



Blaneys on Class Actions

Class actions present unique challenges to parties and their lawyers. Litigation of a class action often takes years, and is extremely costly both in terms of time and money.

We have represented clients in class actions involving product liability, governmental liability, environmental contamination, travel claims, professional liability, financial services and products claims, medical treatment, aviation and other transportation disasters, as well as property and auto insurance claims.

We have also acted as insurance coverage counsel in connection with class actions brought both in Canada and the United States and as instructing counsel managing defenses of Canadian businesses involved in class actions in foreign jurisdictions.

We have successfully handled class action claims brought by national classes of plaintiffs and by small classes resident in Ontario. Whether the claims arise out of allegedly defective medical devices, or disasters such as aviation crashes, the sinking of an oil rig, the regional blackout, propane explosions or water shortages on vacations, we have experienced counsel who can handle the matter from its inception to its ultimate conclusion, whether that be a successful result on a preliminary motion or a successful class wide settlement of the action on terms favourable to our clients. We have extensive experience in a wide variety of class action claims such as the Canada wide litigation involving silicone gel breast implants, temporomandibular joint implants, the Hepatitis B vaccine, and some of the largest class actions in Canadian history against governments and related parties arising out of their regulatory, policing and operational functions.

Our firm is knowledgeable, experienced and highly respected in the class action field, having represented clients in trial and appeal courts in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Federal Court of Canada, and having been involved in Leave applications to the Supreme Court of Canada. We have gained significant expertise not only in Ontario class actions, but also in Saskatchewan class actions, having litigated against some of Canada's best known plaintiffs counsel. ■