

14th Annual Impact Fund Class Action Conference

February 18-19, 2016 | Hotel Kabuki, Japantown, San Francisco, CA



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Day 1 Program | Thursday, February 18, 2016 | Imperial Ballroom

1:30-2:40	<p>Introductory Program: Rule 23 Class Action Basics</p> <p>New to class actions? Need a refresher? This pre-conference panel provides an overview of Rule 23 in the context of employment class actions, including class certification, class notice requirements, and settlement approval.</p>	<p>Lynnette Miner Impact Fund Meredith Johnson Altshuler Berzon LLP</p>
1:30-2:40	<p>Perspectives on Class Actions and Impact Litigation Around the World</p> <p>Our world is getting smaller every day. This panel of experienced practitioners from outside the U.S. explores perspectives and recent developments in class actions and other forms of impact litigation in Canada, Mexico, and the UK.</p>	<p>Kirk M. Baert Koskie Minsky (Canada) René Sánchez Galindo Colectivas (Mexico) Leon Kaye Leon Kaye Solicitors (U.K.)</p>
2:40-3:00	Break	
3:00-3:15	Conference Program Begins: Welcome Remarks	Jocelyn Larkin Impact Fund
3:15-4:30	<p>Recent Developments in Civil Rights Class Action Law</p> <p>It's been another busy year in the world of class actions. Impact Fund Executive Director Jocelyn Larkin gives a "lightning round" overview of recent developments in civil rights class action law.</p>	Jocelyn Larkin Impact Fund
4:30-5:45	<p>Class Actions Matter: Success Stories From the Frontlines of Social Change</p> <p>Since 1993, the Impact Fund has committed \$5.7 million in grants to advance economic, environmental, and social justice. This panel, featuring current and former grantees, will explore successful strategies for causing social change through class actions and other forms of impact litigation.</p>	<p>Michael Caesar Contra Costa Cnty. Public Defender Annie Lai UC Irvine School of Law Kim Brooks Tandy Children's Law Center, Inc. Jonathan Lowy The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence</p>
5:45-7:30	<p>Networking Reception (Imperial Foyer)</p> <p>Join fellow class action practitioners for food, beverages, and networking.</p>	

Day 2 Program | Friday, February 19, 2016 | Imperial Ballroom

8:00-9:00	Continental Breakfast (Imperial Foyer)	
9:00-10:00	<p>Inspect What You Expect: Best Practices for Crafting and Monitoring Programmatic Relief</p> <p>Injunctions are the backbone of civil rights litigation. This panel covers best practices for drafting and monitoring programmatic relief.</p>	<p>Lindsay Nako Impact Fund Amy Robertson Civil Rights Ed. and Enforcement Ctr. Marni Willenson Willenson Law, LLC Kim Turner Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Ctr.</p>
10:00-11:15	<p>Civil Rulemaking: The Latest on Proposed Modifications to Rule 23</p> <p>The Rule 23 Subcommittee of the Federal Rules Advisory Committee is hard at work. Members of the Committee and experienced practitioners discuss potential changes to the rules governing class actions.</p>	<p>Elizabeth J. Cabraser Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein Jocelyn Larkin Impact Fund Prof. Robert Klonoff Lewis & Clark Law School Leslie Brueckner Public Justice</p>
11:15-11:30	Break	
11:30-12:30	<p>Settlement Ethics: Negotiating Class Action Settlements the Right Way</p> <p>Settling a class action can be tricky business. This panel will discuss common ethical issues in class action settlements, such as enhancement payments, releases, confidentiality, reverse auctions, side deals, "clear sailing" agreements, and attorneys' fees.</p>	<p>Bryan Schwartz Bryan Schwartz Law Lin Y. Chan Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein Joshua P. Davis University of San Francisco School of Law David Sanford Sanford Heisler Kimpel, LLP</p>
12:30-1:30	Lunch (Sakura Room)	
1:30-2:30	<p>Calling Their Bluff: Using Arbitration to Gain the Upper Hand</p> <p>Like it or not, forced arbitration has become a reality of modern civil litigation. This panel discusses strategies to turn the table on this defense tactic.</p>	<p>Robert L. Schug Impact Fund Shaylyn Cochran Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC Matthew C. Helland Nichols Kaster, LLP Shona Glink Stowell & Friedman</p>
2:30-2:45	Break	
2:45-4:00	<p>High Stakes: Anticipating the Supreme Court's Decisions in <i>Tyson and Spokeo</i>, and analysis of <i>Campbell-Ewald</i></p> <p>The Supreme Court recently heard three cases that could have major implications for class actions in a broad range of areas, including employment law, consumer protection, and civil rights. This panel of appellate aces will cover the potential stakes, oral argument recaps, and possible outcomes.</p>	<p>F. Paul Bland, Jr. Public Justice Deepak Gupta Gupta Wessler PLLC Adam Hansen Nichols Kaster, LLP Scott Nelson Public Citizen</p>
4:00-5:00	<p>The Latest on Class Actions and the "Sharing Economy"</p> <p>The so-called "sharing economy" is growing fast, both in California and across the country. Hear from lawyers in the trenches on impact cases dealing with employment, consumer, and disability rights issues.</p>	<p>Christian Schreiber Chavez & Gertler LLP Shannon Liss-Riordan Lichten & Liss-Riordan, P.C. Michael Nunez Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld, LLP Byron Goldstein Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho</p>