

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Recent surveys confirm that the most important trend in corporate litigation lies in class actions. The number of class actions filed is on the rise and spreading across industries, and around the world.

Our world-class Class Action team defeats class actions by integrating peerless class action experience with deep regulatory and industry knowledge of frequently targeted sectors. Our track record speaks for itself. We secure the most advantageous forums in proceedings before the Joint Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, combat adverse publicity, achieve early dismissals, defeat class certification, and, on the rare occasion when class claims survive other challenges, defeat class claims at trial.

Because we understand the key issues that commonly arise in major cases, we can minimize the burden of discovery and coordinate multijurisdictional class and group actions. With our broad national and international footprint, you have access to a coordinated team to handle multijurisdictional disputes seamlessly across multiple forums. We have experience counseling our clients on the latest legislative developments and helping them prepare for emerging litigation risks, domestic and international issues.

Due to our international expertise clients often turn to us as coordinated counsel for complex litigation with class and multi-party actions pending in several

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Commercial Litigation

Transportation

Products Law

jurisdictions globally.

Representative experience

Achieved a landmark victory in the United States Supreme Court in a putative class action brought under the Alien Tort Statute against a global food company.

Won a complete defense verdict for Anthem, Inc. in class action trial in connection with its US\$1bn demutualization and IPO.

Secured the dismissal of two putative class actions filed against Daimler Trucks North America and Freightliner LLC alleging antitrust violations.

Defeated class certification in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs sought recovery from LG Electronics, alleging nationwide RICO and consumer fraud act claims.

Defeated class certification and obtained summary judgment in an MDL proceeding brought against WellPoint, Inc. for alleged underpayment for out-of-network healthcare services.

Defended health insurance company in multidistrict class-action litigation and regulatory investigations arising from the largest health-related cyberattack in U.S. history.

Defending a captive bank in a class action started by an association claiming damages allegedly suffered by consumers who entered into financing agreements as a result of the captive banks cartel in Italy.

Representing a major European bank in a collective action before the Amsterdam District Court regarding the alleged manipulation of LIBOR.

Counseling client on Directive (EU) 2020/1828 and Member States' national legislation in the area of collective consumer actions.

Defending a pharmaceutical company against product liability claims by health insurance bodies in the wake of compensation to 30,000 claimants in Germany.

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