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A conference presented by the Litigation Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the International Bar Association and the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association

# Class actions at a crossroads: Europe's choice between its own and the American model

24-25 May 2007  
Grand Hotel Plaza, ROME, Italy

## Topics will include:

- The current status of class and collective actions in Europe
- What European legislators can learn from the US and Canadian experience
- Problems in incorporating US-style class actions into Europe
- European legislative developments on collective actions
- Class certification – a mock hearing and roundtable discussion

## Who should attend?

Litigators, corporate counsel, judges, academics, consumer association representatives and policy-makers.

### Up to 9 CPD hours available\*

\* As per the Law Society of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.

#### US CLE

Accreditation has been obtained in all MCLE States



# Programme

## Thursday 24 May

1300 – 1730 **Registration**

### Co-Chairs

**Jorge Angell** *LC Rodrigo Abogados, Madrid; Co-Chair, IBA Litigation Committee*

**Barton Legum** *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Paris; Programme Officer, ABA Section of International Law*

1400

### Opening by Co-Chairs

**Jorge Angell**  
**Barton Legum**

1405

### Welcome remarks

**Deborah Enix-Ross** *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York; Chair, ABA Section of International Law*

**David W Rivkin** *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, New York and London; Chair, IBA Legal Practice Division*

1410 – 1600

### What is a class action?

This panel will provide a clear and concise overview of the form of class action developed in the United States and Canada. Its centrepiece will be a lecture describing the US form of class action in terms that the European lawyers in the audience will readily understand, and covering the following main points:

- The history and purposes of class actions (access to justice, judicial economy and behaviour modification)
- How class actions commence
- Requirements for class certification (common issues, representative plaintiff, superior means of resolving dispute)
- Providing notice to the class and administering the class action
- Difficulties particular to class action litigation
- Judicial supervision to prevent abuses: withdrawal of case, settlement, remuneration of lawyers
- Opting in and opting out
- Trial on the common issue and resolution of individual issues
- Remedies
- Procedures for approval of settlement
- Effect of judgments in class actions

The lecture will be followed by two shorter presentations: one describing the nuances of the Canadian approach to class actions; the other addressing particularities of class actions in the securities context. There will be ample time available at the end of each session for questions from the audience.

### Moderator

**Robert Brodegaard** *Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, New York*

### Speakers

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

**Bonnie Tough** *Tough & Podrebarac LLP, Toronto, Ontario*

**Stephen N Zack** *Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, Miami, Florida*

1600 – 1630 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

1630 – 1740

### How class actions really work in practice

This panel will outline some of the practical considerations that cause the class action system to function the way it does in North America and will address the following topics:

- Economic incentives, compensation and cooperation of class counsel (contingency fee agreements; American rule on award of attorneys' fees)
- Settlement of class actions: how and why they really happen and what the dynamics are
- Measuring the results of class actions (number of cases that settle as opposed to go to trial; amount of damages; amount of attorneys' fees; number of class members who submit claims; impact on corporate behaviour)
- How class notice is effected in practice
- Strategic use of class actions by defendants

### Moderator

**William G Horton** *Barrister, Toronto, Ontario*

### Speakers

**Elizabeth Cabraser** *Lieff Cabraser, San Francisco, California*

**Frederick T Davis** *Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Paris*

**David Kent** *McMillan Binch Mendelsohn, Toronto, Ontario*

**James Woods** *Woods LLP, Montreal, Quebec*

### Exhibitors present at this conference will include:

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### Closing remarks and announcements

**Robert Brodegaard**

**Guido Cravetto** *Studio Tosetto, Weigmann e Associati, Turin*

**William G Horton**

1745

### Conclusion of session

1830

### Hosted welcome reception

Rooftop terrace

The Forum Hotel

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# Friday 25 May

0830 – 1730 **Registration**

0900 – 1030

## Class actions and Europe

This panel will provide an introduction to the current status of class or collective actions in Europe and the principal obstacles to transferring the North American model of class action to the legal systems of Europe. Topics will include:

- Implementation of the EU Directive on Collective Consumer Actions
- Impediments to waiver of substantive and procedural rights through silence, including Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Principle that a party must be able to control the prosecution or defense of his/her case (*Dispositionsmaxime*)

*Moderator*

**Guido Cravetto**

*Speakers*

**Professor George Bermann** *Columbia University School of Law, New York*

**Professor Michele Taruffo** *University of Pavia, Pavia*

1030 – 1100 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

1100 – 1230

## European legislative developments on collective actions

This panel will explore in some depth the enacted and proposed legislation on collective actions in England, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands, and briefly touch upon such efforts in other European legal systems. Topics include:

- Description of legislation and proposals that most closely approximate the North American model of class actions
- Experience with adapting this model to the local context
- Predictions as to future developments in this area

*Moderator*

**Klaus Gerstenmaier** *Haver & Mailänder, Stuttgart*

*Speakers*

**Albert Knigge** *Houthoff Buruma, Amsterdam*

**Chris Warren-Smith** *Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert, London*

**Nicola Walter Palmieri** *Parmalat SpA, Parma*

1230 – 1400 LUNCH

*Keynote speaker*

**Meglana Kuneva** *EU Commission, Brussels (Invited)*

1400 – 1500

## Mock hearing on class certification

This session will simulate a hearing before a US court on whether to certify a worldwide class action that includes large numbers of European class members. The main issue is whether a US class action judgment would be recognised by European courts or refused on public policy or other grounds. An expert on the laws of European jurisdictions will be cross-examined.

*Moderator*

**Barton Legum**

*Speakers*

**Ignacio Díez-Picazo** *Linklaters, Madrid*

**Patricia Hynes** *Allen & Overy LLP, New York*

**Judge John G Koeltl** *US District Court for Southern District of New York, New York*

**Sherrie Savett** *Berger & Montague, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

1500 – 1530 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

1530 – 1715

## Roundtable discussion of advantages and disadvantages of class actions in Europe

This panel will serve as a springboard for a broader discussion as to what extent class action can or should be adopted in Europe, both as practical and policy matters. Topics to include:

- Cost and funding of class actions
- Defining the class: opting in versus opting out
- Can class litigation exist without contingency fees for attorneys or broad discovery of evidence?
- Impact of class litigation on companies and their policies
- Fairness and abuses of the class system
- Reconciling class litigation with the right of representation

*Moderator*

**Jorge Angell**

*Speakers*

**Ignacio Díez-Picazo**

**Richard A Martin** *Heller Ehrman, New York*

**Xavier Nyssen** *Dechert, Paris*

**Cristina Pagni** *Norton Rose, Milan*

1715

## Wrap-up session

**Professor Giorgio Costantino** *University Roma TRE, Rome*

1745

## Conclusion of conference

**Jorge Angell**

**Guido Cravetto**

**Barton Legum**

2030

## Closing dinner at the Palazzo Doria Pamphilj and private visit of the galleria Doria Pamphilj

Piazza del Collegio Romano  
2 Rome

The gallery is home to a number of 17th Century masterpieces. Works include those of Caravaggio and Velázquez as well as significant Renaissance pieces from Titian and Raphael. In addition to these, the gallery also houses antique sculptures from archaic times to the hellenistic period.

Dinner ticket price: £25

Entrance to the conference dinner is by ticket only. Tickets are subject to availability.

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# Information

**Date** 24-25 May 2007

**Venue** Grand Hotel Plaza  
Via Del Corso  
126-00186 Rome, Italy  
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fax: + 39 06 6994 1575  
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## Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

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Register online at [www.ibanet.org/conferences/conferences/litigation2007](http://www.ibanet.org/conferences/conferences/litigation2007) to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to Harriet Rowland at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive e-mailed confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not then please contact Harriet Rowland, [harriet.rowland@int-bar.org](mailto:harriet.rowland@int-bar.org)

## Fees

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	on or before 4 May	after 4 May
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Closing Dinner	£25	£25

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- Lunch on 25 May
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Invitation to hosted reception on 24 May

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## List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by 18 May at the latest.

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Single occupancy: €320  
Double occupancy: €360

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All reservations will be acknowledged, by e-mail, within 48 hours of receipt. Bookings cannot be made without a credit card number. Any subsequent amendment to your reservation must be made in writing to JLC. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of your reservation or amendment/cancellation, please contact JLC by telephone. Subject to availability, JLC can accept reservations up until 21 May. Thereafter, all reservations should be made direct with the hotel, quoting IBA Litigation Conference as the reference.

Cancellations received in writing less than 7 days prior to arrival will be charged for the total number of nights booked. This will also apply to no-shows.

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Single  Double  Smoking  Non smoking

Any special requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
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We have 15,000 + members; 50% of whom are in private practice, 10% are in-house counsel, and nearly 20% live outside of the United States (more than 90 countries in total).

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