

# **EXHIBIT B**

## BIOGRAPHY OF IRWIN B. LEVIN

A graduate of Indiana University School of Law, Irwin has practiced law at the firm of Cohen & Malad, LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana for the past 26 years, where he is the managing partner. While his practice is concentrated in the areas of commercial litigation and class actions, Irwin was one of the lead counsel in the Indianapolis Ramada Inn/ United States Air Force crash and the Greenwood air crash disaster, among other prominent cases. He has been counsel in class actions involving securities fraud, insurance and consumer protection throughout the United States.

In 1996, Irwin became active in the first class action case to be filed against Swiss Banks in the United States. He and other lawyers from his firm took a hands-on role into both the factual investigation of archived materials stored in the United States National Archives as well as the legal work before the Court. In 1997, the Swiss Bank litigation was consolidated before a United States District Court Judge, who appointed an Executive Committee composed of 10 lawyers from around the United States to manage the litigation. Irwin was one of those ten lawyers. As a member of the Executive Committee, he continued to play a significant role in the litigation, researching many of the unusual legal issues presented by this unique litigation and preparing briefs submitted to the Court. Irwin also played a significant role in the lengthy negotiations that culminated in the \$1.25 billion settlement. Through his expertise in class action litigation, and the settlement of such complex cases, he also has been able to provide valuable insights into the unprecedented task of notifying Holocaust survivors around the world of this historic settlement.

Irwin also was active in numerous other Holocaust-related cases against German banks and corporations that stole the assets and labor of Holocaust victims. Cases against German banks seek to recover the assets of Holocaust victims that were confiscated under the Nazis; cases pending against leading German industrial enterprises -- many of which are household names today -- seek to recover the value of the slave labor which those companies extracted from the bodies of concentration camp inmates. In addition to these cases, Mr. Levin also is responsible for prosecuting a class action lawsuit filed against Bayer AG brought by an Indiana resident who was subjected to medical experiments at the hands of the infamous Joseph Mengele involving chemicals supplied by Bayer and other German pharmaceutical companies. These cases were resolved through a \$5 billion fund

Most recently, Irwin has been assigned a leadership role in national litigation against certain pharmaceutical companies brought because of the relationship between hormone replacement therapy and breast cancer and strokes.

A former chairman of Israel Bonds in Indianapolis, Irwin has served on the boards of numerous Jewish and civic organizations including the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Childrens Wish Fund. Recently, Irwin served on the John Edwards for President Israel Policy Advisory Committee.