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More than a decade after Congress passed the Class Action Fairness Act, and a series of Supreme Court decisions that threatened to substantially limit class actions, a recent survey of general counsel predicted that US companies will spend over \$2 billion in legal fees defending these cases in 2016. Untold billions will be paid in settlements and judgments. This comprehensive program is designed for practitioners, in-house counsel, and insurance, claims and risk management personnel and provides a national forum to learn from experts, and an opportunity to meet, network, and exchange ideas with thought leaders in this dynamic field. The symposium consists of nationally prominent litigators from both sides of the class action fence, leading scholars, seasoned jurists, mediators and insurers who will discuss recent case law developments, emerging trends, risk management issues, case management techniques, pre and post-certification strategies, arbitration and the ethical considerations in resolving these high profile and costly litigations.

We are fortunate to have as our keynote speaker Professor John Coffee of Columbia University School of Law, an author and frequent lecturer on class action practice, who will provide an overview and analysis of the most significant cases of the past year.

Sponsored by the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Business Litigation Committee, and held at the completely renovated Sheridan New Orleans Hotel, this cutting-edge program provides a perfect opportunity to learn and share against the backdrop of the "Big Easy's" rich culture, cuisine and attractions.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

7:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION

7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Steven P. Benenson, Program Chair, *Porzio Bromberg & Newman PC*, Morristown, NJ

G. Glenn Troublefield, TIPS Section Chair, *Carella Byrne et al*, Roseland, NJ

8:15 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.

“STATE OF THE UNION FOR CLASS ACTION LITIGATION”

How have the courts balanced the important role that plaintiffs’ counsel play as “private attorneys-general” to punish and deter corporate misconduct against the potential for abuse caused by strike suits, collusion, and overreaching? What are the lessons of recent cases on standing, adequacy of representation, class definition, common damages, and settlements? Professor Coffee, a leading scholar on class actions, and the author of the recently published book *Entrepreneurial Litigation: Its Rise, Fall, and Future*, discusses these trends.

Professor John C. Coffee, *Columbia University Law School*, New York, NY

8:45 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

THE KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN PRODUCTS LIABILITY CLASS ACTIONS

These seasoned class action litigators and in-house counsel will address the key developments in class action litigation affecting product manufacturers.

MODERATOR:

Amir Nassihi, Esq., *Shook, Hardy & Bacon*, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKERS:

Holly Pauling Smith, Esq., *Shook, Hardy & Bacon*, Kansas City, MO

Eric Smith, Senior Counsel, *Nissan North America, Inc.*, Nashville, TN

James Oliva, Senior Counsel, *Honda North America, Inc.*, Torrance, CA

9:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

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10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

MANAGING CLASS ACTIONS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Class actions present a unique challenge for companies in terms of managing public and investor relations, financial and business-client reporting, retaining lead counsel, handling insurance coverage issues, containing costs, and minimizing business disruptions. This panel of in-house counsel discuss these and other related topics.

MODERATOR:

Steven P. Benenson, Esq., *Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.*, Morristown, NJ

SPEAKERS:

John C. Childs, Chief Litigation Counsel, *Georgia Pacific Corporation*, Atlanta, GA

Nancy M. Rogers, 1st VP, Deputy Chief Claims Counsel, *Old Republic National Title Insurance Co.*, Tampa, FL

Chad Helin, General Counsel, *Combined Insurance Co. of America*, Chicago, IL

Michelangelo Troisi, Vice President & General Counsel, *Haier America*, Wayne, NJ



11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

VIEW FROM THE BENCH AND BAR

This panel will provide unique insights and observations from trial attorneys, the bench and a leading authority on complex litigation on dealing with the role of subclasses, bifurcation and bellwether trials as case management devices for structuring class actions, addressing predominance concerns and establishing claim valuations.

MODERATOR: **Lance Williams, Esq.,** *McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, Covington, LA*

SPEAKERS: **The Honorable Eldon E. Fallon,** *United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA*
Professor Edward Sherman, *Tulane University, New Orleans, LA*
Patrick Pendley, Esq., *Pendley, Baudin & Coffin, LLP, Plaquemine, LA*

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 PM

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

BEYOND RULE 23 CHALLENGES TO CLASS ACTIONS

This presentation will explore strategies for challenging and defending against attacks on class actions outside of the Rule 23 context, including issues surrounding class member standing, ascertainability, over-breath, and other class definition deficiencies, as well as extensive and expensive pre-certification merits discovery, including constitutional challenges, interlocutory appeals and other appellate review.

MODERATOR: **Marcy Hogan Greer, Esq.,** *Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend LLP, Austin, TX*

SPEAKERS: **Tanya Pierce, Associate Professor of Law,** *Texas A&M School of Law, Fort Worth, TX*
Thomas A. Casey, Jr., Esq., *Jones Walker, New Orleans, LA*
Roland Tellis, Esq., *Baron Budd, Los Angeles, CA*

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON: EMERGING CLASS ACTION TRENDS

This panel of nationally-known practitioners from both sides of the bar, as well as in-house counsel, will discuss the current “lay of the land” and trends in class action litigation, including the impact of recent court decisions and agency pronouncements, pending cases and proposed legislation, and the prospective procedural and substantive effects of these events on the evolving class action litigation landscape.

MODERATOR: **Adam J. Levitt, Esq.,** *Grant & Eisenhofer, Chicago, IL*

SPEAKERS: **Rich Otera, General Counsel,** *Sumitomo Electric U.S.A., Los Angeles, CA*
Mark S. Mester, Esq., *Latham & Watkins, Chicago, IL*
Timothy G. Blood, Esq., *Blood Hurst & O’Reardon, San Diego, CA*

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

BREAK



3:45 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

CERTIFICATION THROUGH STATISTICAL SAMPLING IN NO INJURY CLASS ACTIONS

In what some have called a potential “blockbuster” case in the current Supreme Court term – *Tyson Foods, Inc. v. Bouaphakeo, et al.* – the Court is expected to decide two important issues in this Fair Labor Standards Act wage-hour class action involving collective claims and parallel state-law claims certified under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23: (1) Whether a class may be certified where liability and damages will be determined with statistical sampling techniques; and (2) Whether a class/collective action may be certified or maintained where the class contains hundreds of uninjured members unless there is a mechanism to identify and remove such class members? This panel will include lead defense counsel in the case and others who have focused on this issue in recent years.

MODERATOR:

Michael Mueller, Esq., *Hunton & Williams, LLP, Washington, DC*

SPEAKERS:

The Honorable Lee Rosenthal, *United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, TX*

Paul T. Kirchner, VP and Associate General Counsel, *Tyson Foods, Inc., Springdale, AR*

Elizabeth Cabraser, Esq., *Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, San Francisco, CA*

4:45 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

ARBITRATION OF CLASS CLAIMS AFTER CONCEPCION AND ITALIAN COLORS

In *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion* and *American Express v. Italian Colors*, the Supreme Court held that state laws that rendered waivers of class claims unenforceable violated the Federal Arbitration Act (“FAA”), and that the FAA does not permit courts to invalidate a contractual waiver of class arbitration on the ground that the plaintiffs’ cost of individually arbitrating a federal statutory claim exceeds the potential recovery. This panel will discuss the state of the law in the wake of these landmark decisions, and explore some of the vexing questions they raise for class action lawyers: Is arbitration a suitable vehicle for adjudicating class claims? Does the court or arbitrator decide the threshold question of whether an arbitration clause requires individual or class proceedings? Are such decisions subject to interlocutory review? What are the standards for appealing adverse arbitration awards? Can arbitration clauses be drafted in order to avoid class action arbitration altogether?

MODERATOR:

Eric Mattson, Esq., *Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL*

SPEAKERS:

Professor Martin H. Redish, *Northwestern School of Law, Chicago, IL*

Pamela O’Brien, Chief Litigation Counsel, *Stewart Title Guaranty Company, Houston, TX*

Lori E. Andrus, Esq., *Andrus Anderson, San Francisco, CA*

Wayne J. Lee, Esq., *Stone Pigman, New Orleans, LA*

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

NETWORKING RECEPTION – COCKTAILS AND LIGHT HORS D’OEUVRES



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. **COMBINED TIPS COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting is open to all attendees interested in becoming active in any of the ABA TIPS sponsoring committees:

- Appellate Advocacy
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8:45 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. **PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. **POST-CERTIFICATION STRATEGIES**

This panel explores successful strategies for summary judgment and decertification motions, conducting expert discovery, and preparing for and presenting the trial of a class action.

MODERATOR: **Scott Elder, Esq.**, *Aston & Bird*, Atlanta, GA

SPEAKERS: **Will Barnette, Assistant General Counsel**, *The Home Depot*, Atlanta, GA

Steven A. Goldfarb, Esq., *Hahn Loeser & Parks*, Cleveland, OH

Elizabeth A. Fegan, Esq., *Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP*, Chicago, IL

Marygrace J. Schaeffer, VP, *DecisionQuest*, Minneapolis, MN

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN SETTLING CLASS ACTIONS**

A distinguished panel of class action litigators, in-house counsel and a former federal judge and mediator will discuss ethical issues that arise in developing innovative strategies for settling class actions, including picking off the lead plaintiff, responding to the extortionate demand and the low-ball offer, negotiations following an overly aggressive prosecution or a scorched earth defense, use of the non-class class settlement approach, use of guaranteed forfeiture funds, reverter and *cy pres* provisions, fee negotiations, front-loading the formal final settlement and fee approval process, settlement administration, and post-settlement claims.

MODERATOR: **Eric Gibbs, Esq.**, *Girard Gibbs*, Oakland, CA

SPEAKERS: **Jason Erb, Senior Counsel, Director of Litigation**, *Hyundai Motor America*, Fountain Valley, CA

Honorable Faith Hochberg, *Phillips ADR*, Corona Del Mar, CA

Shon Morgan, Esq., *Quinn Emanuel*, Los Angeles, CA

Michael Mallow, Esq., *Sidley Austin LLP*, Los Angeles, CA

Kelly Dermody, Esq., *Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein*, San Francisco, CA

Jeanne C. Finnegan, APR, President, Chief Media Officer, *HF Media LLC*, Portland, OR

Robin Greenwald, Esq., *Weitz & Luxenberg*, New York, NY

12:00 P.M. **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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