

# Recent Trends in Securities Class Actions



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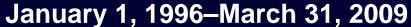
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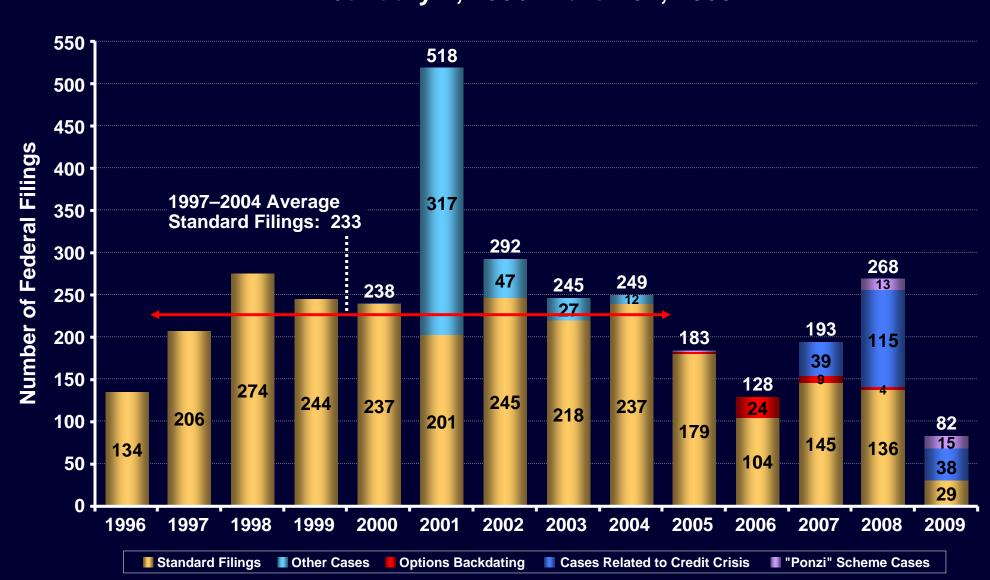


## **Trends In Filings**

### Federal Filings

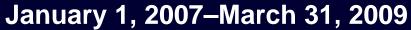


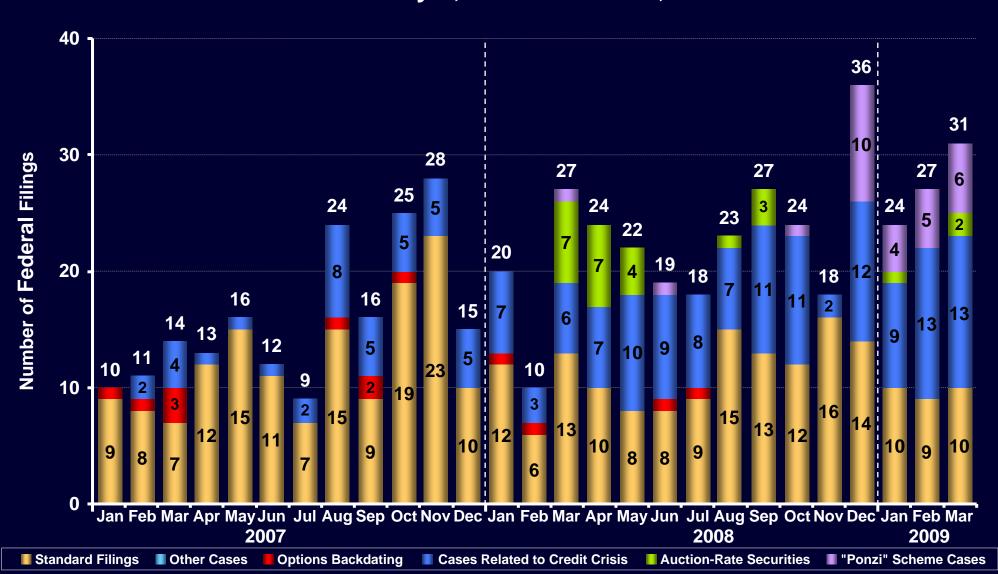




### Federal Filings: One-Month Intervals



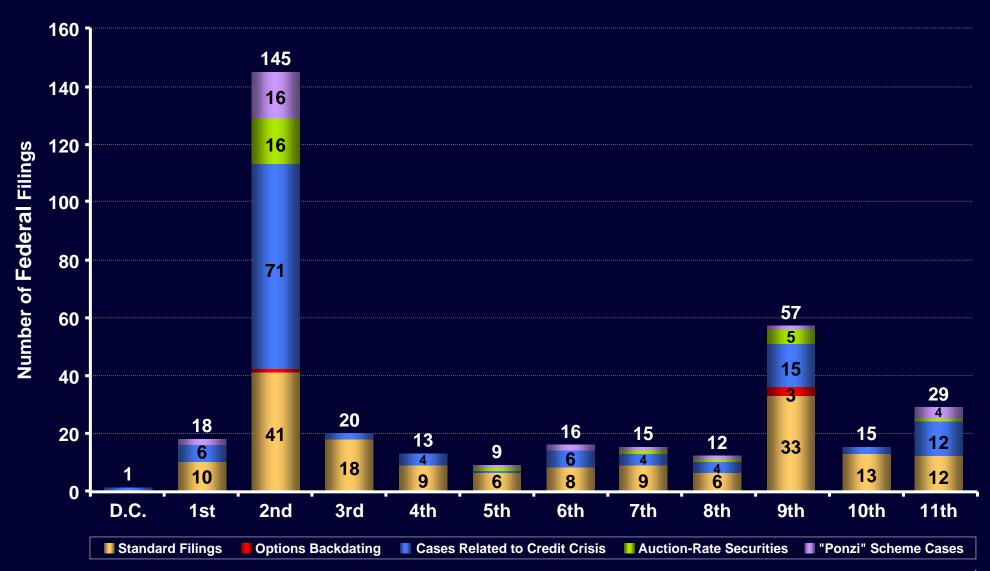




# Federal Filings By Circuit and Type of Case: Aggregated

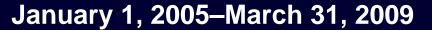


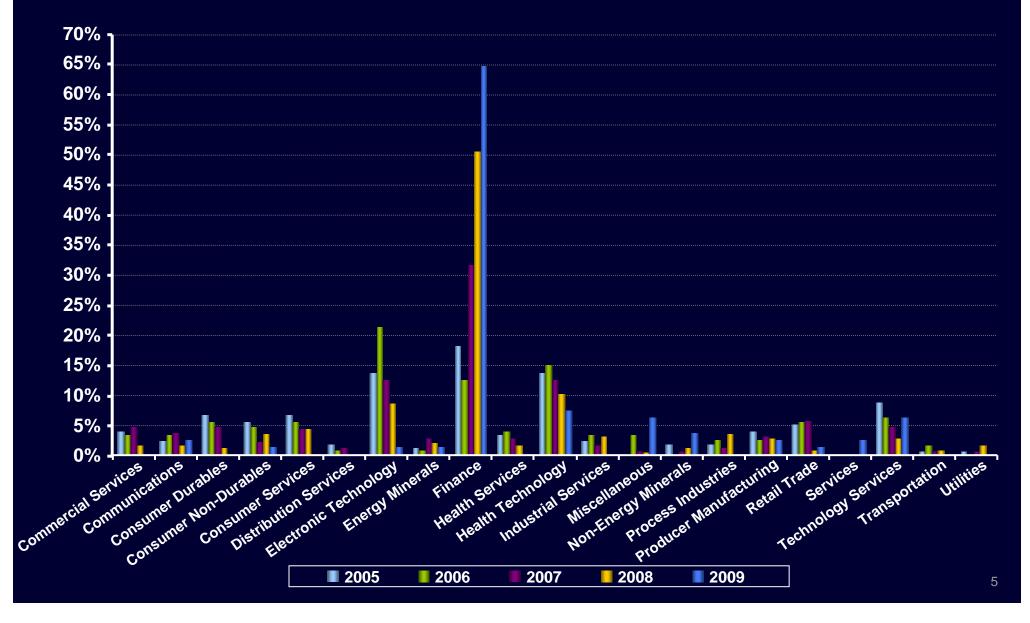
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## Percent of Filings By Sector and Year



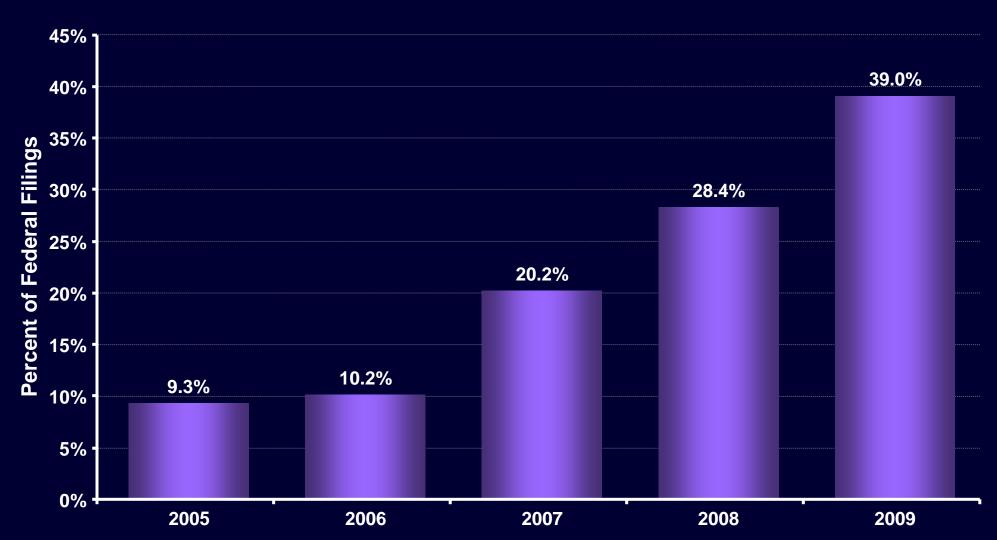




#### Cases In Which Financial Institutions Are Named Co-Defendants As Percent of All Federal Filings



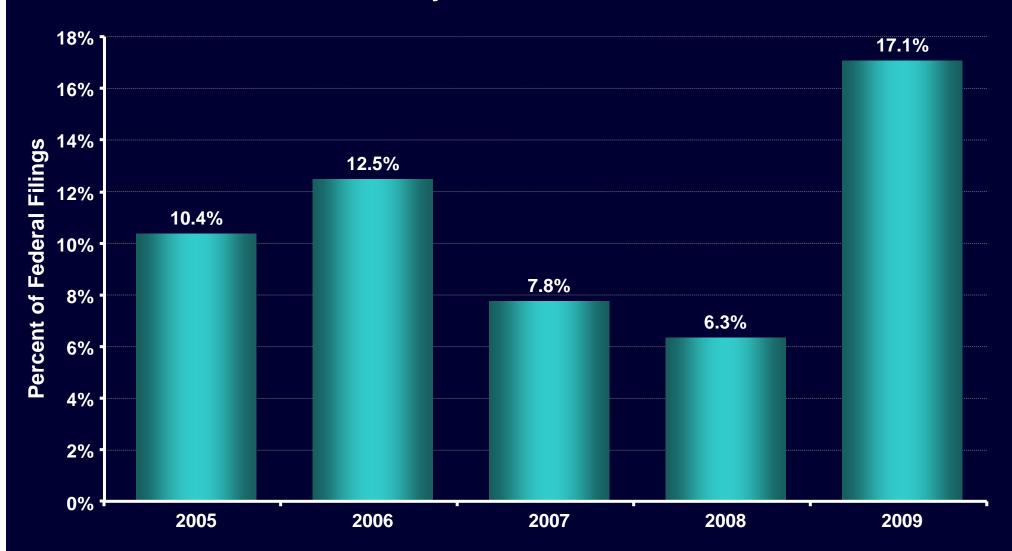
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### Cases In Which Accounting Firms Are Named Co-Defendants As Percent of All Federal Filings



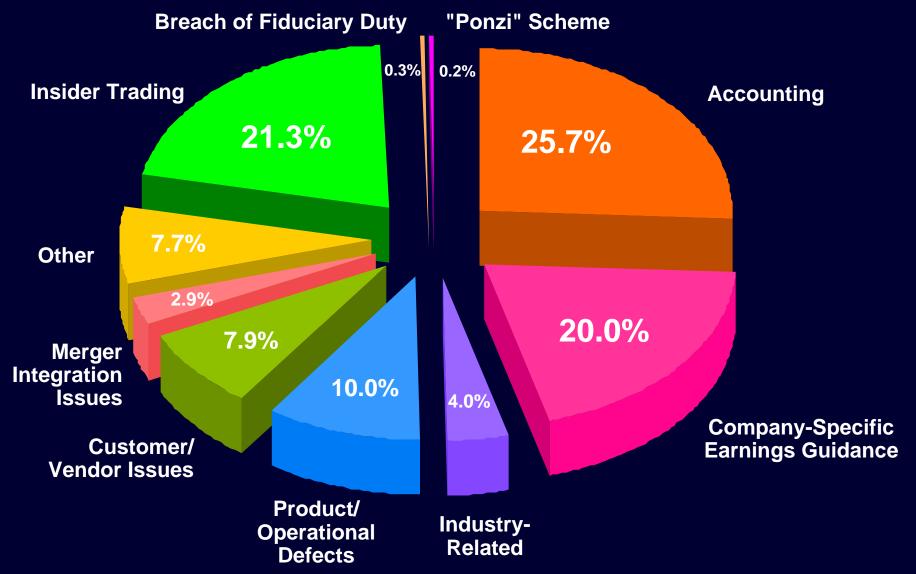
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## Allegations In Federal Filings

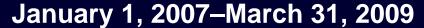


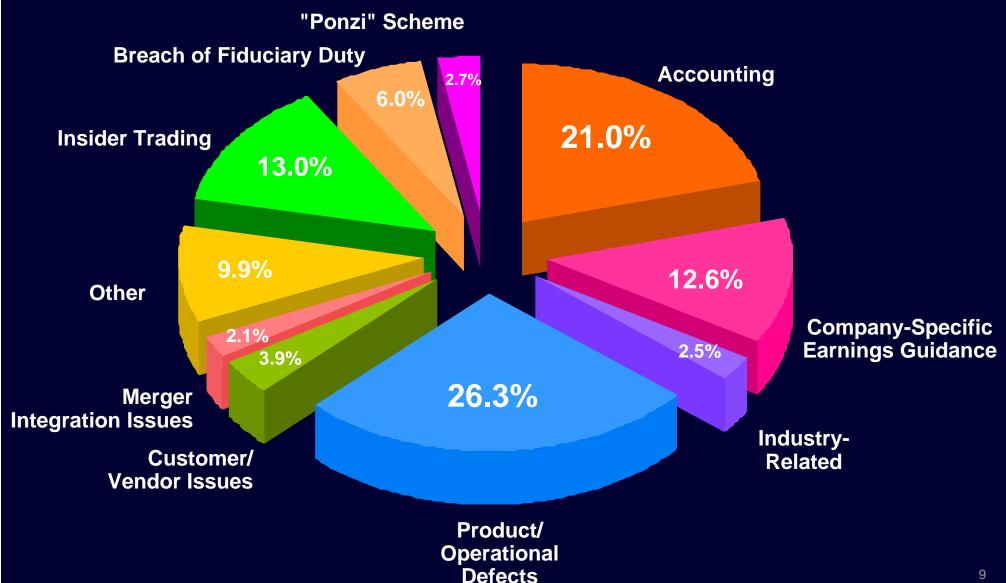
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## Allegations In Federal Filings



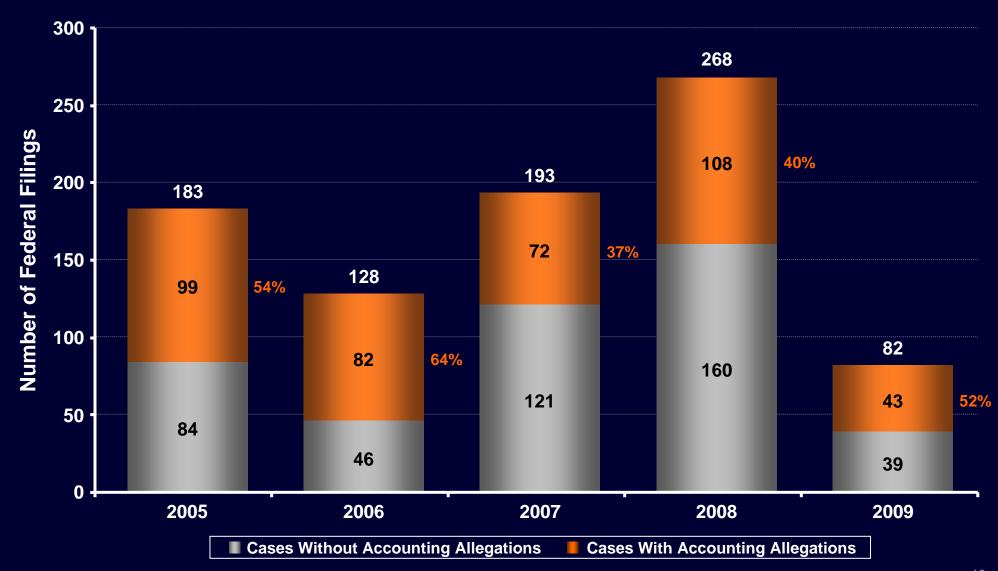




# All Federal Filings and Cases With Accounting Allegations



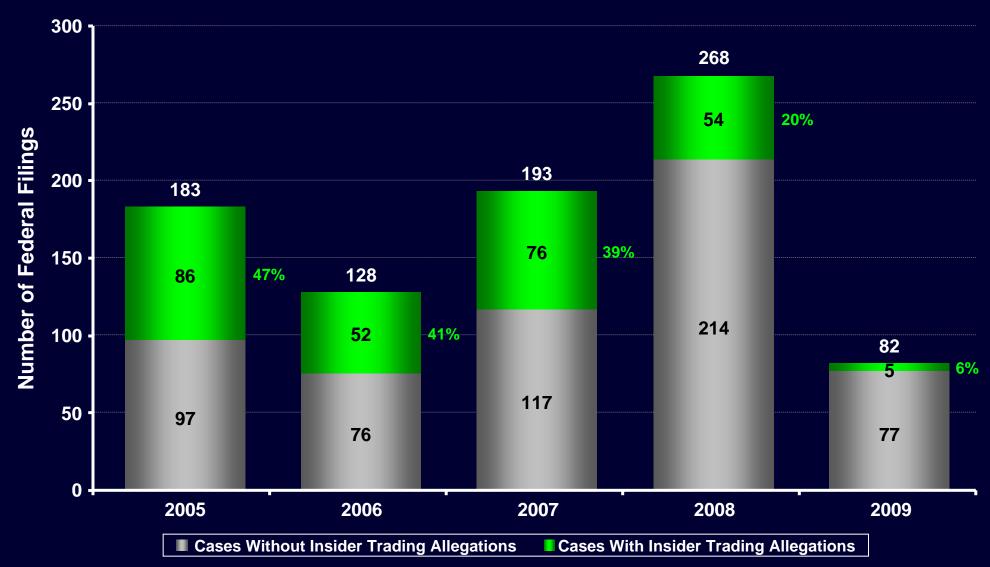
**January 1, 2005–March 31, 2009** 



# All Federal Filings and Cases With Insider Trading Allegations



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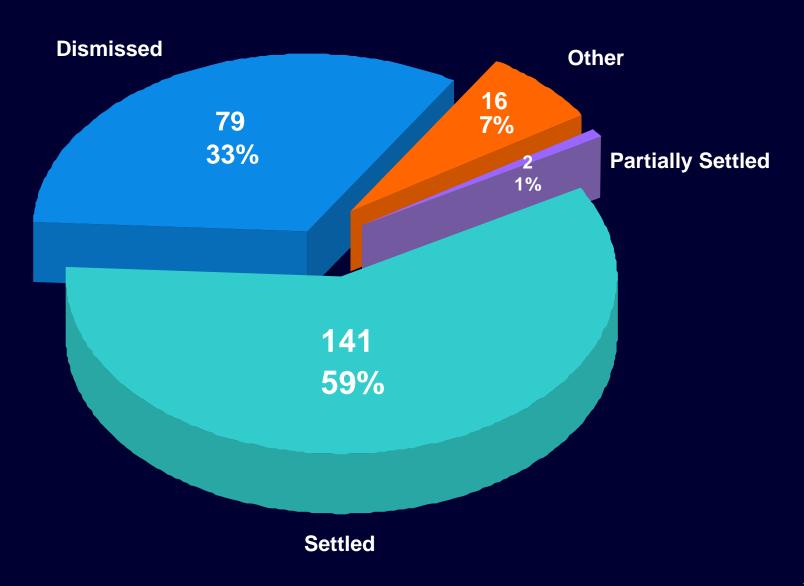




## **Trends In Resolutions**

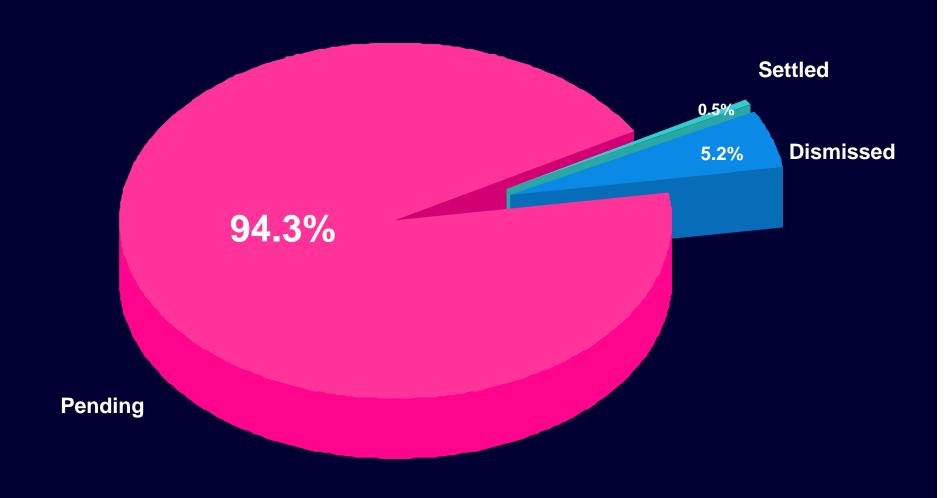
## Status of 238 Federal Shareholder Class Actions Filed In 2000





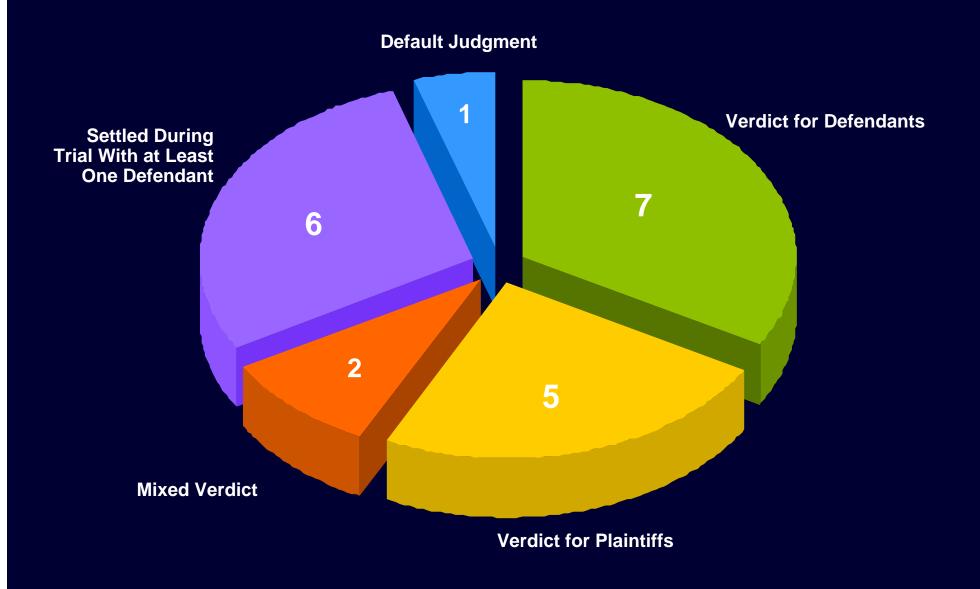
## **Status of Cases Related To Credit Crisis Filed 2007-102009**





# Twenty-One Shareholder Class Actions That Went to Trial after PSLRA







### **Trends In Settlements**

# Average Settlement Value Including Final Settlements Over \$1 Billion



January 1, 1996–March 31, 2009



## Top 10 Shareholder Class-Action Settlements



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| As of | March 31. | 2009)     |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
|       |           | , — — — , |

| Rank | Company                  | Year | Value<br>(\$MM) |
|------|--------------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1    | Enron Corp.*             | 2008 | \$7,242         |
| 2    | WorldCom Inc.**          | 2005 | \$6,158         |
| 3    | Cendant Corp.***         | 2000 | \$3,561         |
| 4    | Tyco International, Ltd. | 2007 | \$3,200         |
| 5    | AOL Time Warner Inc.     | 2006 | \$2,650         |
| 6    | Nortel Networks (I)      | 2006 | \$1,143         |
| 7    | Royal Ahold, NV          | 2006 | \$1,100         |
| 8    | Nortel Networks (II)     | 2006 | \$1,074         |
| 9    | McKesson HBOC Inc.       | 2008 | \$1,043         |
| 10   | United Health Group      | 2009 | \$ 926          |

**Notes:** For this summary table only, tentative and partial settlements are included for comparison, and "Settlement Year" in this table represents the year in which the last settlement—whether tentative or final—had the first fairness hearing. For partial tentative settlement Year had the first fairness hearing. For partial tentative settlements "Settlement Year"

<sup>\*</sup> This settlement includes seven partial settlements and one tentative partial settlement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The settlement value incorporates a \$1.6 million settlement in the MCI WorldCom TARGETS case.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The settlement value incorporates a \$374 million settlement in the Cendant PRIDES cases. Settlement in the Cendant PRIDES I case was a non-cash settlement valued at \$341.5 million.

## Median Settlement By Settlement Year

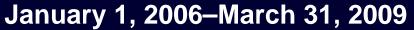


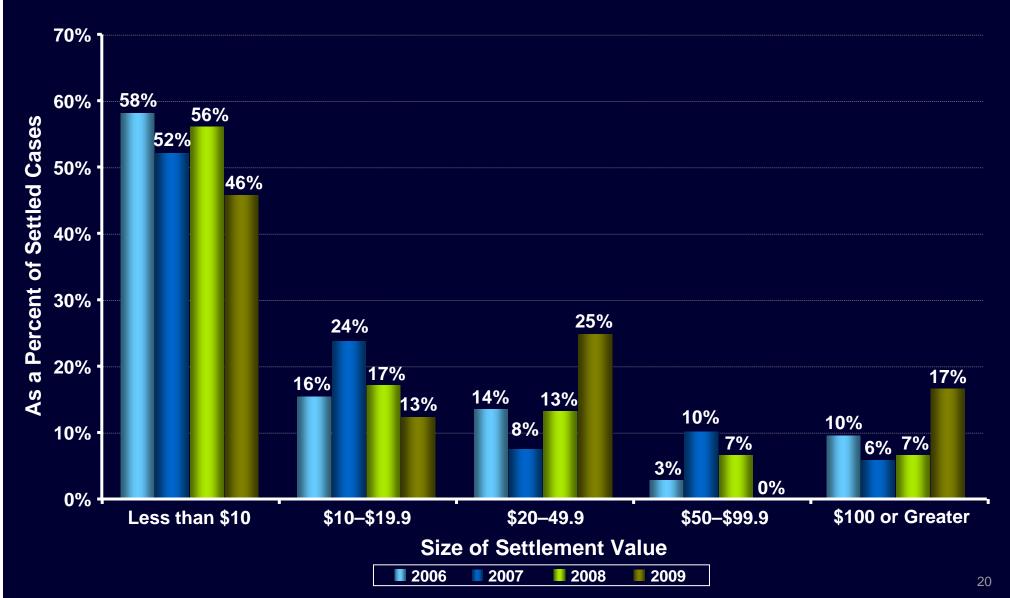
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## Distribution of Settlement Values (\$MM)





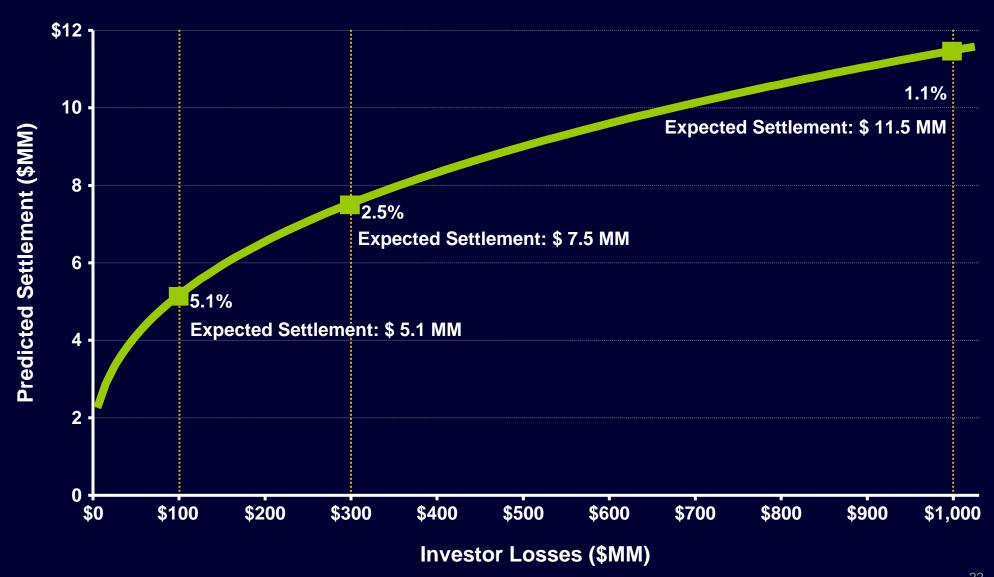




### **Trends In Investor Losses**

### **Expected Settlement Rises Slower Than Investor Losses**





### Median Ratio of Settlement to Investor Loss By Settlement Year



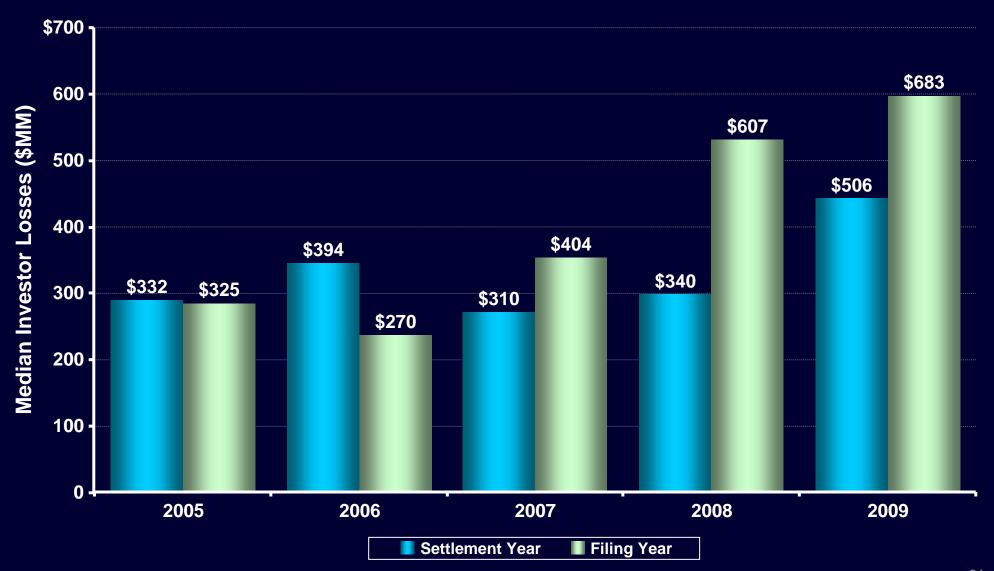
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## Median Investor Losses By Filing Year and Settlement Year

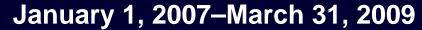


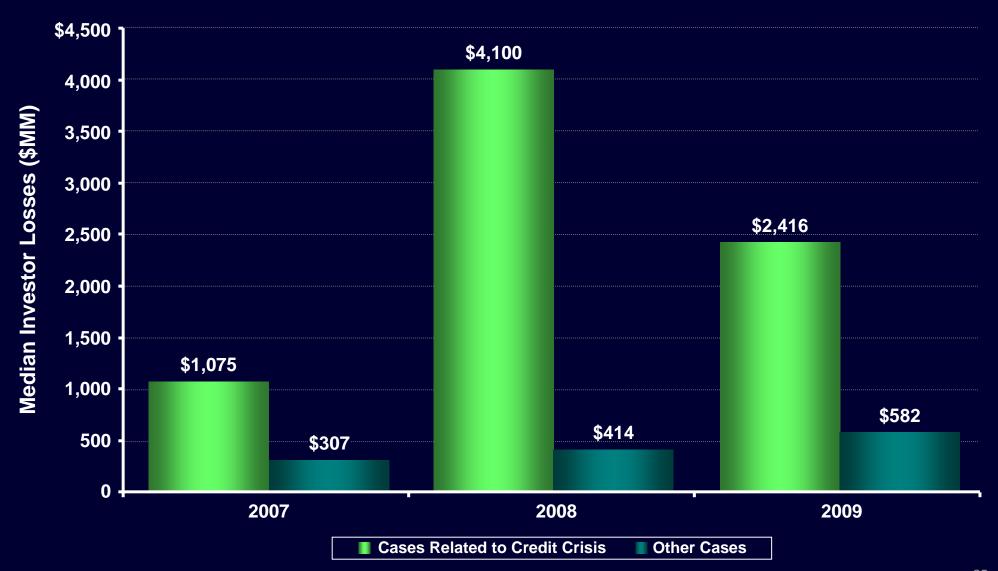
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# Median Investor Losses for Cases Related to the Credit Crisis and Other Cases By Filing Year







## What Factors Will Drive Future Settlement Amounts?



- Common Stock DamagesProxy
  - Investor losses vs. S&P 500
- Number of Other Securities
  - Debt, options, preferred
- Institutional Lead Plaintiff
- IPO

- Defendants' Pockets
  - Market cap the day after
  - Issuer bankrupt or price at settlement < \$1.00</li>
  - Accountant codefendant
- Nature of Allegations
  - Accounting
- Strength of Allegations
  - Admitted irregularities
  - Official action



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