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## **Class Actions, Mass Litigation and Collective Redress**

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DeutscherAnwaltVerein Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Internationalen Rechtsverkehr Class action, mass litigation, collective redress, acción de clase, action de groupe, Sammelklage - there are many words for a phenomenon that is on the rise.

The programme will cover viewpoints of experienced plaintiff and defence class action lawyers. It will give insights into class action litigation in Europe and in various jurisdictions. Commentators will cover their views whether and how class actions have been able to help victims, how parties become involved, what they should do and how to understand the challenges faced with cross-border mass litigation. Experts will give guidance to multi-jurisdictional litigation. The seminar will address different types of class actions such a antitrust class actions and securities litigation in the capital markets battleground. Topics such as the role of liability insurers in mass litigation scenarios and the impact of bankruptcy on pending class actions will be presented by experts in this area. The status of prominent cases such as The Pirate Bay and Deutsche Telekom will be addressed by recognized lawyers in the field of mass litigation.



I 8:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL Mayer Brown LLP Bockenheimer Landstrasse 98-100 60323 Frankfurt/Main



#### 08:30 - 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS The Westin Grand Frankfurt

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09:00 - 09:15 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR Prof. Dr. Bernd REINMÜLLER, UIA Past President,

Frankfurt/Main, Germany **Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. Lutz SIMON**, President of the Frankfurt am Main Bar Association, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

#### 09:20 - 09:30

### Chair's Introductory Remarks and Overview

Dr. Mark C. HILGARD, Mayer Brown LLP, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

#### 09:30 - 10:30 Class Actions in America

- Class Actions in Canada
   Subria PODPICUE Orithm Pongult
- Sylvie RODRIGUE, Ogilvy Renault LLP, Ontario, Canada
   How Foreign Parties become involved in US Class Actions Louis F. BURKE, Louis F. Burke PC, New York, USA
- International Human Rights Class Actions
   Marc R. COHEN, Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, USA

#### 10:30 - 11:00 The Status of Class Actions, Mass Litigation and Collective Redress in Europe and the Pirate Bay Case

The European Initiative / Green Paper Enrica SENINI, Studio Legale Senini, Brescia, Italy

#### II:00 - II:30 COFFEE BREAK

#### 11:30 - 12:30

Class Actions European Style

- Class Actions in Germany
  The Plaintiff's Perspective
  - Klaus ROTTER, Rotter Rechtsanwälte, Grünwald/München, Germany
- The Perspective of a Defence Lawyer
   Dr. Jan KRAAYVANGER, Mayer Brown LLP, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
- Handling of Class Actions: The Perspective of a Judge Thomas KEHREN, Presiding Judge at the Regional Court of Frankfurt am Main, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

12:30 - 14:30 LUNCH 14:30 - 16:00 Class Actions in Austria Bettina KNOETZL, Wolf Theiss, Vienna, Austria Class Actions in Mexico Alfredo ANDERE-MENDIOLEA, IBLC Abogados, Tijuana, Mexico Class Actions in Switzerland Christian GIROD, Schellenberg Wittmer, Geneva, Switzerland Class Actions in Ireland Paul CONVERY, Mason Hayes+Curran, Dublin, Ireland Class Actions in France Mario Pierre STASI, Stasi Chatain & Associés, Paris, France

#### 16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:10 Class Actions in Italy – under new and old Law Daniele DE BENEDETTI, Studio Benessia-Maccagno, Turin, Italy Class Actions in Spain Carlos ANGLADA BARTHOLMAI, Monereo Meyer Marinel-Lo Abogados, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

#### 17:10-17:15 Closing Remarks

#### 20:00

**OPTIONAL DINNER & VARIETE SHOW** Tigerpalast Varieté Theater

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10:00 - 10:05 Chair's Introductory Remarks and Overview Dr. Mark C. HILGARD, Mayer Brown LLP, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

10:05 - 10:25 Antitrust Class Actions Thomas PICOT, Jeantet Associés AARPI, Paris, France

10:25 - 10:40 Securities Litigation Burkhard SCHNEIDER, Clifford Chance LLP, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

10:40 - 11:00 Collective Product Liability Claims Industry Representative – tbc

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

#### II:30 - I2:00 Panel Discussion Opt In or Opt Out - Are we heading into the Right Direction?

Thomas KEHREN, Presiding Judge at the Regional Court of Frankfurt am Main, Frankfurt/Main, Germany Louis F. BURKE, Louis F. Burke PC, New York, USA

Klaus ROTTER, Rotter Rechtsanwälte, Grünwald/München, Germany Bruce W. LEPPLA, Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP, San

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12:00 - 12:20 Funding of Class Actions Dr. Arndt EVERSBERG, Allianz ProzessFinanz GmbH, Munich, Germany

12:20 - 12:40 D&O and the Role of Liability Insurers in Mass Litigation Scenarios Dr. Kristina LEFFLER, Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, Munich, Germany

12:40 - 12:50 Q&A Session

12:50 - 13:00 Closing Remarks

13:00 END OF THE SEMINAR

# **Organising Committee**

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**The Westin Grand Frankfurt** 

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Standard Registration	350 €	400 €
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These fees cover participation in the seminar, coffee breaks, lunch on Friday, March 12, 2010, as well as the documentation of the seminar. The dinner on Friday night, March 12, is optional and at additional charge. Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

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#### LANGUAGE

The working language will be English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

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60313 Frankfurt/Main, Germany	Double Room	
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