

PUBLIC INTEREST

Public interest work forms a substantial and critical part of our practice. One of the central reasons that Gilbert Oshinsky's founders left large law firms was to create a business model that would allow them to perform more public interest work. Our dedication to this type of work and our ability to think proactively has pushed us to the center of cutting edge, high-impact matters involving government, insurance, discrimination and consumer protection. There is no case too big or too small:

- We represent two whistleblowers in a False Claims Act suit against the nation's largest home insurers for allegedly defrauding the government by mishandling Hurricane Katrina property damage claims.
- We represent local governmental entities against Internet travel companies for allegedly failing to pay millions of dollars in hotel occupancy taxes.
- We represent consumers of high-speed Internet service in a series of class actions brought across the country against one of the largest Internet service providers for allegedly failing to disclose to its customers that it intentionally impedes its customers' access to Internet applications such as peer-to-peer file sharing.
- We have accomplished much in the area of fair housing by helping to enforce the nation's federal fair housing laws, such as the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. For example, we successfully represented fair housing organizations in several groundbreaking cases filed on behalf of owners or operators of homes for persons with disabilities who were refused homeowner's insurance or warranties by insurers. For its commitment, the firm received the 2001 and 2002 Fair Housing Award from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.
- We represent timeshare owners who are members of a large timeshare exchange program in an action alleging that the company that runs the exchange program engaged in consumer fraud by, among other things, engaging in self-dealing at the expense of members.
- We represent classes of consumers who were overcharged for title insurance they were required to purchase when they refinanced their mortgages.