

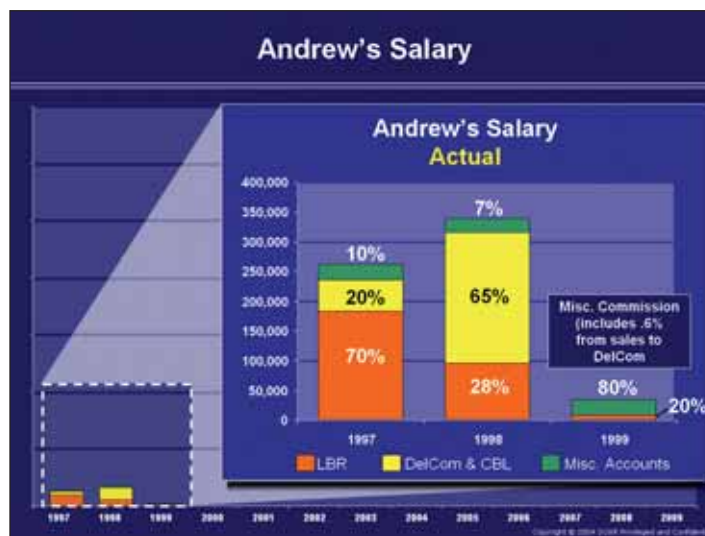
Walt Disney Company Derivative Litigation

THE CLIENT: [Milberg Weiss Bershad & Schulman LLP](#)

THE CASE: This \$200 million shareholder suit against Walt Disney Company and its board of directors alleged that the Board breached its fiduciary duty in approving Michael Ovitz's executive employment agreement and in permitting a non-fault departure when he left the company. His termination pay package was nearly \$40 million in cash and an estimated \$100 million in options.

THE TRIAL: The plaintiff's lead attorneys, Steven G. Schulman, Seth Rigrotsky and Josh Vinik, of Milberg Weiss Bershad & Schulman LLP, retained DOAR to deliver war room and trial support as well as analytical graphics for use at trial. During this three-month trial, which was simulcast over the Internet, DOAR provided comprehensive war room support and a trial technician. Over 1500 exhibits including digitized video depositions were made available to the trial team for a seamless, cohesive presentation of evidence.

- Analytical [graphics](#) depicted the poor monetary decisions made by the board and helped visualize the impact to the shareholders' investment.



- [War room](#) and trial [support](#) for this case was a huge undertaking, with hundreds of exhibits presented during the course of the trial. DOAR was able to orchestrate the display of evidence during the trial in order to provide the most effective presentation to enhance witness testimony.

THE OUTCOME: The court ruled in the plaintiff's favor, finding that the board acted in bad faith when it agreed to the Michael Ovitz's employment contract, and later approved the termination of the same contract after one year of poor performance by Ovitz awarding a large severance package.