

Class actions



What we do

- We are experienced in advising and acting on large-scale class actions, multi-plaintiff claims and litigation-funded claims.

How we help

- Our team provides tailored advice and solutions on the procedural and substantive complexities arising from class actions and litigation funding arrangements. We use our experience in large-scale litigation and our pragmatic and commercial approach to provide strategic advice and advocacy that achieves our clients' objectives.
- We also advise industry bodies and other clients on strategic and legal risk in this rapidly-evolving area.

Experience

- acting for a number of Toyota Dealerships across New Zealand in a large-scale consumer class action alleging that certain Toyota vehicles contained a defective diesel particulate filter and seeking damages for the resulting losses
- acting for The A2 Milk Company Limited in applying to have a proposed class action in New Zealand stayed under the Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010 on the basis that an open class action pending before the Supreme Court of Victoria was the more appropriate forum for determining the matters in issue
- acting for a defendant in a proposed class action concerning Alucobond PE (aluminium composite panel) cladding

- acting for a major accounting firm facing a professional negligence claim in a High Court class action arising out of the collapse of a listed education company
- defending former directors of Feltex in the liability and loss phase of the \$200m litigation funded class action brought on behalf of more than 3,600 shareholder claimants arising from the Feltex IPO in 2004
- acted for a major bank in relation to a litigation funded class action brought by investors following the collapse of Ross Asset Management, a financial adviser revealed to have been running New Zealand’s largest Ponzi scheme
- acting for a corporate trustee defending a litigation-funded claim brought by the receivers of Capital+Merchant Finance Ltd following its collapse owing investors around \$170m
- acting for a corporate trustee defending a class action brought by investors following the collapse of LDC Finance Ltd resulting in investor losses of over \$20m

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