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Class action litigation looms large as a potential threat to corporate defendants around the world and has captured the attention of the public, the court system, and litigants alike. In this cutting-edge seminar, learn from experts about recent developments in the law, strategy, and the best practices for successfully defending class cases. Esteemed Supreme Court advocates, experienced in-house counsel, members of the judiciary, and master practitioners from around the globe will share their insights into every aspect of class action litigation—from removal to appeal and everything in between. Management of the class case outside of the courtroom will also be explored in sessions on financial incentives driving these cases, bellwether mediation, and optimizing media relations.

This high level seminar experience is hosted by an interdisciplinary collection of DRI committees and offers a stellar opportunity to sharpen your class action defense skills in the presence of the best in the business. Attendees will have the opportunity to build their books of contacts at a variety of networking events, where the finest class action practitioners gather each summer in Washington, D.C. If your practice includes the defense of class actions, this event is not to be missed.



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What You Will Learn

- How the U.S. Supreme Court has made it easier for class action defendants to remove cases to federal court, as explained by defense counsel who argued *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*
- A panel of international in-house and outside counsel will discuss how class action litigation has proliferated around the world
- A nationally experienced class action appellate lawyer will present on hot topics percolating in appellate courts across the country
- Real-world, practical approaches to handling the day-to-day aspects of the class case and proven strategies for success



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

6:00 p.m. **Registration**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**

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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015

7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**

Jeffrey A. Holmstrand, *Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC*, Wheeling, West Virginia

Michelle Thurber Czapski, *Bodman PLC*, Detroit, Michigan

8:10 a.m. ***Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens***

Nowell Berreth will discuss *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*, which makes it easier for corporate defendants to remove cases from state court to federal court. In *Dart*, the Supreme Court clarified that a defendant seeking removal to federal court need not include evidence of federal jurisdiction in its notice of removal; allegations of federal jurisdiction suffice. The Court also rejected the so-called “presumption” against removing cases to federal court under the Class Action Fairness Act.


Nowell D. Berreth, *Alston & Bird LLP*, Atlanta, Georgia

9:00 a.m. **It’s All About the Money: Limits on Class Counsel Fees**

Judge Posner will address the “intense judicial scrutiny” required of proposed class action settlements, including the appropriateness of *cy pres* awards and class counsel fees, as addressed in his opinions in *Redman v. RadioShack Corp.*, *Eubank v. Pella*, and *Pearson v. NBTY, Inc.* Given this legal landscape,

Ms. Proctor and Mr. Bollin will explore the steps that defense counsel can take to limit fee recovery and thereby make class actions themselves less appealing to the plaintiffs’ bar.

Judge Richard A. Posner, *United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, Chicago, Illinois

 **Laura E. Proctor**, *LP Building Products*, Nashville, Tennessee

Kip T. Bollin, *Thompson Hine LLP*, Cleveland, Ohio

10:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:15 a.m. **Cutting-Edge Developments in Class Action Law**

Though there are fewer blockbusters on this term’s Supreme Court docket than in recent years, class action law has seen important developments across the country. Issues such as CAFA removal, standing, ascertainability, class-wide arbitration, *cy pres* settlements, 23(b)(3) damages experts, and 23(c)(4) issue classes continue to divide advocates and judges alike. Mr. Smith, an experienced class action appellate lawyer and former chair of DRI’s Appellate Advocacy and Amicus Committees, will discuss these and other hot topics in the field.

Scott Burnett Smith, *Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*, Huntsville, Alabama

11:10 a.m. **Mediation of Class Cases**

One of the most challenging aspects of MDL or class litigation is devising a suitable means for valuing cases to help drive a resolution strategy. Bellwether trials are frequently used, but recently, Stryker Corporation and plaintiffs’ lawyers utilized an historic “bellwether mediation” approach. The bellwether mediations allowed the parties to arrive at a global settlement for thousands of hip replacement cases. Judge Diane Welsh of JAMS, who presided over

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the mediations and settlement, will describe the stakeholders, process, and results achieved in response to questions from class action expert Jim Martin of Reed Smith.

James C. Martin, *Reed Smith LLP*, New York, New York

Hon. Diane M. Welsh (Ret.), *JAMS*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)

12:00 p.m. **Women's Lunch-Around** | Join friends and colleagues for lunch at a selected restaurant (*on your own*). More details on-site.

1:30 p.m. **Advisory Committee on Changes to Rule 23**
In 2011, the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules appointed a Rule 23 Subcommittee, composed of an elite group of judges, law professors, and practitioners. The Subcommittee is currently examining whether constructive changes can be made to Rule 23. Its current “front-burner” study agenda includes the following topics: (1) refining settlement review criteria, (2) settlement class certification, (3) *cy pres* provisions, (4) the role of objectors, (5) mootness and Rule 68 offers of judgment, (6) issue classes, and (7) notice to class members.

Hon. Robert M. Dow, Jr., *United States District Judge*, Chicago, Illinois
Rule 23 Subcommittee to Advisory Committee on Civil Rules

2:20 p.m. **Practical Approaches to Defending Class Actions**

This session will address proven strategies and tactics for both contesting the individual cases of the proposed class representatives and challenging the plaintiffs' critical expert testimony to destroy the class action before it is ever certified.

Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov, *Steptoe & Johnson LLP*, Washington, D.C.

John Parker Sweeney, *Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP*, Washington, D.C.

3:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

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3:30 p.m. **The Food Court and Beyond: Consumer Class Actions in Food and Supplements**

This program will cover the latest developments in food and supplement class actions: new cases beyond “all natural,” motions to dismiss and standing issues, recent class certification decisions, the developing ascertainability defense, use of class certification experts, defense strategies, and new claims of plaintiffs' counsel.

David T. Biderman, *Perkins Coie LLP*, Los Angeles, California

4:20 p.m. **Adjourn**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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7:30 p.m. **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner (*on your own*). More details on-site.

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7:00 a.m. **Registration**

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Announcements**

W. Jason Rankin, *HeplerBroom LLC*, Edwardsville, Illinois

8:15 a.m. **Data Breach Class Cases**

Many companies manage the consequences of cyber attackers stealing private customer information. This program will discuss class action litigation resulting from data breaches, along with the ways in which organizations are both responding to this litigation and enhancing ways to protect against this ever-expanding threat.

Edward R. McNicholas, *Sidley Austin LLP*, Washington, D.C.

W. Jason Rankin, *HeplerBroom LLC*, Edwardsville, Illinois

 **Andrea T. Shandell**, *Gannett Co. Inc.*, McLean, Virginia

9:15 a.m. **No Injury Classes and Article III Standing**

Mr. Pincus, an esteemed Supreme Court advocate, will discuss whether, under Article III of the Constitution, plaintiffs lack standing to sue in federal court when they do not claim any tangible injury

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apart from a bare statutory violation. This issue may affect a wide variety of class actions, including privacy, FCRA, and data breach cases.

Andrew J. Pincus, *Mayer Brown LLP*, Washington, D.C.

10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

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10:30 a.m. **In-House Panel: Defending Class Cases Against Financial Institutions**

Hear experienced in-house counsel from three diverse financial institutions talk about what they need from outside counsel. Topics will include settlement—when to pursue and how to get the authority you need; defending the merits; fighting certification; investigating the claim; and preparing executives to testify.

MODERATOR | **John J. Aromando**, *Pierce Atwood LLP*, Portland, Maine

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 **Mark T. Freeman**, *KeyCorp*, Cleveland, Ohio

 **Mark S. Lagomarcino**, *Principal Financial Group Inc.*, Des Moines, Iowa

 **Matthew L. Meyer**, *Springleaf Finance Inc.*, Evansville, Indiana

11:45 a.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

1:15 p.m. **Class Action Litigation Around the World**

Class action rules and proposals continue to multiply outside the United States. This presentation, which includes an in-house lawyer who oversees international class actions, will focus on developments in class action rules and jurisprudence in Asia, Latin America, Canada, and Europe.

MODERATOR | **Timothy E. Congrove**, *Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP*, Kansas City, Missouri

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Christelle Coslin, *Hogan Lovells LLP*, Paris, France

 **Silvia Kim**, *Philip Morris International*, New York, New York

S. Gordon McKee, *Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP*, Toronto, Ontario

2:15 p.m. **Managing Media Relations in Class Cases**

Companies defending nationwide class actions must often respond in the courtroom, on the Internet, and in the media. Richard Levick, one of the communications industry's most important spokespersons, has set new standards in global communications and brand protection for corporations, countries, and major institutions. Mr. Levick will discuss the benefits, challenges, and risks of engaging the media when defending class actions.

Richard S. Levick, *LEVICK*, Washington, D.C.

3:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

3:30 p.m. **The Psychology of Legal Ethics, or Why Smart Lawyers Do Dumb Things**

Scholars have devoted increasing attention to the field of “behavioral legal ethics,” seeking to apply general psychological principles to help explain why lawyers sometimes violate the rules even though they should (or do) know better. In many cases, they suggest, lawyers may head down the wrong path without even realizing they are at risk of an ethics violation. By focusing on behavioral legal ethics, we hope this program will make lawyers better equipped to analyze their own motives and conduct in difficult situations.

Kevin Underhill, *Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP*, San Francisco, California

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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