

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS
DIVISION

IN RE: AT&T Inc. CUSTOMER DATA
SECURITY BREACH LITIGATION

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CASE NO. 3:24-cv-00757-E

MDL DOCKET NO. 3:24-md-03114-E

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AFFIDAVIT OF CRAIG BALL

The Honorable Ada Brown has requested that I serve as a Special Master for Electronically Stored Evidence and Discovery in the above multidistrict litigation under the auspices of Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Judge Brown has also asked the parties to consent to my appointment. I have served as a special master or the court's neutral on more than fifty occasions. As well, I've served as consultant to counsel in multidistrict litigation where there is a possibility that one of the firms appearing in this matter were associated with that litigation even if they were not the firm engaging my law firm or their involvement known to me. Notwithstanding, I've attempted to identify relationships with the parties and counsel, and I have not knowingly or intentionally failed to report same here. So that the parties will understand, before giving their consent, I make the following disclosures:

1. AT&T. This matter involves a alleged data breach of AT&T and its affiliates. My law firm, Craig D. Ball, P.C., is a business subscriber to AT&T wireless service, and I am a personal subscriber to AT&T for Internet and cable television services at a domicile I own in New Orleans. To avoid any semblance of a conflict arising from those subscriptions, on behalf of my law firm and myself, I disclaim any interest of any kind in this litigation and waive any right to any possible recovery in regard to said litigation.

2. Baker & Hostetler LLP: (a) Since 2022, I've consulted with the Houston office of Baker & Hostetler LLP in connection with litigation brought against departing employees by their former employer. The matter is styled *Universal Plant Services, Inc. v. David Meier, Marcus Keenan, Jeff Wester, Greg Adams, Eric Monroe, Melinda Barry and Precision Machinery Contractors, LLC*, Civil Action No. 4:22-cv-02364 (USDC SDX Houston). The matter is pending. Houston counsel in the matter agreed there is no conflict in connection with my serving as a Special Master here. (b) In 2010, I consulted for the New York office of Baker & Hostetler LLP: serving as counsel for Irving H. Pickard, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC. That matter has concluded.

3. Mark W. Lanier. In 2014, I consulted with The Lanier Law Firm in a matter styled *Sisoian v. IBM*. My involvement concluded many years ago.

4. Seeger Weiss Law Firm (New Jersey): During a single week in 2020, I consulted in a matter styled, *In re: Allergan Biocell Textured Breast Implant Products Liability MDL Litigation*. My involvement has concluded.

5. Susman Godfrey (Houston): Over the course of the last 17 years, I have consulted with lawyers employed by Susman Godfrey on four matters: (a) in 2007, when they served as counsel for Heins Mills & Olson, PLC (Comcast antitrust litigation), (b) in 2007, when they served as counsel for Key Energy Services, Inc., Derryck McClemmon and David Brinkman, (c) in 2014, when they served as counsel for Copart in the matter, *Copart, Inc v. Sparta Consulting*, and (d) in 2018, in connection with *Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations LLC v. Packers Plus Energy Services Inc.* My involvement with all these matters has concluded.

6. Kopelowitz Ostrow PA (Coral Gables, FL): In 2021, I consulted with counsel in connection with the matter styled, *In re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2924. My involvement concluded in 2022.

7. Clayco C. Arnold, PC (Sacramento, CA): In 2015, I consulted in a matter styled, *Dalitz & Gray v. AmSurg, Inc., et al.* My work concluded in 2016.

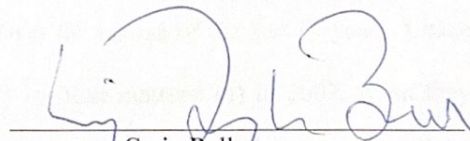
8. Lynn Tillotson Pinker Cox (Dallas, TX): In 2016, I served as Special Master in *Preston Marshall, et al. v. MarOpCo, Inc., et al.* Lynn Tillotson Pinker Cox entered an appearance in that matter. My involvement concluded in 2016.

9. Cohen Milstein and Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P.: During 2022, I was engaged to consult in *Jien et al. v Purdue Farms, Inc. et al.*, (In re: Poultry Wages Antitrust Litigation), Case No. 1:19-CV-2521-SAG (D. Md.). My involvement concluded in 2022.

10. Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P.: During 2022, I was engaged to consult with counsel in connection with *In re: Cattle Antitrust Litigation*; Case No. 0:19-cv-1222 (JRT/HB) (USDC D. Minn.). My involvement concluded in 2022.


In light of my disclaimer and waiver of any interest or recovery against AT&T in connection with this litigation, I am not aware of any grounds for my disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455.

Signed this 19th day of August, 2024.


Craig Ball

Before me, a notary public, on August 19, 2024, personally appeared Craig Ball, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

(Notary Seal)


Notary Public's Signature

Notary public for the State of Louisiana
Commission is for life

