

**Roger Heller**  
**2015 NCLC's Rising Star Award Winner**

**Roger Heller**, a partner in the San Francisco office of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, was nominated for serving as plaintiff's counsel in *Yourke v. Bank of America*, filed in 2009. This case put a stop to deceptive business practices affecting millions of bank and credit cardholders nationwide.

Heller represented bank customers who charged that Bank of America systematically re-sequenced customer debit card transactions — from the “largest to the smallest” transaction — for the sole purpose of maximizing its overdraft fee revenue in violation of the bank's contractual and good faith duties and California's Unfair Competition Law.

The case was subsequently consolidated with other lawsuits against the bank and the nation's other leading banks in multi-district litigation in Miami, Florida. Roger Heller served on Lieff Cabraser's team, which played an integral role in prosecuting the case against Bank of America. In November 2011, the U.S. District Court approved a \$410 million settlement, one of the largest in consumer class action history. For his role in the Bank of America class action, Heller was named a finalist for the 2012 Consumer Attorney of the Year award by Consumer Attorneys of California. “Roger is a star already, though he continues to rise,” notes Michael W. Sobol, a partner at Lieff Cabraser.

Heller previously served as a senior staff attorney at the nonprofit Disability Rights Advocates, where he litigated class action cases under federal and state anti-discrimination laws and advocated for the rights of people with disabilities in the legislative and regulatory arenas. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar.