

Trends in Securities Class Actions & Shareholder Derivatives Suits

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The U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in recent years have had a significant effect on securities class action litigation in the district courts and Courts of Appeals breathing some life into once dead doctrines like “core operations” and “collective scienter.” The Supreme Court's decisions have also given loss causation and increased focus to all stages of a securities class action including motions to dismiss, class certification, summary judgment, motions in limine, trial and even post-trial motions. The credit crisis has raised interesting questions in shareholder derivatives suits concerning the duties of boards to manage systemic risk and more broadly raised issues concerning how companies can structure their insurance coverage to withstand the crisis.

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