

# Class Action Law Forum 2020

March 4-5, 2020

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*Message from Western Alliance Bank*

**Thank you for being part of a great event!**

**Francesca Castagnola**

Senior Managing Director

Western Alliance Bank Settlement Services



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Welcome to the Class Action Law Forum 2020, hosted on the beautiful campus of University of San Diego. We — the Western Alliance Bank Settlement Services Team — are thrilled to play a leadership role in such an exciting and significant event.

The Class Action Law Forum 2020 would not be possible without its co-chairs, faculty and attendees. We extend our gratitude to the program's co-chairs from CaseyGerry and Gibson Dunn & Crutcher for their hard work refining the agenda and recruiting an exemplary faculty, to the many judges joining us to engage with leading litigators and experts, and to you for your dedication to elevating your knowledge about this dynamic legal area.

Our team could not have coordinated this program without collaboration with University of San Diego School of Law. The invaluable team at USD Law shared insights, connected us with speakers, and provided access to USD's stunning Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Studies.

Finally, many thanks to our generous sponsors for their support, enthusiasm and expertise, and our program producer, HB Litigation Conferences, for their excellent services.

We hope you enjoy the speakers, presentations and camaraderie, and take full advantage of the program by sharing your own expertise and asking challenging questions. We look forward to seeing you during a break, at one of the rewarding networking receptions or on the Sunset Dinner Yacht Cruise Wednesday evening.

Thank you again for joining us!

Sincerely,

**The Western Alliance Bank  
Settlement Services Team**



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# Program at a Glance

<b>Location</b>	<p>This prestigious event, presented by Western Alliance Bank, is being held in collaboration with University of San Diego School of Law at the Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace Studies.</p>
<b>Plaintiff Co-Chairs</b>  <b>Defense Co-Chairs</b>  <b>Steering Committee</b>	<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p><b>David S. Casey Jr.</b>, Managing Partner, CaseyGerry  <b>Gayle M. Blatt</b>, Partner, CaseyGerry</p> <p><b>Theodore J. Boutrous Jr.</b>   Partner   Gibson, Dunn &amp; Crutcher  <b>Joshua A. Jessen</b>   Partner, Gibson, Dunn &amp; Crutcher</p> <p><b>Dana Rager</b>, VP, Western Alliance Bank  <b>Francesca Castagnola</b>, SVP, Western Alliance Bank  <b>Debbie Rider</b>, Development Director, USD School of Law  <b>Stephen C. Ferruolo</b>, Dean, USD School of Law</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b> 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 4</b> 7:30 am 8:45 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm  2:15 pm 4:00 pm  5:15 pm  6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 5</b> 7:30 am 8:45 am 9:00 pm  12:30 pm 1:00 pm  2:00 pm 5:15 pm 5:30</p>	<p>Faculty Dinner (<i>invitation only</i>)      ➤ Hosted by Top Class Actions and Simpluris</p> <p>Registration and Breakfast  Continuous Conference Coffee      Opening and Sessions Begin  Sponsored by Heffler Claims Group      Lunch      Keynote   Theodore J. Boutrous Jr., Gibson, Dunn &amp; Crutcher      Sessions      Networking Reception      ➤ Hosted by P&amp;N and Blackhawk Network      Cruise Shuttle      Sunset Dinner Yacht Cruise      ➤ Hosted by Western Alliance Bank</p> <p>Registration and Breakfast      Opening and Sessions Begin      Keynote   U.S. District Judge Anthony J. Battaglia      Lunch      Keynote   Kenneth R. Feinberg      Sessions      Adjourn  <i>Networking event to be announced</i></p>

## Tuesday Evening, March 3, 2020

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm	<p><b>Faculty Dinner</b>  <i>Invitation only. Please refer to your invitation for details</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sponsored by</i>  <b>Top Class Actions and Simpluris</b></p>
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# Wednesday Morning, March 4, 2020

7:30 am

## Opening Registration & Breakfast

 Non-stop coffee sponsored by **Heffler Claims Group!**

8:45 am to 9:00 am

## Welcome!

- Francesca Castagnola, Western Alliance Bank
- Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo, USD School of Law



9:00 am to 10:00 am

## Review of Key Class Action Decisions

- Gayle M. Blatt, CaseyGerry, *moderator*
- Chris Chorba, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Rosemary M. Rivas, Levi & Korsinsky LLP
- Andre Mura, Gibbs Law Group
- Hon. M. Margaret McKeown, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Hon. Suzanne H. Segal (ret.), Signature Resolution



10:00 am to 11:15 am

## Privacy & Data Breach Class Actions

- David Berger, Gibbs Law Group
- Aideen Gaffney, Epiq
- Scott Goldsmith, Dorsey & Whitney
- David Kaufman, Heffler Claims Group
- Brandon Schwartz, Postlethwaite & Netterville
- Jeremy Smith, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- John A. Yanchunis, Morgan & Morgan Complex Litigation Group
- *Casie D. Collignon, BakerHostetler*
- *Ian Kelly, IDExperts*



11:15 am to 11:30 am

## Break

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

## Mass Torts and MDLs

- Aideen Gaffney, Epiq, *moderator*
- William F. Tarantino, Morrison & Foerster
- A.J. de Bartolomeo, Tadler Law LLP
- Jean Martin, Morgan & Morgan
- Thomas V. Girardi, Girardi | Keese
- Jake Woody, BrownGreer PLC
- Hon. William F. Highberger, Los Angeles County Superior Court



12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

## Networking & Educational Luncheon

Enjoy a meal with colleagues then stay right where you are for an exciting keynote from our co-chair and *American Lawyer's* "Litigator of the Year" Theodore J. Boutrous, Jr., of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

# Wednesday Afternoon, March 4, 2020



Keynote Address | 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm

## Freedom of the Press & the White House

Featuring an internationally renowned attorney who continues to lead some of the highest profile cases on the docket today.

**Theodore J. Boutrous, Jr.**

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2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

## Antitrust: Class Actions & Emerging Issues

- Dan Mogin, MoginRubin LLP
- Jennifer Oliver, MoginRubin LLP
- Karin Garvey, Labaton Sucharow
- Stuart Senator, Munger Tolles & Olson LLP
- Michael Tubach, O'Melveny & Myers LLP



3:15 pm to 4:00 pm

## Securities: Class Actions & Emerging Issues

- Brett Wilmot, Western Alliance Bank, moderator
- Jonathan D. Uslaner, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP
- Lara McDermott, Gilardi & Co. LLC
- *Bjorn Steinholt, Caliber Advisors*

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Networking Reception hosted by  
**Postlethwaite & Netterville** and  
**Blackhawk Network**

5:15 pm | Shuttle

5:45 pm | Board

6:00 pm | Depart

9:00 pm | Return

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## Sunset Dinner Yacht Cruise

Join the Western Alliance Bank team and fellow attendees for cocktails and dinner on a Hornblower Cruise across the San Diego Bay on the "High Spirits," a beautifully restored classic motor yacht. Please RSVP and be ready to board promptly at 5:45 pm for a 6 pm departure.



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# Thursday Morning, March 5, 2020

7:30 am

## Registration & Breakfast

 Non-stop coffee sponsored by **Heffler Claims Group!**

8:45 am to 9:00 am

## Opening Remarks



Keynote Address | 9:00 am to 9:45 am

## Trial Advocacy Perspectives

Judge Battaglia brings insights from more than 45 years of trying cases as a lawyer and presiding from the bench.

### Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California 

9:45 am to 11:00 am

## Class Action Rules & Settlements:

### Lessons from Judges, Practitioners & One Year with the Northern District Guidelines

- Francesca Castagnola, Western Alliance Bank, *moderator* 
- Ariana J. Tadler, Tadler Law LLP
- Thomas E. Loeser, Hagens Berman
- Peter Crudo, Gilardi & Co.
- *Additional speaker to be announced*
- Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel, Southern District of California 
- Hon. Robert Dow, Northern District of Illinois 
- Hon. Beth L. Freeman, Northern District of California 

11:00 am to 12:00 noon

## Leveraging Digital Technology:

### Records, Payments, Admin, Big Data & Microtargeting

- Dana Rager, Western Alliance Bank, *moderator* 
- James P. "JP" Carroll, Blackhawk Network 
- Eric Schachter, AB Data 
- David Almeida, Benesch 

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

## Networking & Educational Luncheon

Enjoy a meal with colleagues then stay right where you are for a special keynote presentation by internationally recognized special master Kenneth R. Feinberg.

# Thursday Afternoon, March 5, 2020



Keynote Address | 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

## Unconventional Responses to Unique Catastrophes

Tailoring the Law to Meet the Challenges

**Kenneth R. Feinberg**

Law Offices of Kenneth R. Feinberg P.C.

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### Employment Class Actions

- Professor Orly Lobel, University of San Diego School of Law
- David Phillips, Signature Resolution
- A.J. de Bartolomeo, Tadler Law LLP
- Blaine Evanson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Michele Maryott, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Julie Green, CPT Group Inc.
- Hon. Fernando M. Olguin, Central District of California



3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

### Consumer Class Actions

- Kyle Mason, Postlethwaite & Netterville, moderator
- Abbas Kazerounian, Kazerouni Law Group
- Tina Wolfson, Ahdoot & Wolfson
- Lauren M. Blas, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
- Hon. Lucy H. Koh, Northern District of California
- Hon. Edward M. Chen, Northern District of California
- Hon. Fernando M. Olguin, Central District of California



4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

### Judicial Roundtable:

#### Perspectives & Practical Considerations

- David S. Casey Jr., CaseyGerry, *co-moderator (plaintiff)*
- Steve Strauss, Cooley LLP, *co-moderator (defense)*
- Hon. Larry A. Burns, S.D. Calif., Chief Judge
- Hon. Cormac C. Carney, C.D. Calif.
- Hon. Richard G. Seeborg, N.D. Calif.



5:15 pm

### Conference Sessions End

On behalf of Western Alliance Bank and University of San Diego School of Law – thank you for participating! Please share your feedback with us. We welcome ideas for presentations and speakers, too. We look forward to seeing you in 2021!

5:30 pm

### Networking Event

*Details to be announced!*

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