



# SECURITIES CLASS ACTIONS

Develop your litigation strategy to best represent the interests of institutional investors through class, group and representative actions worldwide

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Attend this highly practical event and receive expert advice and guidance on the critical aspects of bringing and defending securities class, group and representative actions including:

- Examining the fiduciary role of fund managers and trustees: How can you ensure that you are meeting your fiduciary responsibilities to claim monies legally owed to your fund?
- The inside track from institutional investors on their objectives, experiences and strategies when bringing securities class actions
- How to factor recent international case law developments into your securities class action strategy
- Minimising costs exposures and understanding new funding options when engaging in litigation
- How to successfully administer class actions Top tips for settlements & damages calculations

Enhance your conference experience by attending our two optional early riser and post conference Master Classes:

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BRING SUCCESSFUL CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS

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#### **ENSURE YOU ARE MEETING YOUR FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS**

Fund managers and Trustees are becoming increasingly proactive in monitoring and responding to securities class actions, as they recognise the opportunity to secure meaningful monetary recoveries for investors and obtain governance reform. It is estimated that Northern European pension schemes lost more than €450 billion at the height of the financial markets crisis in 2008\*, however around a quarter of Northern European pension schemes are not participating in available class action cases\*.

A failure to engage in class actions can leave billions in unclaimed settlements, compromise both portfolio returns and the ability to fulfill fiduciary responsibilities to investors, by benefiting more active members of the class.

With the *Morrison vs NAB* ruling restricting class action recoveries in the US in recent years, investors are increasingly looking to seek redress in other jurisdictions through alternative litigation strategies. With the advent of third party litigation funding as well as damage based agreements this year, the UK is now being viewed as an emerging venue for securities class actions.

This conference in conjunction with iiTRA Limited (the Institutional Investors Tort Recovery Association) has been organised for pension funds, institutional investors, asset managers and their advisors and will focus on both bringing and defending securities class action cases both in the UK, Continental Europe, US and worldwide.

With securities class action lawsuits expected to grow even larger and more complex in the years ahead, it is imperative that institutional investors understand and put in place the right systems to manage the risks and maximise the opportunities. By attending this conference you will be able to make informed strategic decisions on exercising your legal rights, to help secure recoveries for your clients.

Top reasons to attend this unique event

- Hear what lessons major pension funds have learnt from bringing securities class actions and whether they have achieved the desired outcomes
- Get up to speed with the latest international case law and legal developments in this field so that you can make an informed choice when considering litigation in different jurisdictions
- · Understand what reputational risks are involved in bringing or defending such cases and how they can be mitigated
- Gain a comprehensive understanding of the funding options available for class action litigation and how to limit the risks of adverse costs orders
- Hear the corporate experience of securities class actions including how corporate governance or strategic changes can be implemented in companies that are subjected to securities class actions litigation

#### \*Figures from GOAL Group

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#### AN EXCLUSIVE CONFERENCE DESIGNED FOR THE FOLLOWING GROUPS

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  - Fund Managers
  - Trustees
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- From Asset Management Firms:
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  - Portfolio Managers

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EARLY RISER PRE-CONFERENCE MASTER CLASS Monday 13 May, 2013

7.30 - 9.45 AM

## Everything you Need to Know to Bring Successful Class and Collective Actions

Klaus Rotter Rechtsanwalt, Partner Rotter Rechtsanwaelte

This interactive masterclass will guide you through the key elements required to be successful in securities class actions. The in-depth analysis of key practical considerations include:

- What is the difference between a a representative action, a model case proceeding and a class action?
- Is there an advantage to one as against the other?
- The anatomy of a class action what makes a good/bad class action?
- How a class action works in practice
- How do you maximise the strategic benefit for the claimant and the class?
- How do you go about selecting the lead claimant?
- Presenting your case Forms and documentation required and how to complete them for a claim
- Calculating the quantum of a claim
- What happens when there is a settlement, what are the options available?
- Why you can expect a higher individual damage compensation under non-US class action regimes
- The different types of damage recovery (e.g share price difference, full compensation of the investment)

#### **AGM FOR iiTRA MEMBERS**

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8.30 - 9.45 AM

#### Break-Out AGM for iiTRA members

iiTRA (the Institutional Investors Tort Recovery Association) is an independent member-organisation dedicated to managing the interests of pension funds, insurance companies, asset managers, family offices and others with substantial holdings in securities (outside the United States) in relation to their securities class action rights in cases where the value of their investments has been wrongfully damaged.

The iiTRA Annual General Meeting will feature discussions on recent developments in institutional investor recoveries, including a key address on the importance of and strategies for alternative and opt-out litigation. Representatives of members will receive an update on iiTRA activities. Representatives of funds will be able to learn more about iiTRA and the benefits of membership.



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Conference delegates are welcome to attend the AGM as observers

#### POST-CONFERENCE MASTER CLASS TUESDAY 14 MAY, 2013

9.00 AM - 12.00 PM

#### Winning Strategies for Defending Class Actions

Daan F. Lunsingh Scheurleer, Partner NautaDutilh N.V.

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This master class is suitable for corporate counsel and private practice lawyers and will give practical guidance on how to successfully manage and defend securities class actions claims.

- · How to protect against and strike out frivolous law suits
- Managing the risks of excessive claims to force companies into settlement
- How to mitigate the damage of a class action claim and negotiate early settlements
- What corporate counsel look for when instructing a defence team
- · Developing an effective litigation strategy
- Attacking the representatives claims and undermining the class
  - establishing that individual issues prevail more than common issues
  - how to handle simultaneous actions in multiple jurisdictions

#### MAIN CONFERENCE: MONDAY 13 MAY, 2013

- 9.00 Registration and Coffee
- 10.00 Chair's Opening Remarks
- 10.10 Examining the Fiduciary Duties of Fund Managers and Trustees in Relation to Their Clients: To What Extent are They Obliged to Seek Redress through Class Action Litigation?

Dr John Mellor, Founder Foundation for Governance Research and Education

Bo Spanding, Chief Consultant Danske Invest Management A/S

- Do asset managers owe a wider range of duties to their clients?
- Should an asset manager be stepping into their client's shoes to facilitate litigation?
- Who has the responsibility for either participating or facilitating participation in class actions?
- What activities is it prudent and reasonable to expect an asset manager to carry out on behalf of investors?
- To what extent could trustees and asset managers be held accountable or incur liability if they don't pursue these actions?
- At what point are trustees/asset managers obliged to consider taking action in cases?
- What factors should they take into consideration when considering whether to pursue a claim?
- 10.50 **Morning Refreshments**
- 11.10 The Insiders' Guide to Launching Class Actions: Fund Managers and Trustees Share Their Objectives, Experiences and Litigation Strategies

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- The role of pension funds, trustees and asset managers in facilitating securities class actions
- Why are they interested in bringing class actions, what are the perceived benefits?
- To what extent are investors the driving force behind making claims?
- Who should take responsibility and what input do asset managers have in that?
- What actions have they taken to facilitate such actions?
- What lessons have been learnt from bringing such cases and have they achieved the desired outcomes?

- Strategies for settlement of claims
- How will fund managers and trustees bring class actions in the future and how would they like to see the system develop?
- 12.20 Incorporating the Latest International Case Law and Developments into Your Securities Class Action Strategy

David Scott, Managing Partner Scott and Scott LLP

Paul Coenen, Head of Legal Dutch Investors Association

David Greene, Partner Edwin Coe LLP

#### US

- US litigation trends and developments in securities class actions: filings and settlement trends
- The ramifications of *Morrison v National Bank* of Australia how have "foreign" claimants brought claims following this decision?
- Recent developments in US class actions: RMBS litigation, opt-out litigation
- The latest on the BP case as well as other US shareholder actions and the outlook for class actions from European investors

#### **Europe**

- An overview of securities class actions in different European jurisdictions
  - the UK as an emerging venue for securities class actions
  - trends in these proceedings, how are cases being decided?
  - what are the typical awards?
  - RBS litigation and other cases
  - recent cases and developments in class actions in the Netherlands including the Converium case
  - settlement mechanisms in the Netherlands which are binding for all class members
  - collective redress mechanisms in Europe
  - funding of securities claims in the UK, following the Jackson reforms on 1st April
- 13.45 **Networking Lunch**
- 15.00 Managing Your Reputational Risk How can Claimants Mitigate PR Exposures when Engaging in High Profile Litigation?

#### David Rigg, Founder and Managing Director Project Associates

- Examining the reputational impact on a party if they lose a high profile case
- What are the risks of being sued by investors when litigation is not successful?
- What is the wider reputational damage that can occur as a result of bringing such cases and how can it be overcome?
- Developing an effective PR plan
- Dealing with negative media exposure
- The benefits of collective action and sharing the burden of litigation

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# 15.30 A View from the Defendant: What is the Corporate Experience of Securities Class Actions and What Lessons Can Shareholders Learn?

This session will focus on the corporate experience of managing high profile class actions. It will examine how companies have handled or defended such claims as well as looking at corporate governance or strategic changes that were implemented in the wake of litigation.

#### Ben Knüppe, Advisor and former C.E.O. of Dexia Bank (Netherlands), Trustee in bankruptcy of DSB Bank N.V.

- How do corporates view securities class action claims?
- Are they a zero sum game or can they bring about real change in the boardroom?
- What can parties do at an early stage in order to avoid litigation?
- How do companies engage with their shareholders once an action has been launched?

#### 16.00 Afternoon Refreshments

## 16.15 Minimising Exposures and Evaluating New Funding Options in Respect of Litigation Costs

Susan Dunn, Head of Litigation Funding, Harbour Litigation Funding Limited

Professor Rachael Mulheron, Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London; member of the CJC Working Group on the Code of Litigation Funding for England and Wales

- A snapshot of the actual, and potential, collective action regimes in England
- The importance of financing in class actions how can it affect the outcome of a case?
  - what are the options for financing class actions now?
  - conditional Fee Agreements still attractive?
  - damages Based Agreements a partial solution
  - after the Event Insurance the decline of the deferred premium
  - third Party Funding

- Getting the budget right in the first place is key what are firms doing to make use of their own historic data?
- Fixed fees what do they mean?
- What are the cost consequences parties face when bringing or defending such actions?
- How the new UK budgeting and costs shifting rules might help focus on costs containment for the future
- How funding options vary in different European jurisdictions

# 17.15 How to Successfully Administer Class Actions Top Tips for Settlements & Damages Calculations

#### Jan Matej, General Counsel AP1

#### Hardeep Nahal, Partner McGuire Woods LLP

- Structuring settlements
- What happens when the claimants can't agree on a settlement?
- What are the options, should you pursue a case alone, what are the risks involved?
- Once you have settled the action, how do you allocate compensation between parties that is both fair and efficient?
- How can damage compensation be efficiently distributed if the scope of a class is unknown?
- · Pre-distributions and credit arrangements
- What has been learnt from designing compensation programmes in class actions?

#### 18.00 End of Conference



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