Class action lawsuits are more commonplace and more complex than ever. To minimize business disruption, we anticipate future issues and protect our clients proactively, before a class action suit is filed. And when a suit is filed, we resolve it predictably, efficiently and cost effectively.

In the past five years, we've successfully defended over 100 class actions in state and federal courts throughout the nation. We beat back class actions at every step of the process—on motions to dismiss, at summary judgment, at class certification and through the calculated use of alternative dispute mechanisms such as mediation and arbitration. We're equally skilled in handling classic opt-out civil class actions, non-opt-out class actions, mass tort and quasi-class mass tort cases, “private attorney general” actions, shareholder derivative suits, multidistrict and aggregate actions and class-wide arbitrations.

Setting precedents, delivering results
Few can compete with our precedent-setting wins in class actions for both plaintiffs and defendants, from a $110 million recovery for a plaintiff class in New Hampshire to successfully challenging the business-hostile aspects of California’s Unfair Competition Law.

We cover most aspects in class actions, including:

Consumer protection:
— False advertising and marketing
— Breach of fiduciary duty
— Breach of privacy
— Violation of lending, debt collection and telemarketing laws
— Violation of antitrust and unfair competition laws
— Unfair and deceptive trade practices

Investments, securities, corporate and partnership disputes:
— Securities fraud
— Mutual fund expense and market timing
— Shareholder suits (dissenting shareholder and derivative actions)
— Merger and acquisition, leverage buyout and limited partnership disputes, including multinational hedge fund issues
We partnered with Nixon Peabody to achieve a result many thought was unattainable.

— Georgia Tuttle, M.D. lead plaintiff New Hampshire Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association

Employment:
— Wage-hour (federal FLSA and state laws)
— Discrimination
— Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)

Products and mass torts:
— Complex pharmaceutical and medical devices
— Toxic tort and environmental contamination
— Food/beverage labeling

USING OUR STRENGTHS TO CREATE VALUE

There’s no single formula to achieving the right outcome in a class action suit. Working together with our clients, we employ multiple approaches and use our diverse skill sets to achieve the best financial and business outcome.

CUSTOMIZED STRATEGIES
We identify beneficial exit strategies and propose settlements that use alternatives to cash compensation where relevant.

CLIENT-FOCUSED
Through our understanding of our clients’ business positions, we use the courtroom or conference room to achieve their goals.

COST-EFFECTIVE
We manage costs by creating efficiencies in the operational mechanics of class actions.

HANDS-ON WORKING TEAM
We understand the ins and outs of class action, shaping class notice, bifurcation of discovery, staging of electronic paper discovery and structuring settlements.

PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT IN MULTIPLE LITIGATION CASES
Serving as national coordinating counsel for repetitive class actions filed in multiple courts and jurisdictions, creates consistency, efficiency and completion.

DIVERSITY
Defending companies in a broad array of industries allows us to transfer knowledge and successful strategies across categories.

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