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## Connecticut Powerhouse: Silver Golub & Teitell

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*Law360 (September 23, 2026, 4:22 PM EDT)* -- In addition to securing a \$49 million verdict for a Connecticut patient whose doctors repeatedly missed signs of cancer, Silver Golub & Teitell LLP extended its national presence in 2026 by scoring a \$30 million privacy settlement in California against Google LLC and suing firefighter gear manufacturers in Montana on behalf of Connecticut municipalities.

The firm punched above its weight class, earning it a spot among the Law360 2026 Regional Powerhouses. Silver Golub's roster of 22 attorneys, all of whom work from Connecticut offices in Stamford, New Haven and Hartford, have tackled the state's injury cases, toxic torts, nationwide class actions and securities cases, sometimes scoring large judgments against the nation's biggest companies.



### Cultivating a Culture That Drives Reputation, Referrals

Founded in Stamford in 1978, Silver Golub selects fewer cases than some of its competitors, does not advertise for clients and prefers serious matters that can have both a "very strong impact on the people we represent" and on society as a whole, said partner Peter Mason Dreyer.

"We are going to provide the best possible representation we can provide, regardless of the time or expense involved," Dreyer said. "That is the culture of this firm."

Many of the firm's lawyers are Connecticut natives, he added.

Silver Golub's reputation grew as founding partner David Golub represented Connecticut in tobacco litigation, said partner Ian Sloss. The firm represented Bernie Madoff's victims and more than 70 Connecticut municipalities that sued to recover losses connected to the Enron Corp. scandal, Sloss added.

"People know us because of the work we do and our reputation for excellence," Dreyer said. "When a lawyer gets a call on a case that they know they can't handle, we're the ones they call."

### Pressing Local and Nationwide Class Claims

Silver Golub's class action practice is both local and national. The firm is representing the customers of

Connecticut's two largest water systems in two state court lawsuits alleging PFAS "forever chemicals" contamination claims. A judge last November denied motions by defendants Aquarion Water Authority and Connecticut Water to dismiss both complaints. According to Silver Golub, the outcomes could affect nearly one million Connecticut residents.

The firm also is representing students suing the prestigious Kent School Corp. in a privacy breach lawsuit. The class recently offered to settle the case for \$61.25 million.

Outside Connecticut, Silver Golub won a \$30 million settlement from Google and YouTube Inc. in a data privacy lawsuit, plus an additional \$8.25 million against Google's AdMob subsidiary. Both cases, in the Northern District of California, alleged the company collected and tracked the data of children under 13.

In Illinois, Silver Golub is representing roughly three million people who claim Apple's Siri voice assistant violated state electronic privacy laws, according to the firm.

Dreyer said his colleagues are not afraid to be "going up against Apple, Google, some of the biggest companies in the country."

"They're not just holding their own, they're winning these cases," Dreyer said. "It's really very impressive when you think about it."

Silver Golub pursued some of these matters "to represent the interests of Connecticut citizens," said Sloss, "and to really focus on the cases of national importance that touch on Connecticut."

Silver Golub lawyers traveled to Montana to argue another PFAS case filed on behalf of a Connecticut town and a local fire district as end purchasers of firefighter turnout gear. Silver Golub lawyers took the lead arguing for municipalities around the nation and defeated forum shopping accusations by 3M and DuPont de Nemours Inc. The case was recently consolidated with other similar actions in Minnesota.

In the PFAS litigation, Sloss said the "ideal scenario" is to "drive that case with Connecticut's interests in mind."

Because Connecticut has a proud manufacturing heritage and is positioned between New York City's financial markets and the farms and forests of rural New England, it generates litigation that is typical of America as a whole, Sloss added.

An example of the firm's investor litigation is a class action accusing Digital Currency Group Inc. of hiding a subsidiary's looming \$1.1 billion insolvency. A Connecticut federal judge refused to dismiss the case in February.

### **Fetching a Historic Medical Malpractice Verdict**

Silver Golub in April obtained what Dreyer believed was Connecticut's second-highest-ever medical malpractice verdict. Despite knowing a patient in 2013 tested positive for a high-risk type of human papillomavirus, doctors improperly tested a pap smear in 2016 and never ordered colposcopies to check for cervical cancer in subsequent years, according to court records. The patient's cervical cancer eventually spread through her chest, abdomen and pelvis. A jury awarded \$39 million to the patient plus

another \$10 million to her husband, Dreyer noted.

"According to the expert testimony at trial, she has an 80% to 90% chance of dying within five years," he said.

Dreyer, who tried the case and others like it, said "there was real doubt" on the defendants' sides as to what his clients' lives were worth.

"We had no doubt, and we had no doubt in our community," he said. "We knew what a Connecticut jury would do with these cases."

"They understand that a human life is not just defined by their paycheck," he said of Connecticut jurors.

Dreyer hoped this and other large verdicts would educate both the public and corporate administrators: Without litigation, "they may not even be aware of how devastating" a medical mistake can become, he said.

### **Leveraging a Strong Market, Tech Innovations**

Both Dreyer and Sloss said the market for personal injury and class action work is strong and growing.

"In our market, the less regulation there is, the less government oversight, the more work," Dreyer said. He also believes injuries are becoming more severe.

"Doctors are being squeezed in such a way that they have less and less time with their patients, which opens up more opportunity for mistakes," he said.

"I do think that healthcare providers — the business of healthcare — is allowing for it, and maybe they'll course correct, and maybe they'll learn from the mistakes that were made in the past," Dreyer added. "But I get a lot of calls from people who ... have really good claims, and unfortunately, these are preventable injuries that they're suffering."

Sloss added: "We pride ourselves in handling what everyone knows are big cases. We pride ourselves in making new types of cases into big cases, and recognizing what will turn into a big case."

In addition to its time in court, Silver Golub launched Docket Rocket. The free software, available to the public, scrapes Connecticut court dockets and provides faster alerts than the court system itself when filings and calendar updates occur.