation*; and an "Elite Woman of the Plaintiffs' Bar" and "Litigation & Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer" by *The National Law Journal*.





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### Mike Blatchley

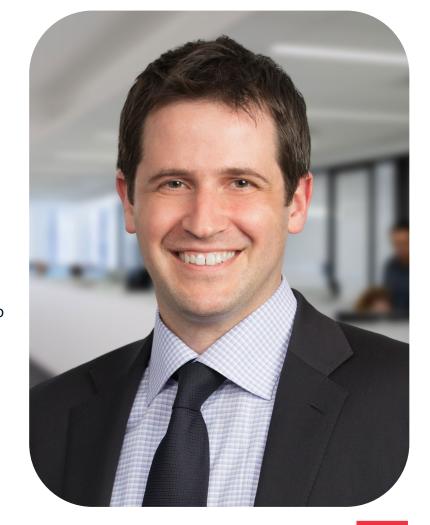
Mike Blatchley, a BLB&G partner, focuses his practice on securities fraud litigation. Over the course of his career, he has helped recover billions of dollars for injured investors through securities fraud class and direct actions. Highlights of his impressive casework include:

- Allianz (over \$2 billion recovered for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds)
- Wells Fargo & Company (\$1 billion recovery)
- Allergan (\$250 million recovery)
- JPMorgan Chase & Co. (\$150 million recovery)

He is currently prosecuting many high-profile cases on behalf of the firm's clients, including cases against Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd., TD Bank, and Energy Transfer.

Mike is routinely recognized in the market for his outstanding securities litigation work. He has been named to *Benchmark Litigation*'s "Under 40 Hot List," selected as a leading plaintiff financial lawyer by *Lawdragon*, and recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by *Thomson Reuters*.

Mike frequently presents to pension fund professionals and trustees concerning legal issues impacting their funds and has written numerous articles addressing securities litigation and investor rights. He co-authored the chapter "Laying the Groundwork for Mediation" in Practising Law Institute's *Financial Services Mediation Answer Book*.







# Thank you.

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#### **SECURITIES LITIGATION PROGRAM**

Best in Class Recoveries



#### FRT'S EVOLUTION

Singular Focus Enables Technology Innovation & Unmatched Expertise To Manage Class Action Recoveries



#### Market Leader

With over 140 employees – most dedicated to filings & operations, FRT is the largest firm exclusively focused on Securities and Antitrust Class Actions



900+ clients (\$35T in AUM)

FRT provides recovery services to many of the world's largest asset managers and asset owners.



### Technology & Innovation

Automation & processes to create operational efficiencies and maximize recoveries



#### **Data Security**

Tried and tested by the largest Asset Managers and Custodians



#### **Global Expertise**

Local market knowledge & relationships. Offices across the U.S., Europe & APAC



#### Transparency

Corporate governance solution with complete auditability and reporting.



#### **COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING AND CLAIMS FILING SERVICES**

Governance and recovery solutions to address the growing complexities of the global securities class action landscape





#### **SETTLED CLASS ACTION RECOVERY**

Identify eligibility, file claims and collect funds made available in U.S. securities class action settlements.



#### GROUP LITIGATION RECOVERY

Automated participation and recovery in norisk, passive group actions litigation outside of the U.S. and Canada.



#### **ANTITRUST RECOVERY**

Insight and participation/recovery assistance in Antitrust, Commodity Exchange Act and other non-securities litigation.



#### **OPT-IN MONITORING**

Monitoring of opportunities and participation assistance for all litigations requiring an informed decision to opt-in, primarily litigated outside of the U.S.



#### **OPT-OUT MONITORING**

Monitoring and participation assistance for private litigations and opportunities to optout a settled US class action.



#### **CLAIMS MONETIZATION**

Monetize the value of a liquidating fund's outstanding and future claims by allowing FRT to purchase the rights.

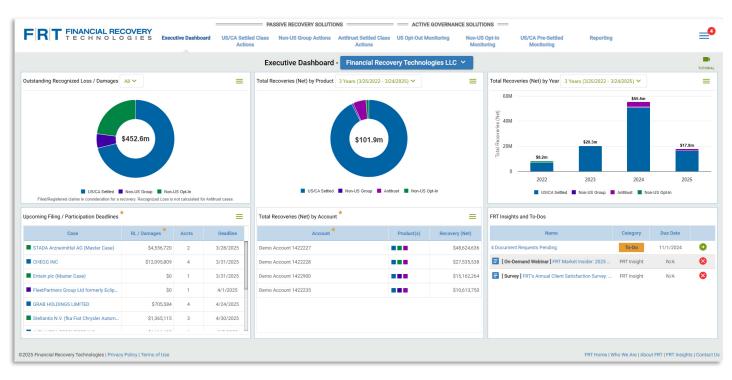


#### FRT CLIENT PORTAL

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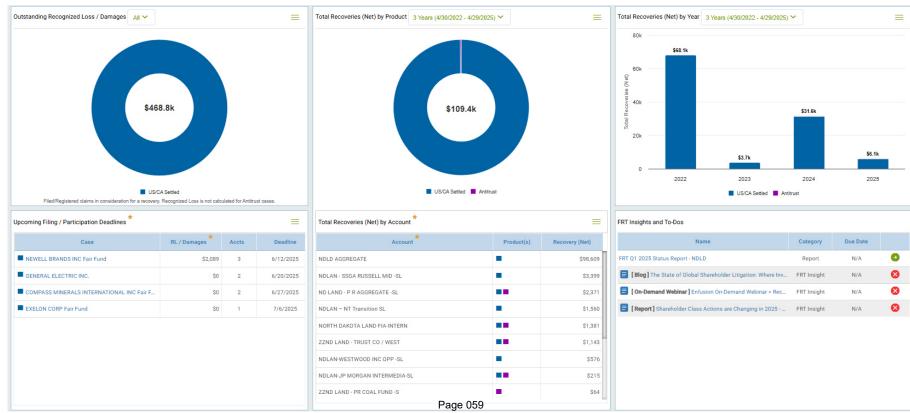
- ✓ Easy access to headline numbers and trends
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### North Dakota Trust Lands - Q1 2025 Claims & Recovery Summary

Current recoveries, filings in progress, and upcoming deadlines



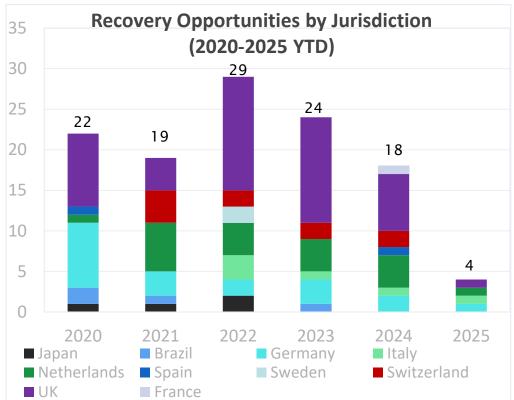
### North Dakota Trust Lands – Antitrust Filings in Progress

Claims filed by FRT on your behalf awaiting disbursement

Case Name	# of Accounts Filed	Claim Deadline	Case Number	Class Start	Class End	Settlement Fund
(European Government Bonds) - In re European Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation	2 accounts	3/25/2024	19-cv-2601	1/1/2005	12/31/2016	\$27,000,000
(European Government Bonds) In re Europear Government Bonds Antitrust Litigation	2 accounts	11/27/2024	19-CV-02601	1/1/2005	12/31/2016	\$80,000,000
(FX or FOREX) Foreign Exchange Benchmark Rates	4 accounts	5/16/2018	13-cv-07789	1/1/2003	12/15/2015	\$2,310,275,000
In re Mexican Government Bonds	3 accounts	11/29/2021	18-cv-02830	1/1/2006	4/19/2017	\$20,700,000
(LIBOR OTC) MUFG et Al. Settlements - In re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation	2 accounts	12/15/2023	11-md-02262- NRB	8/1/2007	5/31/2010	\$90,000,000
(LIBOR OTC) Rabobank et Al. Settlements - Ir re LIBOR-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation	2 accounts	2/10/2024	11md02262	8/1/2007	5/31/2010	\$101,000,000



#### **NON-US OPT-IN SUITS**





#### "SHOW ME THE MONEY!"

- Phases
  - 2010-2020: Binge investing
  - 2021-2023: Country capital reallocation
  - 2024-2025: Setbacks/pullbacks?
- Example: UK
  - Woodsford outcomes: canary in coal mine?
  - Law firms/other funders
    - More players => marginal cases?
    - Higher capital cost/contract protections
- Claim selling
  - Funders doubling down on good cases
    - 2%-5% of conservative losses
    - Philips/STADA
  - Limited countries/matters
    - Assign./ongoing burdens/deal size
    - Not allowed in UK
- Takeaways
  - Set higher loss thresholds
  - Focus on group size model outcomes
  - · Assume lower recovery rates
  - Consider selling non-UK claims



#### NON-US: WHERE INVESTORS SHOULD SPEND TIME & EFFORT

#### Passive Cases

- Australia high # of recent and expected settlements
  - 2024: **G8** (\$46.5M) and **RCR** (\$40M)
  - 2025: Mayne (\$38M), Mesoblast (\$26.5M), Treasury (\$65M), Inuteri (TBD, but 40% recovery)
- Dutch Collective Settlements Favorable mechanism, history of large settlements (Steinhoff, \$1.6B)
- Non-Standard Passive Cases High potential reward (Credit Suisse)

#### Low Hanging Fruit

- Opt-in cases with greater chance of settlement and lower risks
  - 2023: Philips

#### Favorable Jurisdictions

- Netherlands Low risks, favorable mechanisms
- Japan History of settlements
- German acquisition/merger cases Strong chance of success, easier to prove
  - 2024: Schaltbau
  - 2025: STADA



#### TRENDS IN ANTITRUST



### Fewer but larger settlements than in securities cases

Currently > \$3B in distribution
Typically 6-8 matters in distribution at any time



#### Multiple suits for same manipulation

e.g. several LIBOR settlements



#### **Antitrust Pipeline**

40+ US cases in litigation and 4+ outside US



#### Filing challenges = Less participation

Less participation = higher pro rata payout rates compared to securities cases



#### **Data identification = Filing challenges**

Most covered instruments don't have identifiers. Notable exceptions:

- GSE Bonds
- LIBOR Bondholder



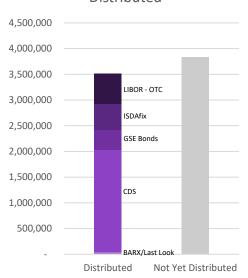
#### FRT emerged as leading third-party filer

ISDAfix: 2/3 claims filed FOREX: 2/3 first distribution GSE Bonds: 1/2 claims filed

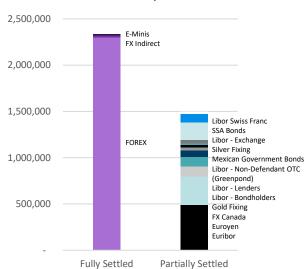


#### **ANTITRUST CLASS ACTIONS**

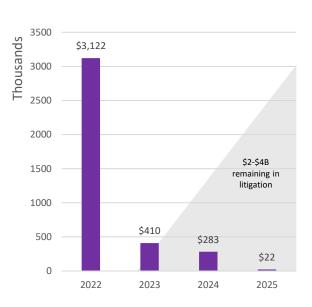
Antitrust Recoveries: Distributed vs Not Yet Distributed



Antitrust Recoveries: Not Yet Distributed - Fully Settled vs Partially Settled



Expected Antitrust Settlements (\$k): 2022-2025





## BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS MAY 06, 2025



#### MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS

May 06, 2025

#### **RE: Private Equity – Venture Capital**

The current private equity allocation sits at 3.5%, which represents a \$340M underweight to the 8% long term strategic asset allocation target. The goal of this proposal is to increase the private equity commitment, consistent with allocation targets and pacing plans. Based on the most recent private equity pacing plan, the goal is to commit \$140M per year to private equity, with approximately one-third to venture capital.

Staff recommends continuing the relationships with existing, best-in-class venture capital managers who maintain an advantage in artificial intelligence. Al continues to dominate the conversation in Silicon Valley, permeating every sector including healthcare, finance, law, gaming, manufacturing, agriculture, software and business services.

Staff and RVK recommend a commitment to Khosla Ventures (KV). KV was founded in 2004 by Vinod Khosla. The firm has grown to over \$16B in assets and 400 portfolio companies. KV targets a diversified portfolio with a focus on early stage investing in AI, deep tech, health, consumer, fintech and enterprise strategy. The team is known for holding advanced technical degrees, which allows them to source opportunities in deep tech sectors such as robotics, epigenetics and fusion.

KV is targeting a fundraise of \$3.5B allocated across three different funds: 15-20% to Seed Fund G, targeting seed-stage ventures 50% to KV IX (main fund), targeting early-stage ventures (Series A-B) 30-35% to Opportunity Fund 3, targeting mid- to late-stage ventures (Series C-D)

Recommendation: The Board approve \$50M commitment to Khosla Ventures, subject to standard legal review/documentation.

Attachment 1: RVK Executive Summary Attachment 2: Khosla Ventures Presentation

Action Record	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Secretary Howe					
Superintendent Baesler					
Treasurer Beadle					
Attorney General Wrigley					
Governor Armstrong					



#### SUMMARY OF THE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Stage: Venture
Geography: Primarily US
Structure: Direct Fund

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Khosla Ventures ("Khosla", "KV", or "the Firm") is a venture capital investment firm headquartered in Menlo Park, California. The Firm was founded in 2004 and has more than \$16 billion in commitments since 2009. The Firm's strategy focuses on investing in seed, early, and growth-stage technology companies. Khosla seeks to invest in companies that can de-risk technology challenges early in their lives. The Firm aims to find transformative technologies that will disrupt whole industries, capturing significant economic value along the way. Khosla's strategy centers around being bold (looking for revolutionary technologies), early (investing in earlier stages and financing rounds), and impactful (category-defining companies). KV is led by Founding Partners Vinod Khosla, Samir Kaul, and David Weiden. Additional managing directors include Sven Strohband and Keith Rabois.

Khosla is currently raising the Firm's ninth flagship fund, Khosla Ventures IX, L.P. ("Khosla IX", "Fund IX", or "the Fund"), in conjunction with companion funds Khosla Ventures Seed G, LP and Khosla Ventures Opportunity III, LP (together "Khosla Ventures IX and the companion funds" or "the Funds"). The Firm will continue to execute its investment strategy through focusing on tech and deeptech investments including AI, manufacturing & robotics, sustainability & cleantech, and health-related sectors such as medtech & diagnostics, digital health, and therapeutics.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

RVK's review of this offering included:

- A history of virtual meetings with senior professionals on the Khosla Ventures team, including onsite visits to Khosla Venture's Menlo Park office.
- A qualitative assessment of the General Partner, the investment strategy, and the investment process.
- An evaluation of the current market environment and expected opportunity set.
- An in-depth quantitative review of Khosla Ventures' portfolio and track record.

# Khosla Ventures IX Khosla Ventures Seed G Khosla Ventures Opportunity III



- Reference calls with Limited Partners and counterparties.
- An evaluation of the Fund's terms from an investment perspective.

#### **ROLE IN THE PORTFOLIO**

Khosla Ventures IX and the companion funds will provide exposure to traditional venture commitments and "deeptech" investments within seed, early, and growth-stage (but not pre-IPO) companies. The Fund offers exposure to private companies domiciled largely in United States with smaller exposure to global companies. Venture capital represents the highest risk segment of private equity broadly, with the greatest fund dispersion and longest time to liquidity; as such, Khosla Ventures IX should be part of a broadly diversified private equity and venture capital portfolio. KV IX is well suited to complement other venture capital funds that focus on later stage companies or other, different venture capital segments or to occupy the majority of a portfolio's exposure to venture capital, given the diversified exposure the funds will provide.

#### **OVERVIEW OF MERITS & CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **MERITS**

Strong venture capital franchise: In 2023, Khosla Ventures ranked in the top two firms in the US by the portion of investments achieving \$10 billion valuations according to Pitchbook and the number one venture capital firm by Founder's Choice in 2025, a neutral third party survey completed by entrepreneurs. Khosla Ventures was founded by Vinod Khosla after spending almost 20 years at Kleiner Perkins, another well reputed venture capital firm. Prior to that, Mr. Khosla founded Sun Microsystems. KV's long term reputation with founders as a capable and value enhancing partner has resulted in continued access to attractive start-ups across multiple sectors. RVK views a strong reputation among founders as increasingly important to generating outsize returns in the asset class segment, as venture capital performance is largely driven by a handful of outliers that return capital many times the venture capital fund's initial investment. Venture capital firms access to these companies is dependent on their firm's reputation and familiarity with the target subsector, resulting in an environment that favors firms with historically successful investment track records and founders with good reputations.

Attractive recent fund performance: All of KV's funds since 2011 have ranked above peer medians according to Preqin Pro's Venture Capital market benchmark. During much of this period, venture capital has generated strong returns and KV has ranked well on a relative and absolute basis. KV IV and Seed B also rank in the top quartile while the majority of other recent funds ranking above median on a distributions to paid in ("DPI") basis, demonstrating a faster return of capital than other peer funds. Even KV's weakest fund that accepted external capital, KV III and Seed A, resulted in net multiples that approximate peer medians. Those funds, raised in 2009, pursued a different strategy that invested heavily in clean technology companies.

**Exposure to relatively uncorrelated "deep tech" with an industry leader**: The majority of venture capital funds invested over the last several decades have been deployed in consumer and enterprise technology companies, leaving other technology dependent sectors of the economy potentially under-capitalized within the venture capital model. KV has been investing in what the Firm refers to as "deep technology"

# Khosla Ventures IX Khosla Ventures Seed G Khosla Ventures Opportunity III



sectors since the Firm's founding. These investments have occurred in rocketry, advanced manufacturing, and artificial intelligence. While more venture capital firms now evaluate venture deals with new technologies outside of the traditional segments of enterprise software as a service, consumer technology, and healthcare, RVK believes KV's successful track record of investing in the space gives the Firm a meaningful edge in accessing sought after start-ups.

**Diversified sector exposure**: KV invests across a variety of technology related sectors, including enterprise technology, software as a service, consumer technology, financial technology, advanced manufacturing & robotics, sustainability, medical technology, digital health, and therapeutics. While the firm maintains a diversified strategy, recent funds have leaned more heavily into fintech. KV VIII has approximately 40% allocated to fintech, with KV Seed F and KV Opportunity II averaging around 30%. Nonetheless, the firm enforces a formal constraint of no more than 10% of any fund in any one company. Khosla ventures invests across the main categories of venture capital. The Funds will provide investors access to a diversified portfolio of investments in a series of sectors that are less correlated with each other than portfolios comprised of investments entirely in the same sector, supporting additional intra-fund diversification. RVK expects KV IX, KV Seed G, and KV Opportunity III could offer more limited downside relative to other, single sector venture capital funds given the Funds' built in diversification and the strategy is a fit for more concentrated venture capital portfolios as a result.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

Weak returns to Khosla Ventures III: KV III and KV Seed A resulted in weak outcomes relative to the Firm's other funds. KV III and KV Seed A invested with a moderately distinct strategy from later funds, focusing primarily on cleantech investments with more limited diversification in other sectors. This resulted in outcomes below long term expectations and below peer outcomes for the asset class, which KV has since revised.

Mitigating Factors: KV has since shifted strategy, investing in additional sectors and moving away from outsize exposure to cleantech investing following Fund III. The Firm's performance strengthened, relative to both peers and on an absolute basis in response to this change. Both KV III and KV Seed A were also 2009 vintage funds, which was a relatively weak year in venture investing with the median Early Stage Venture fund achieving a median net IRR of 7.9% and net multiple of 1.91x per Preqin Pro and as of September 30, 2024. Given the shift in strategy occurred over a decade ago, RVK believes that more recent funds more accurately reflect the potential returns of the strategy going forward.

**Key person risk with founder Vinod Khosla:** Mr. Khosla, who founded KV in 2004 with Samir Kaul, is currently 70 and provides the Firm with both his expertise as a long-tenured and successful venture capital investor and broad network with which to source and diligence venture capital ideas. While Mr. Khosla has no stated plans to retire, his role at the Firm has been crucial to KV success. Reference calls spoke highly of Mr. Khosla's experience and relevance for founders and the Firm could face challenges if Mr. Khosla were no longer actively involved in KV's investment process.

**Mitigating Factors**: Mr. Khosla has thoughtfully built out KV's team, hiring and promoting Sven Strohband and Peter Buckland into the role of Managing Partner after founding the Firm with



Samir Kaul and David Weiden. These individuals have differentiated backgrounds, diversifying the expertise of Mr. Khosla and bringing complimentary skills to the Firm. The Funds Key Person event is triggered in the unlikely event that Mr. Khosla and any other managing director level employee no longer devote substantially all of their time to KV, providing some protection for limited partners. RVK views this term as market when compared to Khosla's peer institutions.

#### **INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

RVK recommends that North Dakota Board of University and School Lands commit up to \$50 million to Khosla Ventures IX and the companion funds, to provide added diversification to the client's current private equity and venture capital investments and enhance the potential for outsize returns through an investment with a top tier venture fund. RVK believes that this commitment amount:

- 1. Is of sufficient size to meaningfully augment the portfolio's absolute long-term returns and provide access to a compelling strategy.
- 2. Is sufficiently limited in size to control the portfolio's exposure to key risks such as manager and vintage year concentration.
- 3. Is in line with the portfolio's private equity strategic and pacing plan, which includes a total annual commitment of \$140 million.

Khosla Ventures IX and companion funds will invest in the same strategy that produced attractive historical returns, both on an absolute and relative basis. We believe that the KV IX series of funds benefit from several substantial and sustainable competitive advantages that include the Firm's long-standing venture franchise, in-house technical expertise, and portfolio construction. RVK expects these advantages to persist, contributing to the potential for outperformance for Fund IX and its companion strategies.

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# khosla ventures

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### khosla ventures

- founded by vinod khosla (formerly kleiner perkins and co-founder of sun microsystems)
- \$16b aum
- diversified portfolio of approximately 400 companies
- differentiated deep tech and biotech capabilities
- early stage investor
- menlo park, ca
- md stability and consistency; highly technical investment team; been through multiple downturns
- established track record
  - six flagship funds (currently investing out of viii)
  - six seed funds (currently investing out of f)
  - two opportunity funds (currently investing out of ii)



\$100 DNA sequencing platform

enabling access to space (192 Satellites launched)





## early



meat experience from plants for non-vegetarians







app-based restaurant delivery



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# team: deeply technical, well coordinated, complementary

- working together for two decades
- produced returns in difficult environments
  - 2008, cleantech, 2013 & covid
- analytical and technical, better due diligence and sourcing
  - o 10 ph.d., 5 m.d., 12 advanced technical degrees
- multi-sector, multi-stage

### investment team



David Weiden md



Keith Rabois md



Samir Kaul md



Sven Strohband PhD md



Vinod Khosla md



Adina Tecklu consumer



Alex Bentley fintech



Alex Morgan MD, PhD health



Alice Brooks food & manufacturing



Ece Wyrick tech



Ethan Choi growth



Hari Arul technology





Jessy Rivest PhD sustainability



Jon Chu enterprise



Jun Jeon мь health



Kanu Gulati PhD enterprise / ai



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Katie Mishra enterprise



Rajesh Swaminathan sustainability



Yves Falanga PHD health

## operating team



**Brett Browman** growth marketing



**Brian Byun** product



**Bruce Armstrong** sales & go to market



**Eric Johnson** engineering



Hal Paz MD, PhD life sciences



Irene Au design



**Kelly Kinnard** talent



Luis Bacalao legal



Nessan Bermingham PhD pharma



**Ryan Scott** growth marketing



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marketing



Uri Greenwald MD ip strategy



Uri Lopatin мо biotech

## platform team



Arash Rebek capital formation



John Demeter general counsel



Nicole Fraenkel chief of staff



Olga Chumanskaya chief of staff

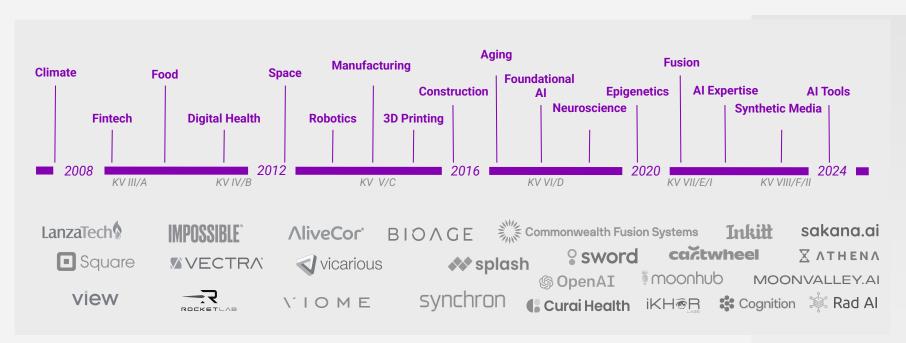


Peter Buckland



Sanh Hong finance

# category creation: consistently starting trends



# new investments + kv portfolio opportunities

- increase ownership of kv portfolio breakouts
- take advantage of our asymmetric access
- leverage kv's AI portfolio, network, reputation & technical expertise
- "AI-transforming" services-based businesses

## resources for active portfolio management

- venture assistance playbook
- dedicated operating team: talent, growth, product, design
- cohort of repeat entrepreneurs
- deep networks in multiple sectors
- dedicated incubation resources

data collection	thought leadership			
business model		transportation		
	innovation			
bold	early	impactful		
	business model			
societal reinvention		unique partnerships		

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RE: Litigation Update
(No Action Requested)

#### Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation v. United States Department of the Interior

<u>Case Summary:</u> Missouri riverbed ownership — Quiet title action brought by the federal government is proceeding, with discovery now completed; the U.S. and MHA filed separate summary judgment motions; our opposition brief was filed by the March 18, 2025 deadline; the U.S. filed its reply brief on April 18<sup>th</sup>; we now await the Court to either schedule a hearing on the motion or decide on the briefs; additionally, on February 28, 2025, the Department of Interior Acting Solicitor suspended the Biden administration's M-Opinion that was contrary to the state's position.

Commencement: July 2020

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**American Affairs** 

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D.C.)

Timothy Purdon (Robins Kaplan, Bismarck, ND) Timothy Billion (Robins Kaplan, Minneapolis, MN)

Counsel for United States

Department of Interior: Reuben S. Schifman (Washington, D.C.)

Court: United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Judge: Honorable Amy Berman Jackson

Win = North Dakota owns historical Missouri Riverbed (mineral rights) through Fort Berthold Indian Reservation resulting in release to state of tens of millions of dollars in withheld oil & gas royalties.

Lose = U.S. owns the riverbed in trust for MHA Nation so royalties are released to the tribe

#### • State of North Dakota, ex. rel. v Virginia Leland, et.al.

<u>Case Summary:</u> OHWM river island ownership; trial was held September 12-16, 2022; Judge Schmidt issued a Phase I Memorandum Decision on April 30, 2024, finding 1) the at issue Yellowstone River segment was navigable at statehood; 2) the at issue west bank of the river is owned by the state; 3) the at issue north island is not owned by the state; 4) the at issue south island is owned by the state; and 5) the state's claim is not barred by laches. The remaining issues of conveyances, mineral acreage calculations, etc. are now being determined in Phase II proceedings. On December 19, 2024, the Court granted opposing parties' summary judgment motion on certain issues. A trial to determine the remaining issues was held January 29, 2025, in Watford City. Post-trial briefing concluded April 4, 2025, and we now await the judge's decision.

## BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS MAY 6, 2025



Commencement: January 2016

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American Affairs

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and Gas Corp:

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Counsel for Defendant(s): Kevin Chapman (Chapman Law Firm, P.C., Williston, ND)

Ariston Johnson (Johnson & Sundeen, Watford City, ND)

and Others

Court: State District Court, McKenzie County

Judge: Honorable Robin Schmidt

Win = State owns at issue Yellowstone River islands and related mineral interests

Lose = Plaintiffs owns at issue Yellowstone River islands and related mineral interests

### • Continental Resources, Inc., v. North Dakota Board of University and School Lands and the United States of America (Interpleader)

<u>Case Summary:</u> OHWM fed/state dispute – ND Federal District Court issued opinion March 21, 2023, granting Board's motion for partial summary judgment on "Acquired Federal Lands" issue; this means the Wenck survey controls for establishing the historical ordinary high-water mark of the Missouri River in areas where the uplands were acquired by the federal government, and not original "public domain lands"; the federal government appealed; 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit oral argument was held October 22, 2024; the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit issued its decision on May 2, 2025, affirming the District Court's ruling; the federal government has 45 days to request an en banc rehearing, or 60 days to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court

Commencement: December 2016

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Spencer Ptacek (Fredrikson & Byron P.A., Bismarck, ND)

Counsel for USA: Shaun Pettigrew (Environment and Natural Resources

Division (ENRD)) of the U.S. Department of Justice

Court: United States District Court, District of North Dakota

Judge: U.S. District Judge Daniel L. Hovland

### Procedures for Executive Session Regarding Attorney Consultation and Consideration of Closed Records

#### Overview

- 1) The governing body must first meet in open session.
- 2) During the meeting's open session the governing body must announce the topics to be discussed in executive session and the legal authority to hold it.
- 3) If the executive session's purpose is attorney consultation, the governing body must pass a motion to hold an executive session. If executive session's purpose is to review confidential records a motion is not needed, though one could be entertained and acted on. The difference is that attorney consultation is not necessarily confidential but rather has "exempt" status, giving the governing body the option to consult with its attorney either in open session or in executive session. Confidential records, on the other hand, cannot be opened to the public and so the governing body is obligated to review them in executive session.
- 4) The executive session must be recorded (electronically, audio, or video) and the recording maintained for 6 months.
- 5) Only topics announced in open session may be discussed in executive session.
- 6) When the governing body returns to open session, it is not obligated to discuss or even summarize what occurred in executive session. But if "final action" is to be taken, the motion on the decision must be made and voted on in open session. If, however, the motion would reveal "too much," then the motion can be abbreviated. A motion can be made and voted on in executive session so long as it is repeated and voted on in open session. "Final actions" DO NOT include guidance given by the governing body to its attorney or other negotiator regarding strategy, litigation, negotiation, etc. (See NDCC §44-04-19.2(2)(e) for further details.)

Recommended Motion to be made in open session:

Under the authority of North Dakota Century Code Sections 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2, the Board close the meeting to the public and go into executive session for purposes of attorney consultation and to discuss negotiating strategy regarding:

#### Royalty Settlements

Action Record	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Secretary Howe					
Superintendent Baesler					
Treasurer Beadle					
Attorney General Wrigley					
Governor Armstrong					

#### Statement:

"This executive session will be recorded and all Board members are reminded that the discussion during executive session must be limited to the announced purpose for entering into executive session, which is anticipated to last approximately 20 minutes.

Board members, their staff, employees of the Department of Trust Lands and counsel with the Attorney General staff will remain, but the public is asked to leave the room.

The executive session will begin at: \_\_\_\_\_AM, and will commence with a new audio recording device. When the executive session ends the Board will reconvene in open session."

#### Statements upon return to open session:

State the time at which the executive session adjourned and that the public has been invited to return to the meeting room.

State that the Board is back in open session.

State that during its executive session, the Board consulted with attorneys regarding the identified legal issue.

State that no final action will be taken at this time as a result of the executive session discussion

-or- .

Ask for a formal motion and a vote on it.

Move to the next agenda item.