

Class actions & litigation in uncertain times

The Commercial Law Association in conjunction with Slater & Gordon presents a halfday seminar. 9.15am to 12.30pm, Friday, 11 December. Dixon Room, Mitchell Wing, NSW State Library. CLA members \$285; non-members \$335.

By attending this event you will gain an insight into:

The role of litigation funders

Recent developments in Australian class actions including: multiple claims; the NSW Supreme Court or the Federal Court of Australia; the Opes Prime mediation/scheme of arrangement settlement model and contingency fees: the future

The great debate: is the Australian class action regime a slave to the United States model?

The role and obligations of institutional investors to join and support investor class actions in Australia



Stephen Gageler SC, Solicitor-General of Australia (Chair)

Stephen Gageler commenced a five-year term as Solicitor-General of Australia in September 2008. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court in 1982 and as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1989. Mr Gageler was appointed Senior Counsel in 2000.

Van Moulis, Practice Group Leader, Slater & Gordon

Van Moulis has more than 20 years experience in commercial law matters, dividing this time between complex litigation and corporate advice. He was the instructing solicitor for the litigation funder IMF (Australia) Ltd in the Fostif case, the High Court decision that 'legitimised' litigation funding for class actions in non-insolvency matters. Van is part of the Slater's legal team for aggrieved investors in the Centro funded class action. He was also part of the team in the Opes Prime funded class actions and the Village Life class action. He is presently exploring the commercial viability of a number of other investor class actions for aggrieved investors.

Vicky Antzoulatos, Senior Associate, Slater & Gordon

Vicky is experienced in conducting commercial litigation in all jurisdictions including the Supreme Court, Federal Court and High Court of Australia. Vicky's experience includes acting on behalf of a group of 400 individuals in the Wallis Lake oyster class action which went on appeal to the High Court of Australia, acting for the Australian Rugby League in the C7 litigation, assisting in the conduct of *Vines v ASIC* on behalf of Mr Vines, the former Chief Financial Officer of GIO. More recently, Vicky has assisted in the conduct of the Opes Prime litigation and the class action brought by travel agents against a number of airlines relating to a claim for commission on the fuel surcharge component of international airline tickets.

Steven Lewis, Practice Group Leader, Slater & Gordon

Steven's commercial litigation practice includes class actions, complex multi-party disputes, corporate and personal insolvency and the full range of commercial disputes. The Sydney commercial litigation team is involved in many large class actions including claims arising from the collapse of Westpoint mezzanine finance scheme and shareholder actions against Village Life, Bell Potter, Oz Minerals and Centro. The last 12 months has seen Steven involved in Australian and overseas clients' claims in the litigation arising from the collapse of Opes Prime and its share lending practices and the class action on behalf of travel agents against Qantas and other international airlines for the recovery of commission on fuel surcharges. Steven currently sits as a member of the NSW Election Funding Authority.

Ken Fowlie, National Practice Group Leader, Slater & Gordon

Ken has been a litigator for more than a decade. He has extensive litigation experience in claims for sufferers of asbestos related illness and large, multi-party group and representative actions. Ken has acted in a number of significant group actions, involving health, food products, property, financial services, securities and tobacco. These claims have been conducted in state and federal superior courts including in the High Court of Australia.



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PROGRAM

- 9.15am Welcome and introduction by the Chair Stephen Gageler SC
- 9.20am The role of litigation funders
Van Moulis
- 10.00am Recent developments in Australian Class Actions
- Multiple claims: case management proposals by the court such as management committees comprising institutional investors, competitive auctions to decide lead lawyers
 - Recent decision of the NSW Court of Appeal that opens the door for class actions in the NSW Supreme Court in competition with the Federal Court of Australia
 - Open Prime mediation/scheme of arrangement settlement model and the future
 - Contingency fees: the debate
- Vicky Antzoulatos
- 10.40am Morning tea
- 11.35am The Great Debate. Is the Australian class action regime a slave to the United States Model? Presentation includes an invited panel that comprises a Slater & Gordon representative presenting the 'No' case and a prominent defendant law firm providing the 'Yes' case
Steven Lewis
- 11.35am The role and obligations of institutional investors to join and support investor class actions in Australia.
Ken Fowlie
- 12.10pm Chair's commentary and questions
- 12.30pm Close

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