

Class Action Defense

Our Class Action Defense practice is a nationwide leader. Our experience spans industries and subject matters, and we have litigated class action cases in virtually every major jurisdiction throughout the country. In the past seven years, we have represented clients in hundreds of class actions, the vast majority of which have been dismissed or effectively resolved at an early stage in the litigation and on terms favorable to our clients. Consistent with our clients' interests in these cases, we typically push for early dismissal or resolution through aggressive motion practice, but we are also uniquely experienced and capable to try these cases to conclusion. We are one of the few firms with actual experience trying class actions to verdict.

We have deep experience representing clients who face large numbers of class actions. We are long-time counsel for Home Depot and Equifax in class actions nationwide, and we have represented other companies such as Chevron, General Motors, GSK, Kimberly-Clark, Wal-Mart, ConocoPhillips, The Coca-Cola Company, Purdue Pharma and Progressive Insurance in class actions around the country. These clients are sophisticated consumers of the services that our practice offers, and for years, we have proven adept at partnering with these clients to defend class action claims. Our experience and value has also benefited clients who face class litigation less frequently, whether in cases that are viewed as mere nuisance or those that challenge significant business practices.

Our success in class actions stems from our unparalleled experience. We have learned the defenses and arguments that are most likely to prevail on behalf of our clients, whether on the merits or in defense of class certification, and we know enough to recognize those claims that are more appropriate for early or class-wide resolution. Trusting our class action practice allows our clients to tap into this experience and know-how.

Capability Lawyers



David L. Balsler
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Recognition

Practice of the Year 2010, 2012 and 2013

LAW360

2015 & 2017 Law Firm of the Year for Mass Tort/Class Actions

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

2016 Litigation Department of the Year

FULTON COUNTY DAILY REPORT

Product Liability Practice Group of the Year

LAW360, 2013–2018, 2020

Band 2 - Consumer Class Actions

CHAMBERS USA

Cases & Deals

January 3, 2022

Trulieve Cannabis Corp Wins Dismissal with Prejudice of Securities Fraud Class Action

January 15, 2021

R.J. Reynolds Obtains Reversal of \$15.5M Judgment

December 17, 2020

Cumulus Media Beats Suit Over 401(k) Fees

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Insights

NEWSLETTER

April 29, 2022

Predominant Issues – April 2022

NEWSLETTER

March 8, 2022

Predominant Issues – March 2022

CLIENT ALERT

January 19, 2022

Arbitration and PAGA Representative Actions: Supreme Court to Weigh In

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Events

CONFERENCE

April 26, 2022

Class Action University

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

February 21, 2022

Heather Howard to Speak at International Association of Defense Counsel Midyear Meeting

WEBINAR

February 9, 2022

Key Food and Beverage Issues: What to Expect in 2022

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News

RECOGNITION

August 2, 2022

The American Lawyer Names Albert Giang a West Trailblazer

IN THE NEWS

August 1, 2022

Craig Carpenito, Andrew Michaelson, David Willingham and Meghan Strong counsel Giovanni Perone, purported

creator of EthereumMax, in a cryptocurrency promotion
class action dispute

IN THE NEWS

July 27, 2022

Jeffrey Cashdan, John Toro and Rachael Trummel advise
Coca-Cola in a class action settlement

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