

## CLASS ACTIONS

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### OVERVIEW

Hermes Netburn attorneys have the experience, skill and knowledge businesses need to protect themselves from the unique dangers of class action lawsuits.

Hermes, Netburn, O'Connor & Spearing, P.C. represents insurance companies, business owners and shareholders in connection with class action lawsuits of all types. Our attorneys have an extensive background in solving any problems that threaten our clients' businesses, including complex class action lawsuits. When facing a class action lawsuit, our clients rely on our distinct ability to promptly analyze the case and present them with a clear strategy for resolving all of the related issues.

Defending a class action lawsuit involves particular challenges, including unique jurisdictional issues, class certification issues of commonality, numerosity and typicality, as well as the analysis of whether the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. Our lawyers have experience in all aspects of these cases for virtually every type of defendant. In fact, our deeply varied background in business, insurance and product liability litigation gives us an uncommon ability to handle the substantive issues involved.

Class action litigation can quickly grow to an enormous size. Therefore, of particular importance is the decision of whether to pursue early settlement. We are poised to help our clients make this decision in whatever way makes sense for our clients. We act quickly to develop the record and evidence necessary to defeat class certification. We have a proven track record of successfully defending class action lawsuits by working swiftly to minimize the impact that these cases can have on business operations. We are effective at both preventing and limiting our clients' exposure in these cases and when a suit is not dismissed, or cannot be otherwise resolved, our broad trial experience allows us to litigate these cases in order to best protect our clients' interests.