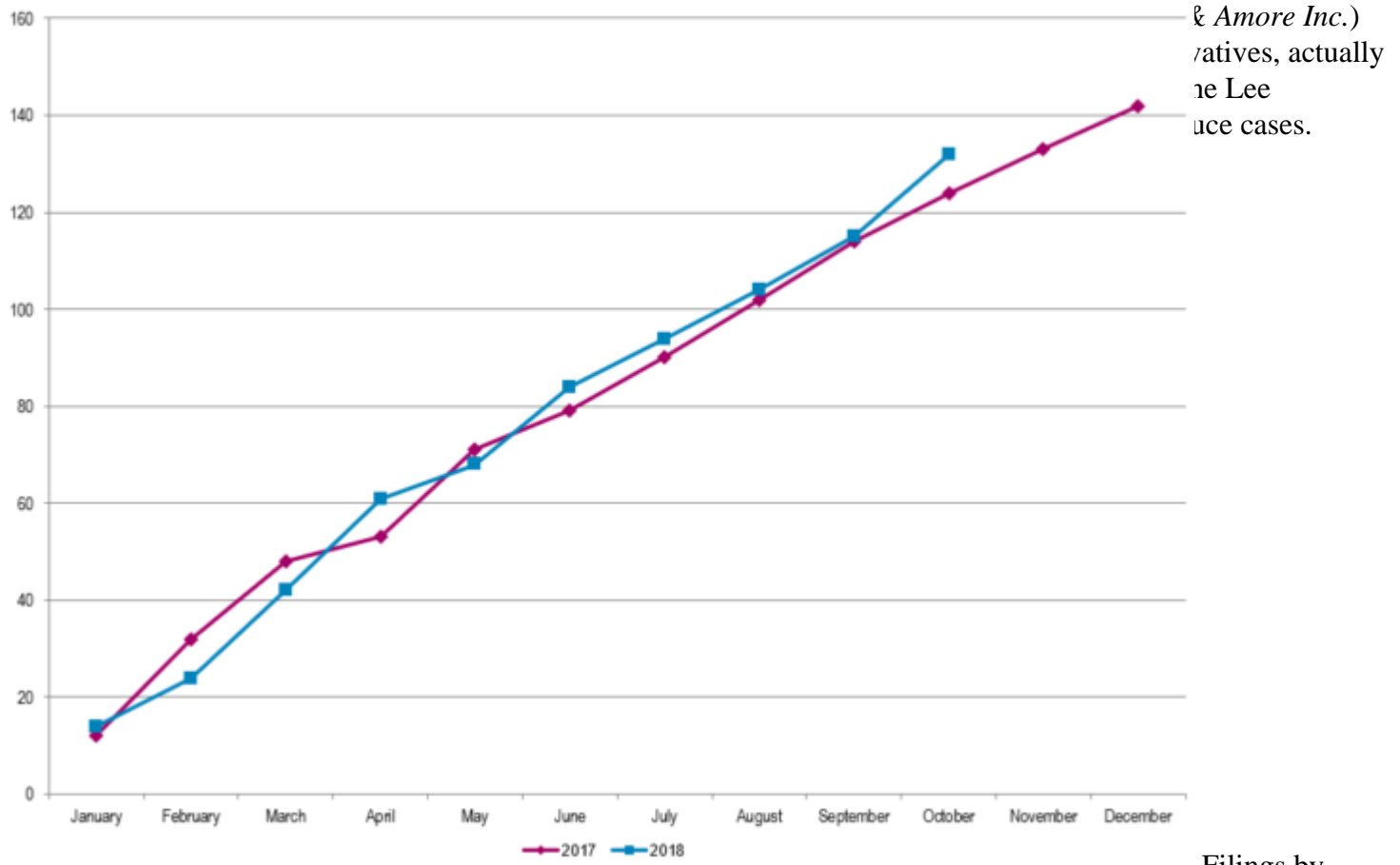


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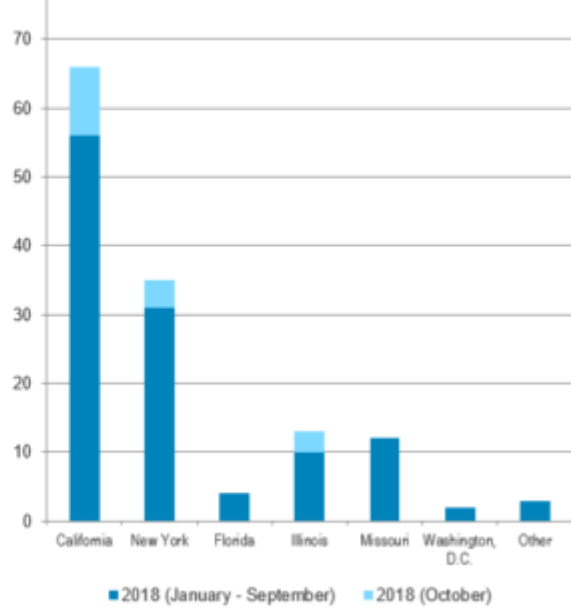
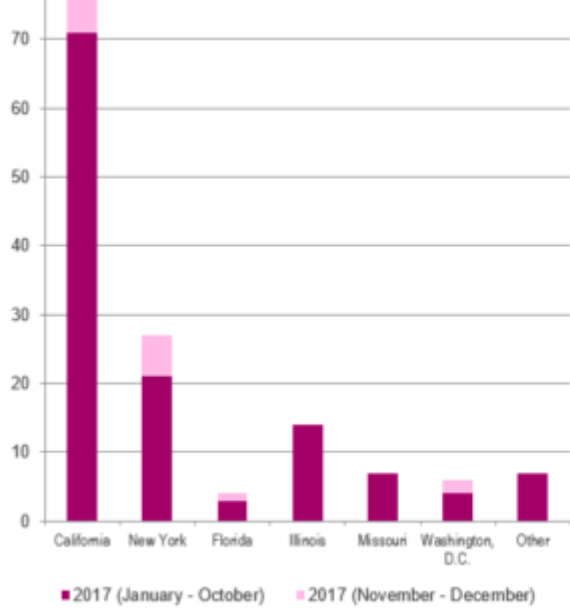
Each month we will be sharing the PC Food Litigation Index, a summary of latest class action filings in the food and beverage industry. This data is compiled by Perkins Coie based on a review of dockets from courts nationwide. October 2018 filings continued an upward trend exceeding 2017's pace. As in the later months of 2017, October 2018 filings focused on false labeling, slack-fill, and all-natural. Both slack-fill claims filed this month pertained to products in opaque bags—Justin's mini peanut butter cups and Harvest Snap snack products. Natural claims targeted La Croix sparkling water, Hershey fruit-flavored chocolate, and maple syrup. White chocolate and pasta sauce were popular targets also. Plaintiffs in *Ruiz v. Living Intentions LLC* and *Rafael v. Starbucks Corp.* sued in New York over products that allegedly do not contain white chocolate as defined by the



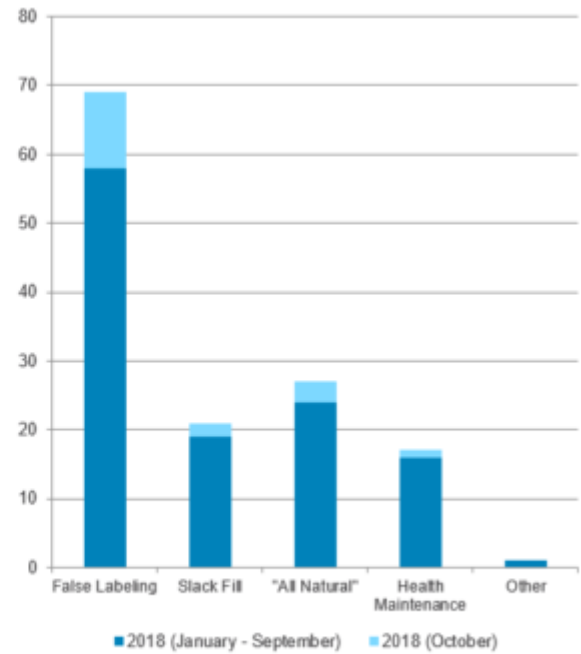
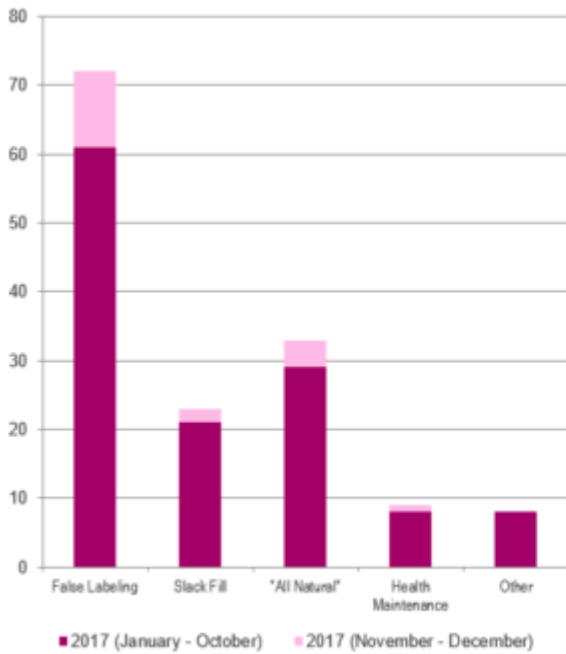
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