

Practices

Class Action Defense

Companies targeted in class actions face a multitude of risks—from significant monetary damages and internal disruption to increased regulatory scrutiny and reputational harm. Because pending class action litigation can impede ongoing business operations, companies rely on swift and effective legal representation to minimize disruption and resolve issues as quickly as possible.

Ranked Tier One in the United States in Commercial Litigation and Appellate Law by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*, Akerman has extensive experience in coordinating national, multistate, and multidistrict class actions. We defend class action lawsuits across a broad range of issues, such as consumer fraud, securities fraud, tax issues, consumer collection practices, and improper insurance and banking practices, for a diverse client base that includes Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, investment companies, and other stakeholders across the United States.

While we have successfully defended hundreds of class action lawsuits in state, federal, and appellate court, we just as frequently resolve matters before they go to trial by defeating class certification, obtaining an early dismissal, or decertifying the class. We have experience with issues of “class-action waivers,” and have advised clients on moving filed classes to single-party arbitrations, including the defense of arbitration and class-waiver clauses. We also have experience with “settlement insurance” issues in connection with class action claims. When litigation is necessary, we devise a

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cost-effective strategy to achieve our client's unique business objectives. We also provide counseling for clients seeking to avoid potential class action exposure on company practice issues.

Clients turn to Akerman for our comprehensive trial experience and ability to quickly assemble teams to meet their specific needs. Likewise, insurers have approved our firm as panel counsel in consumer and non-consumer class actions in state and federal court, a sound testament to the strength of our practice and record of success.

What We Do

- Class certification litigation
- Merits assessment and litigation
- Class and merits discovery
- Court approval and notice process
- Crisis management counseling and strategic planning
- Settlement negotiation
- Appeals