

Webcast: The Rise of International Class and Collective Actions

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Class actions have gradually taken root outside the US in recent years. We highlight common pitfalls and early advocacy problems that defendants typically face in these new regimes and provide an overview in which direction international class actions will develop in the years to come. [View Slides](#) (PDF)

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