



Group claims, class actions and collective redress support

Our expertise includes

- Group claims
- Class action litigation
- Collective redress
- Private enforcement actions
- Cyber security
- Data breaches
- GDPR and data protection law compliance
- Reputation management

Class actions, also referred to as multiparty litigation and collective actions, elevate the most commonplace dispute into the public spotlight. Our team understands just how complex this area of litigation is and the impact it has on our clients, which is why clients turn to us to handle these matters.

Clients rely on our extensive knowledge of and experience with class action and collective redress regimes. Our team includes an international network of lawyers who effectively collaborate and leverage their experience in multi-jurisdictional, national and cross-border disputes. Our practice covers several industries and sectors and we draw from our deep industry knowledge to defend these claims.

Whatever the circumstances call for, for example, a negotiated settlement or a robust defense through trial, we can assist clients through each phase of class action litigation effectively and efficiently.



Stephenson Harwood LLP

"The team are really experienced and technically excellent. They are responsive and diligent."

"Clever, thoughtful people. Very responsive and down to earth. They make you feel like you're their most important client, even though they must have many more."

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Our experience

Group claims

Banking class actions

Advising a number of European banks on hundreds of recovery and liability proceedings in several jurisdictions arising from multi-billion non-performing Euro loan portfolios including the impact of European and national banking and insolvency legislation. Part of this work includes managing group claims in England and another EU Member State including parallel jurisdiction challenges in each jurisdiction and proceedings before the CJEU. Careful cooperation with the legal teams in each jurisdiction has ensured consistency of approach and evidence.

Advice to institution

Acting for a global asset manager in its role as Administrator on a portfolio of securities fraud claims in the US. Coordinating litigation strategy in New York and California with US and German counsel, including liaising with co-claimants and reporting to stakeholders in the UK and Germany. Advising on structural and tactical issues including litigation funding arrangements. All cases were successfully resolved in settlement including the \$600m Countrywide settlement, one of the largest securities settlements arising out of the mortgage crisis.

Advice to institution

Acting for a US financial institution in proceedings in England brought pursuant to a Letter of Request issued New York District Court seeking depositions and documents in connection with US class action proceedings brought against Petrobras.

Portfolio claims defence

Acting for global bank as part of their internal team on SMEs claiming mis-selling of Interest Rate Hedging Products.

Advising institutions

Advising a US law firm acting for institutional investors on English law claims arising from share and rights issues in the UK for purposes of advising US clients considering joining group litigation proceedings the UK.

Advising corporate intermediaries on interchange claims

Over 1,000 claimants including numerous global hotel chains, high street and online retailers, a leading betting and gaming company, restaurant chains, travel companies, arts and entertainment companies, ticketing companies and others

We represent over 1,000 claimants within the hospitality, leisure, retail, arts, ticketing, online betting, financial services and several other sectors in group claims brought against Mastercard and Visa. Our clients seek to recover losses incurred as a result of unlawful Multilateral Interchange Fees ("MIF") set by the card schemes on every Visa and Mastercard card transaction processed by our clients in the UK and Europe. The breach is continuing so losses continue to accrue.

Competition actions

Acting for hundreds of corporate claimants in several group actions together valued at over £500m to recover card fees from Visa and Mastercard arising from their infringement of European competition law. Involves book building several claimant groups, issues of proper law and jurisdiction, complex breach of statutory duty arguments and economic evidence relating to liability and quantum issues.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Advising the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in relation as assignee of over 1000 claims.

Advice to Trust Company arising from Wirecard collapse

Providing crisis and reputation management advice to global trust company in relation to an offshore entity implicated in the round tripping allegations against Wirecard.

Institutional advice

Advising the corporate trustee of a securitisation in connection with the settlement of a group action against the originating bank of a portfolio of residential mortgages.

Acted for a group of 24 funds in claims across multiple jurisdictions seeking recoveries in respect of investment losses in excess of £400m arising from the collapse of the 'Arch Cru' funds. Role also involved considering claims against funds by underlying investors.

Advising institution

Advising a securitisation vehicle on residential mortgage mis-selling claims made by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme against a retail bank seller of a portfolio of mortgages acquired by the vehicle.

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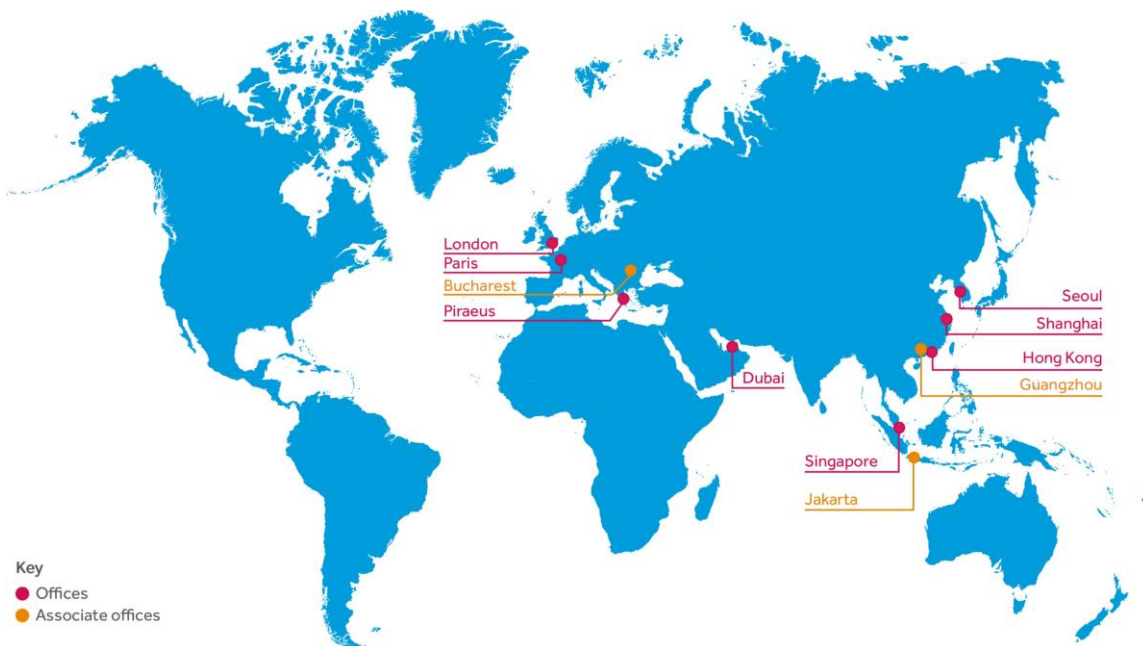
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