

Class Actions



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Class actions can pose enormous risk to a business. Since each one is unique, cookie-cutter approaches to their defense rarely succeed. Ulmer & Berne LLP aggressively and creatively defends nationwide and statewide class actions. Our class action defense practice provides effective, comprehensive and multifaceted legal representation to major corporations, smaller businesses, institutions and individuals faced with defending class action litigation.

Our interdisciplinary approach draws upon the collective and wide-ranging expertise and experience of the Firm's attorneys across its diverse practice groups to assemble and integrate the substantive and class action experience into a client and case-centered team, which comprehensively and efficiently defends the case.

The attorneys within the class action defense practice have extensive experience litigating class action cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. The group's attorneys have litigated class action cases on behalf of clients in a wide range of industries, including financial services, pharmaceutical and medical devices, manufacturing, and consumer goods and services.

Our representation encompasses a broad array of substantive legal issues, including securities, investment fraud, mass and toxic torts, employment practices, consumer sales practices and advertising claims, environmental contamination, debtor/creditor rights, insurance coverage and insurance claims practices, real estate issues, Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and director and officer (D&O) liability.

Ulmer & Berne's class action defense practice also provides advice and counsel to our clients on matters relating to class action avoidance and due diligence, landmark cases, proposed or enacted legislation, and emerging trends in class action and complex litigation.



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