Class Action Defense

Fight Fire With Fire

Kilpatrick's Class Action Defense Team, part of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation Team, engages in a nationwide class action defense practice. The Team represents some of the largest corporations throughout the United States in federal court, state court, and arbitration proceedings. Our practice encompasses all aspects of effective class action defense—from the implementation of risk management strategies before a class action has been filed, such as drafting compulsory arbitration clauses and other effective consumer-facing terms and conditions—through creative and aggressive litigation strategies, such as contesting liability early in a case, pursuing an early settlement strategy, or developing novel arguments to defeat class certification. We know what it takes to effectively and efficiently deal with this kind of litigation. Because of these demonstrated litigation skills, the firm is ranked National Tier 1 for both Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions–Defendants and Commercial Litigation in the 2024 *Best Law Firms*® rankings. The team is also recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers USA* for Litigation: General Commercial in Georgia, North Carolina, and Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds.

In the pro bono area, the Class Action Team has represented plaintiffs in groundbreaking prison reform litigation. By "taking the other side" in civil rights class actions, we sharpen our defensive skills in lawyer-driven consumer class actions and ensure we remain current on the latest "plaintiff-side" class action tactics. At the same time, we appreciate the opportunity to partner with public interest firms to represent the interests of some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

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