



## Class Actions

Complex class and aggregate action cases pose uniquely serious financial and reputational risks, involving the public, consumers and government entities. With innovative, aggressive and efficient representation at all phases, WilmerHale attorneys work to mitigate or neutralize these risks and find the best possible outcomes for clients. Our cross-disciplinary team regularly handles the most complex and significant class and aggregate action cases in the country, and has achieved victories for our clients in every form and forum.

### PRACTICE AT A GLANCE

- **Strategic thinking at all phases:** We know how to best address the key issues that arise in and drive the resolution of bet-the-company class and aggregate action cases. That includes how to navigate alternative venues for litigation, achieve early dismissals, minimize the burden of discovery, coordinate multi-jurisdictional matters, defeat class certification, manage parallel regulatory proceedings, settle cases economically and neutralize challenges to their resolution, take cases to trial, and combat adverse publicity.
- **Cross-disciplinary approach:** We frequently handle class action cases that proceed in parallel with or in the wake of federal and state criminal investigations, agency enforcement proceedings and related congressional proceedings. We understand the complex interplay between civil litigation and such parallel proceedings, and we have deep experience navigating those complexities. Our regulatory and legislative experience allows us to advise clients on the development of a coordinated strategy for achieving litigation, regulatory and business objectives in even the most complicated matter.
- **Aggregate action experience in every form and forum:** Our lawyers have deep familiarity with class action and other aggregate litigation in every federal and state court in the country, at the trial level and on appeal, and in every form those actions take—federal class actions, state class actions, mass actions, federal or state consolidated proceedings, multi-district litigation, or parallel or coordinated actions proceedings individually in courts across the country. Each form and forum presents unique challenges—challenges our experience positions us to capitalize on.

**300+**

class action litigation matters  
in the past 10 years

**60+**

lawyers with first-chair trial and/or  
arbitration experience

**WilmerHale is “high quality  
top to bottom. They take  
on the hardest cases and  
get terrific results.”**

— *Legal 500 United States*

**WilmerHale is  
“outstanding at all levels,  
combining first-rate  
technical and legal acumen  
and great trial skills.”**

— *Chambers USA*

## RECENT CLASS ACTION VICTORIES

- Achieved a significant victory for **Meta** by defeating class certification in a putative antitrust class action, effectively ending a \$158.4 billion claim by Facebook users. If the class had been certified, it would have been one of the largest—if not the largest—class ever certified in US history at 220 million Facebook users.
- Achieved an important victory for **Tetra Tech** in the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard environmental litigation that involves over 400 homeowners alleging various claims related to the Shipyard by successfully defeating class certification.
- Achieved a complete victory in a putative consumer class action arising out of changes to an annual passholder program following the COVID-19 pandemic when, only a few weeks before trial, the court granted the defendant's summary judgment in its entirety and denied plaintiffs' motion for class certification.
- Achieved a complete victory for **Bank of America** in a consumer protection case seeking reimbursement of supposedly unauthorized Zelle payments when, after discovery, the Court granted the bank's motion for summary judgment in its entirety.
- Achieved a complete victory in a high-profile antitrust case for our client the **University of Pennsylvania** which, along with seven other Ivy League schools and the athletic conference itself, were sued early last year by a putative class of student-athletes, when the court dismissed the action entirely with prejudice.
- Achieved a victory for **The Hartford** when, after three years of discovery, a plaintiff seeking rebate of property insurance premiums during the COVID-19 pandemic on behalf of a putative class of policyholders dismissed its action entirely on the eve of a hearing on pending class certification and summary judgment motions.
- Achieved significant victories for **Meta** when a Ninth Circuit panel upheld the dismissal of antitrust claims challenging Meta's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp and its policies governing developer access to Facebook's platform, and when the California Superior Court granted summary adjudication to Meta entirely in a putative class action of Facebook advertisers bringing RICO claims arising out of Facebook app developer agreements.
- Achieved a victory for **Navy Federal Credit Union** in a putative nationwide class action lawsuit alleging discrimination in lending practices where the court granted dismissal of most of plaintiffs' claims on a motion to dismiss and granted a motion to strike their class action allegations.

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Law 360 Class Action

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Law 360 Trials Practice Group of the Year

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Litigator of the Week winner or runner-up 17 times in 2022-2024

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