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## Overview

Matt Allen has particular emphasis in class action and antitrust litigation, having litigated dozens of class actions last year alone. More broadly, his area of practice is complex litigation, including antitrust law, deceptive trade practice law, insurance litigation, employment law (including collective actions), appellate law, and general business disputes.

Matt is the chair of the firm's National Class Actions Practice and co-director of the firm's annual *Carlton Fields Class Action Survey*.

## Areas of Focus

### Practices

- Class Actions
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Cybersecurity and Privacy
- Energy and Utilities
- Insurance

### Industries

- Insurance
- Property & Casualty Insurance

- [Litigation and Trials](#)
- [Mass Tort and Product Liability](#)

## Credentials

### Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School (J.D., 1990)
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (B.A., magna cum laude, 1987)

### Bar Admissions

- Florida

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

## Experience

### Class Action Litigation

- Obtained order affirming dismissal of business interruption class action challenging denial of coverage based on government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. *Royal Palm Optical Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, No. 21-11335, 2022 WL 1666967 (11th Cir. May 25, 2022).
- Obtained final summary judgment against plaintiffs in a 900,000-plus certified class action in federal court. *Nolen v. Fairshare Vacation Owners Ass'n*, No. 6:20-cv-00330 (M.D. Fla. Mar. 10, 2022).
- Represented major homebuilder in defense of class action alleging defective stucco installation.
- Represented largest automobile insurance carrier in Florida in defeating class certification in multiple putative class action lawsuits filed by medical providers. *All Family Clinic of Daytona Beach Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Co.*, 280 F.R.D. 688 (S.D. Fla. 2012) [Read PDF](#); *DWFII Corp. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 271 F.R.D. 676 (S.D. Fla. 2010). *aff'd*, 469 F. App'x 762 (11th Cir. 2012) [Read PDF](#); *Coastal Neurology Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 271 F.R.D. 538 (S.D. Fla. 2010), *aff'd*, 458 F. App'x 793 (11th Cir. 2012). [Read PDF](#).

- Represented largest automobile insurance carrier in Medicare Secondary Payer Act class action litigation. *See, e.g., MSPA Claims 1, LLC v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, No. 1:18-cv-23165, 2019 WL 1055552 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 5, 2019) (dismissing case); *MAO-MSO Recovery II, LLC v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 935 F.3d 573 (7th Cir. 2019) (affirming dismissal without leave to amend); *MAO-MSO Recovery II, LLC v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, No. 1:17-cv-01537, 2019 WL 4452833 (C.D. Ill. Sept. 17, 2019) (in parallel case, denying motion to stay summary judgment).
- Represented largest automobile insurance carrier in Florida in policy construction class action. *See Ayers v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 316 F. Supp. 3d 1324 (M.D. Fla. 2018) (summary judgment order).
- Represented large timeshare company in multiple putative class actions. *Perret v. Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.*, 889 F. Supp. 2d 1333 (S.D. Fla. 2012) (order granting motion to dismiss and closing case); *Perret v. Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.*, 846 F. Supp. 2d 132 (S.D. Fla. 2012); *Perret v. Wyndham Vacation Resorts, Inc.*, No. 0:11-cv-61904, 2012 WL 592171 (S.D. Fla. Feb. 22, 2012); *Embree v. Wyndham Worldwide Corp.*, No. 18-13924, 2019 WL 3183632 (11th Cir. July 16 2019) (affirming dismissal with prejudice).
- Represented retail supermarket chain in consumer class action removed to federal court under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 and defeated remand to state court. *Heretick v. Publix Super Markets, Inc.*, 841 F. Supp. 2d 1247 (M.D. Fla. 2012) [Read PDF](#).
- Represented one of the nation's largest court reporting services in defense of a FDUTPA consumer class action. *In re Motions to Certify Classes Against Court Reporting Firms for Charges Relating to Word Indices*, 715 F. Supp. 2d 1265 (S.D. Fla. 2010), *aff'd*, 439 F. App'x 849 (11th Cir. 2011).
- Represented an automobile financing company in defense of a FDUTPA consumer class action. *Baldwin v. Miami Auto. Retail Inc.*, No. 06-19334 (Fla. Cir. Ct. 2006).
- Represented a major automobile manufacturer in defense of a series of national and state product liability class actions involving the manufacturer's F-250 and F-350 trucks. *Brisson v. Ford Motor Co.*, 602 F. Supp. 2d 1227 (M.D. Fla. 2009), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 349 F. App'x 433 (11th Cir. 2009); *Lewis v. Ford Motor Co.*, 263 F.R.D. 252 (W.D. Pa. 2009).
- Represented the largest automobile insurance carrier in Florida in defense of various class action lawsuits filed by providers of MRI services. *Altamonte Springs Imaging, L.C. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 12 So. 3d 850 (Fla. 3d DCA 2009); *Coastal Neurology, Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 271 F.R.D. 538 (S.D. Fla. 2010); *MRI Assocs. of St. Pete, Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 755 F. Supp. 2d 1205 (M.D. Fla. 2010); *DWFII v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 271 F.R.D. 676 (S.D. Fla. 2010).
- Represented a title insurer in defense of a series of class actions alleging overcharge of premiums on policies issued to mortgage lenders. *Hoving v. Lawyer's Title Ins. Co.*, 256 F.R.D. 555 (E.D. Mich. 2009).

- Represented manufacturer of dental implants in defense of product liability class action alleging that the implants were defective. *Cohen v. Implant Innovations, Inc.*, 259 F.R.D. 617 (S.D. Fla. 2008).
- Represented timeshare company in defense of class action by timeshare purchasers. *Grimes v. Fairfield Resorts, Inc.*, 331 F. App'x 630 (11th Cir. 2007).
- Represented an airplane engine manufacturer in defense of a product liability class action alleging the engine was defective. *Montgomery v. New Piper Aircraft, Inc.*, 209 F.R.D. 221 (S.D. Fla. 2002).
- Represented a major automobile insurance carrier in class action filed by agents alleging breach of contract. *Jim Moore Ins. Agency, Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, No. 9:02-cv-80381, 2003 WL 22097937 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 2, 2003), *aff'd*, 147 F. App'x 841 (11th Cir. 2005).
- Represented a major Florida homebuilder in defense of class action and separate class arbitration, both alleging home construction defects. *Bouchard v. Ryland Grp., Inc.*, No. 2005-CA-01930, 2007 WL 2460386 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Jan. 16, 2007); *Addleman v. Ryland Grp., Inc.*, No. 11 181 01524 05 (AAA arbitration).
- Represented chemical company in defense of former employees' medical monitoring class action alleging exposure to toxic chemicals. *Hoyte v. Stauffer Chem. Co.*, No. 98-3024, 2002 WL 31892830 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Nov. 6, 2002).

### **Data Privacy and Cybersecurity**

- Represented a red-light camera vendor in a series of class actions in Florida federal court challenging the validity of traffic ticket violations based on a theory of improper delegation of police power.
- Represented a Tampa, Florida, hospital in a data breach privacy class action filed by a former patient who alleges that the hospital was negligent, violated the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, and received an unjust enrichment when a rogue employee improperly accessed the personal health information of patients at the hospital. *See Doe v. Fla. Health Sciences Ctr. Inc.*, No. 14-CA-012657 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Dec. 29, 2014).
- Represented a retail catalog sale company in a data privacy breach class action filed in 2012 in the Southern District of Florida in which the plaintiff alleged that the defendant failed to safeguard the personal identifying information of employees of one of its clients against improper computer "hacking" by a rogue employee and brought claims under the Federal Stored Communications Act, the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, and the tort of invasion of privacy. *See Burrows v. Purchasing Power, LLC*, No. 1:12-cv-22800, 2012 WL 9391827 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 18, 2012) (order on motion to dismiss); 2013 WL 10167232 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 7, 2013) (final judgment approving settlement).

### **Multidistrict Litigation**

- Represented manufacturer of schizophrenia drug in multidistrict product liability litigation alleging the drug was defective. *In re Seroquel Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 598 F. Supp. 2d 1271 (M.D. Fla. 2009); No. 6:06-md-01769, 2009 WL 618240 (M.D. Fla. Mar. 12, 2009).
- Represented homebuilders in defense of multidistrict product liability class actions alleging drywall installed in homes was defective. *In re Chinese-Manufactured Drywall Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 626 F. Supp. 2d 1346 (J.P.M.L. 2009).

## Antitrust Litigation

- Represented major automobile insurer in nationwide antitrust class action alleging conspiracy to limit coverage for auto repairs. *Gilchrist v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*, 390 F.3d 1327 (11th Cir. 2004).
- Represented national horse show association in standard setting monopolization and conspiracy action. *JES Props., Inc. v. USA Equestrian, Inc.*, 253 F. Supp. 2d 1273 (M.D. Fla. 2003).
- Represented seller of ultra-high-speed printers in antitrust class action alleging violations of state antitrust and FDUTPA laws. *Oce Printing Sys. USA, Inc. v. Mailers Data Servs., Inc.*, 760 So. 2d 1037 (Fla. 2d DCA 2000).
- Represented manufacturer of thermal fax paper in defense of antitrust price fixing conspiracy class action. *Excu-Tech Bus. Sys., Inc. v. Appleton Papers, Inc.*, 743 So. 2d 19 (Fla. 4th DCA 1999).
- Represented agricultural chemical company in defense of vertical price-fixing class action. *In re Agric. Chems. Antitrust Litig.*, No. 4:94-cv-40216, 1995 WL 787538 (N.D. Fla. 1995).

## Employment

- Represents a Florida state agency in a disparate impact class action alleging discrimination against black and Hispanic teachers. *See Fla. Educ. Ass'n v. State of Fla. Dep't of Educ.*, No. 4:17-cv-00414 (N.D. Fla.).
- Represents a chain of dental offices in a Fair Labor Standards Act collective action and related arbitration and putative class arbitration proceedings. *See McGuire v. Intelident Sols., LLC*, 385 F. Supp. 3d 1261 (M.D. Fla. 2019).

## Election Litigation

Represented the state of Florida in cases involving the 2016 elections:

- *Fla. Democratic Party v. Detzner*, No. 4:16-cv-00607, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida.
- *Young v. White*, No. 3D17-107, Florida Third District Court of Appeal.
- *Fla. Democratic Party v. Scott*, No. 4:16-cv-00626, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida.
- *Olivares v. Trump*, No. 2016 CA 002646, Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

# Insights

03.14.2024

For Now, Generative AI Is Risky for Class Action Counsel

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07.01.2023

The Ten Commandments of Writing an Effective Appellate Brief

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04.15.2023

2023 Carlton Fields Class Action Survey Review - Class Action Trends and Best Practices

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06.17.2022

PAGA Claims Sent Down the River: Supreme Court Gives California Employers Major Victory in Viking Cruises Arbitration Case

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04.25.2022

\$91M in AAA Filing Fees? Another Lesson in Being Intentional in Drafting Class Action Waivers in Arbitration Agreements

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03.17.2022

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02.22.2022

Record Class Action Caseloads, Impacts of COVID-19 Among Findings in 2022 Class Action Survey

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07.19.2021

Eleventh Circuit Judge Suggests Substantive Canon of Interpretation Favoring Arbitration Conflicts With Textualism

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04.01.2021

Should the Florida Courts Adopt the Federal Twombly Standard For Motions to Dismiss?

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02.12.2021

What's Good for Trial Is Good for Class Certification: Fifth Circuit Rules That Daubert Applies at Class Certification Stage

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02.01.2021

One Game, One Stadium: Eleventh Circuit Spikes Collateral Challenge to Tampa Bay Buccaneers Proposed Class Action Settlement

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09.21.2020

An Unauthorized Bounty: Eleventh Circuit Strikes Named Plaintiff Incentive Payment

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09.21.2020

Authority Over Efficiency: District Court Lacks Authority To Rule On Arbitration Preemption Question

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08.10.2020

Whither Objector Blackmail

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06.12.2020

Considerable Deference With a Caveat: Third Circuit Addresses Fee Awards

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05.19.2020

CAFA: Ninth Circuit Affirms District Court's Sua Sponte Invocation and Application of Discretionary Home State Exception

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04.27.2020

COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Class Actions

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03.30.2020

Forewarned Is Forearmed: Why Companies Need to Review Their COBRA Notices to Avoid Growing Class Action Trend

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03.25.2020

Another Premature Motion to Strike Class Allegations Bites the Dust

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03.23.2020

The Conservative Case for Class Actions: A Provocative Proposal

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03.11.2020

Take Notice: FTC Reports on Claims Rates and Settlement Notices

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01.30.2020

Florida Supreme Court's Advisory Opinion on Amendment 4 Is a 'Triumph of the Text' | Column

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01.09.2020

Not So Fast! A Class Action Is Not an Appropriate Vehicle to Avoid Your Speeding Ticket

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01.08.2020

Eleventh Circuit Takes Life Insurance Reinstatement Claims at Face Value for CAFA Amount-In-Controversy Purposes

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11.13.2019

Should I Stay or Should I Go? Bankruptcy Preemption May Bar FDCPA and FCCPA Claims Either Way

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10.30.2019

A Dart Across the Bow

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09.24.2019

Florida Court Peels Away Deceptive Label, Increasing Exposure in Class Actions

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09.16.2019

Ninth Circuit Affirms Certification of Class Alleging Biometric Privacy Violations

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09.09.2019

Hearsay What? EDNY Finds That Class Certification Evidence Must Be Admissible

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07.19.2019

Fifth Circuit Bars Notice of FLSA Collective Actions to Arbitration-Bound Employees

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07.08.2019

Equal Pay and Class Action Implications

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05.22.2019

Florida Supreme Court Refuses to Approve Amendment to Class Action Rule to Encourage Cy Pres Distribution of Residual Settlement Funds

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05.20.2019

A Unicorn Sighting? Fourth Circuit Affirms Certification of Defendant Class

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04.25.2019

Lights Out on Classwide Arbitration: Supreme Court Rules in Lamps Plus That Ambiguity in Agreements Is Not Enough to Permit Classwide Arbitration

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04.09.2019

Food for Thought: A Review of 2018 Litigation

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04.02.2019

Split Over Impact of Bristol-Myers Squibb on Class Actions Deepens

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03.21.2019

Chaos in Gaos: Supreme Court Avoids Cy Pres Ruling and Remands Google Settlement for Standing Analysis

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01.04.2019

Ninth Circuit Says Local Rule 90-Day Deadline to File Class Certification Motion Incompatible With FRCP

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11.05.2018

Don't Count Your Chickens – Or State Citizens for CAFA Exceptions – Before They Hatch

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10.29.2018

Employers and Employees Look Ahead to Potential Impact of SCOTUS Rulings on Arbitrations vs Class Action Cases

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10.01.2018

Classified: The Class Action Blog Editor

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09.17.2018

Volkswagen Passes Fairness Test for Class Settlement in Dispute Over “Defeat Devices” to Bypass Emis

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04.18.2018

DC Court Weighs Whether Bristol-Myers Squibb Applies to Class Actions in Whole Foods Case

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04.02.2018

Sorry, But Your Credit Card (Class Action) Has Been Declined

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12.05.2017

Keep the Change – The Southern District of New York Authorizes Claims Administrator to Retain Portion of Accrued Interest on Settlement Funds

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08.23.2017

Individualized Inquiries and Difficulties Identifying Class Members Doom Title Insurance Reissue Rate Class Action

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08.22.2017

Objectively Non-Flushable? The Northern District of California Certifies Consumer Class Regarding Charmin Freshmates

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08.07.2017

Second Circuit Clarifies Ascertainability Rule, Rejecting “Heightened” Standard of Administrative Feasibility

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05.03.2017

Attempting to Counter a CAFA Loophole

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05.01.2017

An Offer You Can Refuse

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02.23.2017

Mortgage Servicer Defeats Class Certification Over Collection Practices Allegedly Targeting Discharged Mortgage Debts

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02.09.2017

What are Interim Class Counsel and When Should They be Appointed?

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02.09.2017

TCPA Class Certified Based Largely on “Concrete Injury” Determination

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02.06.2017

Judge Gorsuch on Class Actions

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01.27.2017

Ohio Court Compels Plaintiffs to Respond to Interrogatories Regarding the “Contours” of the Putative Class

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01.25.2017

No, Yes, or Back to State Court? Three Circuits Address Standing in Statutory “No Injury” Class Actions

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12.07.2016

California Court Rejects Attempt to Overturn Judgment Based on Spokeo

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12.07.2016

Divergent Views on Class Discovery

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12.07.2016

Eleventh Circuit Clarifies CAFA Jurisdiction Continues After Dismissal of Class Claims

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09.15.2016

California Court Applies Strict Scrutiny to Reject Uber Class Settlement

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09.14.2016

Ninth Circuit Affirms Certification of “No Injury” Wage and Hour Class

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09.14.2016

Disgruntled Timeshare Owner’s Bid for Class Arbitration Thwarted

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08.15.2016

Lawyers Sanctioned for Seeking to Settle Federal Court Class Action in State Court

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07.19.2016

Tendering Funds to Support Unaccepted Offer of Judgment Still Does Not Moot Case

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05.16.2016

The Amount-in-Controversy Requirement Presents an “Obstacle” to CAFA Removal

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04.19.2016

SCOTUS Denies Review Regarding Pennsylvania Wal-Mart “Rest Break” Class Judgment

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04.14.2016

Southern District of California Diffuses Hairdryer Class

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04.13.2016

A Tale of Two Orders: Different Results for Motions to Strike Class Allegations

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04.12.2016

For Want of a Damages Model, Certification Was Lost

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03.22.2016

Reverse Cycle! Eleventh Circuit Reverses “Smelly Washing Machine” Class Certification Due to Outmoded Standard

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03.22.2016

Sample This! Tyson Employee Class Wins Significant but Narrow Supreme Court Victory

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02.24.2016

Move Along; Nothing to See in Ninth Circuit's TCPA Opinion

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02.15.2016

Food for Thought: 2015 Litigation Annual Review

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01.20.2016

Supreme Court Rules Unaccepted Rule 68 Offer of Judgment Cannot Moot Class Action

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04.01.2015

Recent Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation

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03.16.2015

2015 Class Action Survey: Best Practices in Reducing Cost and Managing Risk in Class Action Litigation

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02.24.2015

Food for Thought: 2014 Litigation Annual Review

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04.14.2014

2014 Class Action Survey: Best Practices in Reducing Cost and Managing Risk in Class Action Litigation

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09.27.2013

The 'Rigorous Analysis' Overlay on Current Class Action Jurisprudence

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09.09.2013

Square Pegs in Round Holes: Class Certification in GMO Food Products Cases

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05.03.2013

2013 Class Action Survey: Best Practices in Reducing Cost and Managing Risk in Class Action Litigation

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03.25.2013

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation

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03.08.2013

When the Cup Runneth Over: Cy Pres Distributions in Class Action Settlements

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04.01.2012

2012 Class Action Survey: Best Practices in Reducing Cost and Managing Risk in Class Action Litigation

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03.01.2012

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation

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02.10.2012

Nature of the Beast: Recurrent Ethical Issues Confronting Attorneys Attempting to Settle Florida Class Actions

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01.10.2012

NLRB Rules Against Class Action Waivers

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06.01.2011

The Federal Character of Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act

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04.01.2011

Class Action Litigation: Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel (2011 edition)  
*Thomson/West and Association of Corporate Counsel Treatise*

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03.01.2011

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation, Chapter 7

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01.23.2011

Taming the Kraken: The Supreme Court Weighs in on Class Actions in 2011

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07.29.2010

The Supreme Court's Class Action Arbitration 'Do Over' in Stolt-Nielsen

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07.21.2010

New 11th Circuit CAFA Decision That May Affect Subject Matter Jurisdiction in Pending Class Actions in Federal Court

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02.01.2010

Class Actions: Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel

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06.03.2009

New Case on Class Action Settlement

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01.01.2009

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation (2009)

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01.01.2008

Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation (2008)

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01.01.2007

Class Certification: Plaintiff's & Defendant's Perspective

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05.01.2006

Business Litigation and Trade Regulation News: Class Action Law Update

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01.01.2006

Issues Certification-White Papers

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01.01.2006

Defending Class Actions

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05.01.2003

Back to the Future: Toward a More Rigorous Analysis of Antitrust Class Actions

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12.11.2002

ABA Antitrust Section Health Care Chronicle

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01.02.2002

Beating the Odds: Practical Advice on Winning the Class Certification Game by Litigation or Settlement

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03.31.1999

The Pass-On Problem In Indirect Purchaser Class Litigation

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01.01.1999

The Aftermath of Amchem

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12.31.1995

Umbrella Protective Orders and the "Good Cause Trap" for the Unwary Litigator

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01.01.1995

Can the Antitrust Enforcers Live Up to their Press Billings?

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01.01.1994

ABA Antitrust Health Care Handbook II

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01.01.1993

1993 Review of Antitrust Law Developments

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01.01.1992

The Active Supervision Requirement for State Action Immunity

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## News

03.27.2024

Carlton Fields 2024 Class Action Survey Featured in Risk & Insurance: “Corporate Class Action Defense Spending Hits \$4B in 2023”

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03.25.2024

Carlton Fields 2024 Class Action Survey Featured in Claims Journal: “Study: Percentage of Companies Facing Class Actions at Highest Level in 13 Years”

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03.13.2024

Carlton Fields 2024 Class Action Survey Featured in General Counsel News: “Carlton Fields Releases 13th Annual Class Action Survey”

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03.12.2024

Matt Allen Featured in Litigation Daily: “In-House Lawyers See Class Action Costs Continue to Rise, and a Labor & Employment Surge on the Horizon”

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03.11.2024

Carlton Fields 2024 Class Action Survey Featured in Lexology Pro: “Companies Predict Privacy, Cybersecurity and Generative AI Class Action Uptick”

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03.11.2024

Carlton Fields 2024 Class Action Survey Featured in Attorney at Law Magazine Newsletter: “Carlton Fields Releases 13th Annual Class Action Survey”

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03.08.2024

Matt Allen Interviewed in Law360: “Class Suits Among Companies' Fastest-Growing Legal Costs”

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08.31.2023

Carlton Fields Represents Fairshare Vacation Owners Association in Class Action Appellate Victory

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03.13.2023

Legal Dive Features 2023 Class Action Survey: “Class-action Defense Spending Eclipses \$3.6 Billion”

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03.10.2023

Law360 Covers 2023 Class Action Survey: “GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News of the Week”

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03.10.2023

Bloomberg Law Covers 2023 Class Action Survey in “Wake Up Call”

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03.10.2023

Global Legal Post Features 2023 Class Action Survey: “US Companies Spend Record \$3.5bn on Class Action Defense in 2022, Study Finds”

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03.09.2023

Commercial Risk Covers 2023 Class Action Survey: “US Class Action Spending Up For Eighth Consecutive Year to \$3.5bn”

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03.09.2023

PropertyCasualty360 Covers 2023 Class Action Survey: “More Companies Had Insurance Coverage for Class Action Lawsuits in 2022”

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03.06.2023

Carlton Fields Releases Results of the 12th Annual Class Action Survey

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03.11.2022

Certified Class Action Defeated: Federal Judge Rules That Fairshare Vacation Owners Association Did Not Breach Fiduciary Duty to Its Members

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02.22.2022

Survey Says U.S. Companies Anticipate Record Class Action Matters in 2022, Project 27% Matter Increase – Highest Level Reported in 11 Years

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05.01.2020

Carlton Fields Recognized as 2020 Top Firm for Insurance for Third Consecutive Year

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02.19.2020

Carlton Fields Attorney D. Matthew Allen Quoted in The Washington Times Analyzing Voting Rights Opinion

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01.30.2020

Florida Supreme Court’s Advisory Opinion on Amendment 4 is a ‘Triumph of the Text’

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07.09.2018

Super Lawyers Honors 81 Carlton Fields Attorneys on 2018 Florida “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

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06.23.2017

Florida Super Lawyers Ranks 92 Carlton Fields Attorneys as 2017 “Super Lawyers” and “Rising Stars”

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03.20.2017

Carlton Fields Recognized as a Top Firm for Class Actions and Insurance Industry by JD Supra's Readers' Choice Awards

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## Pro Bono

- Represented objector to U.S. holocaust survivors' class action settlement of claims against a Swiss bank in alleging that settlement was not fair to U.S. survivors. *In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litig.*, Nos. 00-9593, 00-0613, 00-9614 (2d Cir.).
- Represented the Florida Association of Licensed Adoption Agencies in a high-profile dispute over prospective parents' rights in an adoption challenge by the birth father. *In Interest of Baby Boy G.*, 703 So. 2d 1103 (Fla. 2d DCA 1997).

## Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
  - Antitrust Law Section
  - Appellate Practice Committee, Section of Litigation
    - Subcommittee to Study Circuit Size (1993)
- The Florida Bar
  - Editor, Trial Law Column of *The Florida Bar Journal* (2005–present)
  - Antitrust and Trade Regulation Law Certification Committee (2010–2013)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- The Federalist Society, Tampa Bay Lawyers Chapter
  - Former President
- A Woman's Place Ministries
  - Former Director and Chairman of Board
- Paideia School of Tampa Bay
  - Director (2006-present)

## Recognition

- Top Author, Class Actions, *JD Supra* Readers' Choice Awards (2020)
- Board Certified in Antitrust and Trade Regulation Law by The Florida Bar (August 1, 2008–July 31, 2023)

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants (2023–2024)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2009–2014, 2017–2021)
- *Chambers USA* (2017–2018)

## Speaking Engagements

- "2023 Carlton Fields Class Action Survey Review - Class Action Trends and Best Practices," Carlton Fields (April 11, 2023)
- "2022 Carlton Fields Class Action Survey Results: Class Action Trends and Best Practices," Carlton Fields (March 15, 2022)
- "COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Class Actions," Carlton Fields (April 27, 2020)
- "Making a Big Impact in Consumer Protection: Analyzing Consumer Impact Cases," 2015 Florida Bar Annual Convention, Boca Raton, FL (June 27, 2015)
- "Major Supreme Court Decisions Impacting Class Actions," Carlton Fields Class Action Symposium, New York, NY (June 2013)
- "Class Action Removal Standards in Flux," Strafford Publications Inc. (July 16, 2009)