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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT



ACI's 11th Annual Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference

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July 27–28, 2011

Partners Claudia Callaway and Stuart M. Richter will speak, and Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP's Consumer Class Action Practice will be the Supporting sponsor of the ACI's 11th Annual Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference on Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28.

Ms. Callaway will moderate a panel discussion on "In-House Roundtable on Managing Credit Card & Fee Related Class Actions, Debt Collection Trouble Spots & Credit Reporting" at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27. Topics that will be discussed by the panel include:

- Where are the compliance trouble spots in Dodd-Frank, FDCPA, TCPA and SCRA?
- Best practices for avoiding FDCPA and TCPA issues
- Selecting outside counsel
- Alternative fee arrangements: what works and what doesn't?
- Handling class defenses through national or regional counsel
- Strategies for resolving defaults

Mr. Richter will speak as a panelist on "Class Action Developments: What Recent Cases and Pending Policy Changes Mean for Your Litigation, Investigation and Settlement Strategies" at 10:55 a.m. on Thursday, July 28. Topics that will be discussed by the panel include:

Arbitration

- Updates and the impact of *Concepcion, BB&T and other cases* on the enforceability of class waiver provisions
- Overview of regulatory initiatives: what will the CFPB's position be?

- What is the future of international arbitration?
- Will the CFPB exert rule making authority surrounding arbitration clauses?
- What to do if you end up in class arbitration: how the limited right of appeal affects the defense

Cutting Edge Jurisdictional and CAFA Removal Strategies

- How to apply recent trends in CAFA jurisprudence
- Strategic forum and venue considerations
- Should you remove and when?

Removal of class action counterclaims

- Removal of State Attorney General regulatory suits
- Tactical approaches for responding to remand motions
- Managing discovery related to CAFA's jurisdictional amount

Smart Strategies for Dispositive Motions

- Applying the new federal pleading standards in motions to dismiss
- Evaluating the viability of class claims on the merits
- Fight or settle-which is best, and when?
- Limiting class discovery when moving for dismissal

Managing New and Emerging Theories in Class Actions, Class Action Discovery & Settlement Tactics

- What litigation will the investigation of “for-profit” colleges and law schools lead to? Will lenders be pulled in?
- Class certification:
  – What to do when a judge won't allow discovery regarding specific allegations upon which the claim is based (i.e. requiring the defendant to rely solely on what is alleged in the notice pleading)
  – Does a bar on further discovery help your argument that a class should not be certified or hamper efforts to defeat class certification?
  – Defeating class certification early in the litigation

Dealing with Opt-Out Litigation & Pro Se Defendants

- Special considerations in dealing with opt out cases

- Defending against *pro se* “form pleadings” from the internet

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