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Shout-out to defense lawyers for some of the nation's largest banks who knocked out a proposed class action by California Visa and Mastercard cardholders challenging interchange fees under the Cartwright Act. The Second Circuit this week affirmed the dismissal, holding that the cardholders, who do not directly pay interchange fees, failed to establish antitrust standing.

Boris Bershteyn of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom argued at the Second Circuit for all defendants. The Skadden team representing JPMorgan Chase & Co. also included Lara Flath and Kamali Willett. Michael B. Miller and Natalie Fleming Nolen of Morrison & Foerster represented Bank of America Corp. Benjamin Nagin and Tom Paskowitz of Sidley Austin represented Citigroup Inc. Amy Vegari and William Cavanaugh Jr. of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler represented Wells Fargo & Co. Kara F. Kennedy of Alston & Bird represented U.S. Bancorp. Michelle Ann Mantine of Reed Smith represented PNC Financial Services Group Inc. Abby Rudzin and Andrew Frackman of O'Melveny & Myers represented Capital One Financial Corp. Elizabeth Papez, Rachel Brass and Julian Kleinbrodt of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher represented BMO Bank as successor to Bank of the West.

For the credit card companies, Anne P. Davis, Matthew Eisenstein and Robert Vizas of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer represented Visa Inc. William Michael, Brette Tannenbaum and Nina Kovalenko of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison represented Mastercard Inc.

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