

## General Tips

When using the online catalog, you can perform a word search for the phrase “class actions” to find materials on class actions. You can add jurisdictions or subjects, “and Massachusetts” or “and torts,” to your search to find more specific information. You can also browse titles using Library of Congress subject headings:

[Class Actions \(Civil Procedure\) – United States](#)  
[Class Actions \(Civil Procedure\) - Massachusetts](#)

## Federal & State Rules

Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs class actions. Annotated discussion is available in the **Federal Civil Rules Handbook**. In addition, most states have adopted their own class action rules, often based on the Federal rule. Other states may base their rule on the 1976 Uniform Law Commissioners’ Model Class Actions [Act] [Rule]. For more information on the model rule, please see volume 12 of **Uniform Laws Annotated**.

Massachusetts class actions are governed by Rule 23 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, which are available in **Massachusetts Rules of Court: State**.

**Federal Civil Rules Handbook** (West),  
**Uniform Laws Annotated** (West),  
**Massachusetts Rules of Court**(West).

4th Floor: [KF 8816 .A2](#)  
4th Floor: [KF 165 .A5 1968](#)  
Various locations: [KFM 2929 .A195](#)

## Federal Statutes and Legislative History

Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-2, 119 Stat. 4, 28 USC 1332, 1335, 1453, 1603, 1711 et seq., 2074, 2701.  
**Class Action Fairness Act of 2005: a Legislative History**, edited by William H. Manz (William S. Hein, 2006).

4th Floor: [KF 8896 .A32 A15 2006](#)

## Finding Cases

You can use the following key numbers to find class action cases in West products, such as the **Massachusetts Digest**:

- Federal Civil Procedure key numbers 161-189
- Parties key numbers 35.1-35.89

## General Treatises

**McLaughlin on Class Actions: Law and Practice**, by Joseph M. McLaughlin  
(West, 2011).

4th Floor: [KF 8896 .M35 2013](#)

**Newberg on Class Actions**, by Alba Conte and Herbert B. Newberg  
(West, 2002).

4th Floor: [KF8896 .N48 2011](#)

**Class Actions and Other Multi-Party Litigation in a Nutshell**,  
by Robert H. Klonoff (West, 2007).

4th Floor: [KF8896 .K56 2012](#)

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute on Class Actions, (ABA)

4th Floor: [KF 8896 .A75 N38](#)  
(also available on [CD-ROM](#))

**Managing Class Action Litigation: A pocket Guide for Judges**,  
Third Edition (Federal Judicial Center)

4th Floor: [KF 8896 .R68 2013](#)  
and [Online](#)

**Modern Complex Litigation, Second Edition**

4th Floor [KF8900.A4 T53 2010](#)

**A Practitioner’s Guide to Class Actions**, by Marcy Hogan Greer (ABA)

4th Floor: [KF 8896 .P73 2010](#)

## Subject-Specific Treatises

### Tort Litigation

<i>Litigating Mass Tort Cases</i> , by Paul D. Rheingold (West, 2006).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .R54 2006</a>
<i>Consumer Class Actions</i> , by Stuart T. Rossman and Charles Delbaum (National Consumer Law Center, 2010)	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF8896.Z9 R67 2013</a>

### Securities

<i>How to Prepare and Successfully Try a Securities Class Action in the Post-Reform Era</i> (PLI, 2000).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .Z9 H68 2000</a>
<i>Litigating securities class actions</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF1439 .L57 2010</a>
<i>Securities Litigation and Enforcement Institute 2010</i> (PLI, 2010)	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 1439 .S438 2010</a>
<i>Securities Litigation: Planning and Strategies: Course of Study Materials</i> (ALI/PLI, 2008)	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 1440 .S434 2008</a>

### Employment

<i>Litigating securities class actions</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF1439 .L57 2010</a>
<i>Securities Litigation and Enforcement Institute 2010</i> (PLI, 2010).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF1439 S438 2011</a>
<i>Securities Litigation: Planning and Strategies: Course of Study Materials</i> (ALI/PLI, 2008).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 1440 .S434 2008</a>

### Massachusetts and State Materials

<i>Class Action Practice in Massachusetts and the Federal Courts: Trends in Securities, Insurance, and Consumer Fraud Cases</i> (MCLE, 2001).	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor MCLE	<a href="#">KFM 2968 .I57 C53 2001</a>
<i>Class Action Roundtable: An Introduction to Class Action Litigation in Massachusetts</i> (MCLE, 2003).	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor MCLE	<a href="#">KFM 2936.6 .C55 C53 2003</a>
<i>Deconstructing Rule 23 : A Comparison of Massachusetts and Federal Class-Action Litigation</i> by Hon. John M. Greaney (Flaschner Judicial Institute, 2013).	5 <sup>th</sup> Floor States	<a href="#">KFM2936.6.C55 G74 2013</a>
<i>Class Actions: The Law of 50 States</i> , by Thomas A. Dickerson (Law Journal Press, 2008).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .Z95 D53 1988</a>
<i>State Class Actions</i> , by Matthew G. Ball, Todd L. Nunn, Irene C. Freidel (Wolters, Kluwer, 2010).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .S73 2010</a>
<i>Survey of State Class Action Law</i> (Thomson West/ABA, 2010).	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .N482</a>

### Policy Issues

<i>Class Action Dilemmas: Pursuing Public Goals for Private Gain</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .C528 2000</a>
<i>Insurance Class Actions in the United States</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	<a href="#">KF 8896 .I57 2007</a>

### Periodicals

<a href="#">CADS Report –Class Action and Derivative Suit Committee Newsletter</a>	
<a href="#">Class Action Reports</a>	Periodicals 'C'
<a href="#">Mealey's Litigation Report. Class Actions</a>	Periodicals 'M'