

Global Class Actions Symposium 2023

November 13-14

London, UK

De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms

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DAY 1

DAY 2

 Monday 13th November

09:00 – 09:20

Keynote Address

The Hon Mr Justice David Waksman will open this 2023 Global Class Actions Symposium.

09:20 – 10:05

Global Class Actions

A cross-jurisdictional panel looks at issues raised by the spread of class actions around the world.

Chair: Trip Chong, Director, Global Class Actions, Broadridge Financial Solutions

Speakers: Bart-Adriaan de Ruijter, Partner, CMS; David Gadsden, Partner, Baker McKenzie; Robert Jones, Managing Director, Ank

10:05 – 10:50

Funding

Third-party funding is essential to the viability of class actions. Funders and lawyers take a deep dive into the processes and implications of finance.

Chair: Jeremy Marshall

Speakers: Philipp Leibfried, Head of Europe, Burford Capital; Elena Sabina Rey, Partner, Brown Rudnick; Richard Hornshaw, Partner,

10:50 – 11:15

Networking Break

11:15 – 12:00

Certification and Case Management

The first big hurdle a class action must clear, certification can raise many complex questions in its own right.

Chair: Loree Kovach, Vice President, Epiq

Speakers: Adam Polk, Partner, Girard Sharp; Amir Nassihi, Partner, Shook, Hardy & Bacon; Daniel Williams, Partner, DWF

12:00 – 12:45

Calculating Damages

In classes that can run to hundreds of thousands of claimants, how do the experts ensure the fair and efficient calculation of damages?

Chair: Vikram Kumar, Principal, Cornerstone Research

Speakers: Mark Bosley, Director, BRG; Asger Lunde, Partner, Copenhagen Economics; Felix Hammeke, Director, AlixPartners

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 14:30

Settlements

In cases with multiple claimants, relaying offers to an entire class and coming to an agreement is never simple.

Chair: Chris Ford, Senior Director, Blackhawk Network

Speakers: Steven Weisbrot, President & CEO, Angeion Group; Scott Hardy, President, Top Class Actions; Deborah Greenspan, Partner, Rome LLP

14:30 – 15:00

Networking Break

15:00 – 15:45

Payments

Paying out is not always as easy as an online bank transfer. The panel considers how to deal with different currencies across a range of jurisdictions.

Chair: Claire Van der Zant, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Shieldpay

Speakers: Clinton Smith, CIO, Case Pilots; Polly Blenkin, Senior Partner, Milberg London

15:45 – 16:30

Can class actions really support regulatory enforcement?

Chair: Walter Merricks CBE, Class Representatives Network

Speakers: Thomas Clark, Managing Counsel – Media and Strategic Litigation, Which?; David Currie, Chair of the Advertising Standards Authority

16:30 – 20:30

Angeion Group welcomes you to join the evening's drink reception

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Keynote Address

Jessica Radke, Senior Director of Litigation, UK Competition and Markets Authority

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European Representative and Collective Actions

The European Commission has instructed all member states to legitimise class actions, but different traditions and legal systems make implementation difficult. A pan-European panel provides an update.

Chair: Joana Neves, Managing Associate, VDA

Speakers: Peter Davis, Co-Leader: European Antitrust & Competition, The Brattle Group; Charles Demoulin, Chief Investment Officer Litigation Funding; Tamrat Shone, Senior Consultant, Oxera

10:05 – 10:50

Consumer Claims

Consumers are ever more aware of their rights. How can the public leverage class actions to their benefit and how can companies protect themselves?

Chair: Simon Pugh, Partner, Portland

Speakers: Kenny Henderson, Partner, CMS; Matthew Angelus, Partner, Torys; Tom Hunt, Associate Director, Aon

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European Competition Claims

Competition claims and class actions often go hand in hand. These next panels cover the latest news and developments from competition law in Europe and North America.

Chair: Nils von Hinten-Reed, CEG Europe

Speakers: Dante Quaglione, Managing Director, BRG; Jason Shardlow-Wrest, Managing Associate, Linklaters; Francesca Richmond Baker McKenzie

12:05 – 12:50

North American Competition Claims

Chair: Philip J. Iovieno, Co-Chair of the Antitrust Litigation Group, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

Speakers: Denise L. Plunkett, Antitrust Partner, Axinn; Todd M. Stenerson, Head of U.S. Antitrust and Competition Litigation, Shear

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Planning Global Strategy

Leading practitioners sit down to discuss how in-house and external counsel can work together to defend global disputes.

Chair: Patrick H. Reilly, Partner, Faegre Drinker

Speakers: Eduardo Vieira de Carvalho Neto, Legal Director, Uber; Felix Beneby, Legal Counsel, Mercer UK; Ainslie Cranwell, Litiga Volvo Group

14:35 – 15:20

Big Tech Litigation & Regulation

The increasing dominance of Big Tech, has brought with it the risk of class actions against the major global players and that risk sho diminishing.

Chair: John Yanchunis, Attorney, Morgan & Morgan

Speakers: Ryan Clarkson, Managing Partner, Clarkson Law Firm; Anya Proops KC, Barrister, 11KBW

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ESG Claims

With climate change dominating public discourse, this panel looks at how an increasing number of NGOs and classes of individuals class actions to effect change.

Speakers: Geert Lenssens, Partner, SQ-WATT Legal; Kushal Gandhi, Partner, CMS; Jeremy Stewart, Senior Associate, Clifford Ch

16:30 – 17:15

Securities

Well-established in the US, securities class actions are closely associated with ESG scandals and are expected to become more common in Europe. A panel of specialists explains this rising litigation threat.

Chair: Jeremy Lieberman, Managing Partner, Pomerantz

Speakers: Roger Cooper, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; Peter Crudo, Executive Vice President, Computershare

17:15 – 19:30

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