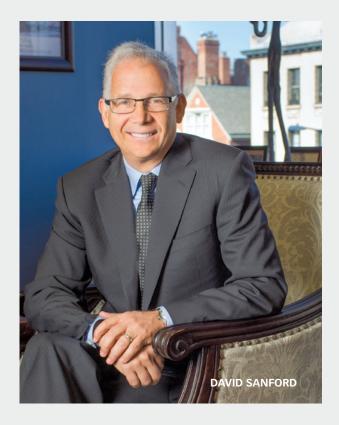
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The firm represented a class of nearly 600 low-wage workers at Ma Laboratories, a computer component distributor in Silicon Valley accused of numerous wage-and-hour violations. The result? A \$2.85 million settlement.

**THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL:** What is one interesting fact about your firm that few people know?

**DAVID SANFORD, CHAIRMAN:** Each of the named partners comes from humble beginnings: David Sanford's father was an ice cream man; Jeremy Heisler grew up in a housing project; Katherine Kimpel was raised primarily by a single mother.

**NLJ:** Name two recent law firms you enjoyed sparring with—and why?

**DS:** Morgan, Lewis & Bockius and Cravath, Swaine & Moore. Those firms place their clients' interests first and don't overlitigate to their clients' detriment.

**NLJ:** What is your biggest pet peeve about practicing law?

**DS**: Litigating against lawyers who needlessly protract lawsuits.

**NLJ**: What is the most significant change in trial practice you've seen in the last five years?

**DS**: Significantly more time from filing a complaint to trial.