

# CLASS ACTIONS

We have represented numerous Fortune 100 and 500 companies in a range of complex class actions involving substantive issues such as pension plans, securities fraud, and environmental contamination.

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With a national practice and as a preeminent North Carolina business firm, our attorneys intimately understand the intricacies of class actions, from its statutes, rules, and procedures, to the judges and juries who preside over them.

From defending a client's right to modify and amend retirees' health benefits plans to prosecuting and defending four simultaneous class action lawsuits in three federal circuits under ERISA, our team has proven experience defeating class certification, securing dismissal of class representatives' claims, and negotiating favorable settlements.

## Managing Multiple Cases Across Multiple Forums

As disputes increasingly give rise to proceedings in multiple forums - including state and federal courts, arbitration, and civil regulatory or criminal forums - we have the ability to address numerous cases pending simultaneously in different venues across the country. We recognize that decisions in one case may impact the resolution of our client's dispute, and we tend to these issues accordingly. We also understand the connections between the class action device and regulatory issues, including environmental and security matters.