

Ohio Employer Class Action Summit

Strategies You Can Use to Protect Your Company

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

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**COFFEE HOUSE ORDERED
TO PAY EMPLOYEES \$105M
IN BACK TIPS**

**Pharmaceutical Company's Average
Wholesale Price Case Swells As Judge
Certifies Another Class**

**Energy Company's IPO
Spurs Class Action**

**MANUFACTURER FACING
SEVENTH FLSA SUIT SO FAR
THIS YEAR**

**Financial Services Company
Employees Seek \$6.5B
In Arbitration Suit**

You've seen the headlines –

And you worry. Is your company at risk? What would you do if threatened with a class action suit?
How do you ever begin to protect your company?

This full-day program is designed for legal counsel and other executives concerned about the rising tide of class action lawsuits. Attorneys from Porter Wright Morris & Arthur's Class Action Practice Group will share their insights and experience with program attendees and discuss recent developments in a number of areas of class action litigation, including employment, consumer, product liability, securities and subprime class actions, as well as developments under the Class Action Fairness Act.

In addition, we are pleased to welcome several honored guests to our panel discussions, including:

United States District Judge Walter Herbert Rice

Judge Rice has served as a United States District Judge for 28 years, seven of those as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Before that, he served as a Common Pleas Court Judge in Montgomery County, Ohio for nine years. Judge Rice has presided over class actions of all types and uses his unique perspective as a seasoned and respected jurist to resolve those complex pieces of litigation.

Nadine Ballard, Section Chief, Consumer Protection Section The Ohio Attorney General's Office

Ms. Ballard leads the Consumer Protection Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, which is responsible for reviewing and approving all class action settlement agreements in Ohio. Praised upon her appointment as Section Chief as "one of the leading consumer protection advocates in Ohio," Ms. Ballard relies on her experience as a former Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Magistrate Judge to pursue class action litigation and settlement when necessary to protect the interests of Ohio consumers.

Stanley M. Chesley, Esq., Managing Partner Waite, Schnieder, Bayless & Chesley Co., L.P.A.

Mr. Chesley is widely respected as one of the most experienced and successful mass litigation lawyers in the nation. Beginning with the Beverly Hills Supper Club litigation 30 years ago, he has developed innovative strategies as lead trial counsel for handling and resolving major class actions in numerous areas, including securities, pharmaceuticals, air crashes, and fires.

Sarah Rudolph Cole, Professor of Law and Director, Program on Dispute Resolution

*The Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University
Professor Cole focuses her research on the legal and policy issues that have arisen as a result of the increased use of alternative dispute resolution. She is co-author of *Mediation: Law, Policy and Practice* (2d. ed. 1994), the leading treatise in the field of mediation, and co-author of *Dispute Resolution: Negotiation, Mediation and Other Processes* (4th ed. 2003), one of the leading dispute resolution casebooks in the country.*

Colleen Marshall, Esq.

*Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP and Co-Author with WCMH Channel 4
Many in the Columbus area welcome Colleen Marshall into their homes every evening. As an award-winning co-anchor of NBC 4 at 5, 6 and 11 p.m., Ms. Marshall has more than 20 years of experience in broadcast media. What many may not know is that, in addition to her well-respected career in journalism, Ms. Marshall is also an attorney in Porter Wright's Litigation Department and represents companies facing legal challenges.*

John S. Marshall, Principal Marshall and Morrow LLC

Mr. Marshall is one of the leading attorneys in Ohio representing individuals in employment and civil rights litigation, including discrimination, retaliation, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, and employment contracts. He is experienced in bringing and handling both class and collective actions involving discrimination and wage/hour claims.

David P Meyer, Esq., Principal David P. Meyer & Associates, Co., LPA

Mr. Meyer devotes his practice to the representation of individual investors and consumers who have brought claims of stockbroker and consumer malpractice against brokerage firms and other businesses. He has significant jury trial and securities arbitration experience and served as class counsel for more than 300 retirees in a securities class action against a major brokerage firm, achieving what is believed to be the largest jury verdict in Ohio history.

We hope that you'll join us as we discuss emerging risks and provide strategies you can use to protect your company.

**This session has been submitted
to the Ohio Supreme Court for
6.0 hours of CLE credit**

Program Agenda

7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. – Registration and Breakfast

8:25 a.m. – Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Fred G. Pressley, Jr., Esq., Chair, Labor and Employment Department
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

8:30 a.m. – Recent Developments in Employment Class Actions

John S. Marshall, Esq., Principal
Marshall and Morrow, LLC

Bradd N. Siegel, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

John M. Stephen, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Charles C. Warner, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

10:00 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Recent Developments in Consumer and Product Liability Class Actions

Joyce D. Edelman, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Kathleen McManus Trafford, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

11:00 a.m. – Recent Developments in Securities and Subprime Class Actions

Daniel W. Costello, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

James A. King, Esq., Partner
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

11:45 a.m. – Lunch

12:45 p.m. – Protecting Your Company's Reputation in the Face of High-Profile Litigation

Colleen Marshall, Esq.
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP and Co-Anchor with WCMH Channel 4

1:15 p.m. – Recent Developments Under the Class Action Fairness Act

Caroline H. Gentry, Esq., Chair, Class Action Practice Group
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

1:45 p.m. – Panel Discussion on Ohio Class Action Settlements

Moderator: Scott North, Esq., Chair, Government & Regulatory Practice Group
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Panelists: The Honorable Judge Walter Herbert Rice
United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Nadine Ballard, Esq., Section Chief, Consumer Protection Section
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Stanley M. Chesley, Esq., Managing Partner
Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., L.P.A.

3:00 p.m. – Break

3:15 p.m. – Panel Discussion on Choosing (or Avoiding) Class Arbitrations

Moderator: Caroline H. Gentry, Esq., Chair, Class Action Practice Group
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

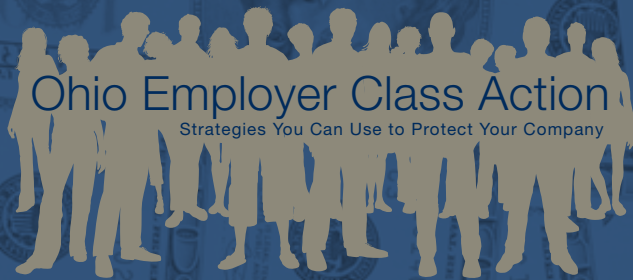
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4:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks

Fred G. Pressley, Jr., Esq., Chair, Labor and Employment Department
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Date

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Location

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Cost

\$150 per person
(Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials.)

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made less than five business days before the event are not refundable; however, substitutes are welcome.

Please let us know if you require any special accommodations.

To Register

Please e-mail: classactionRSVP@porterwright.com or call 614-227-4588.

Payment instructions will be sent to you upon registration.

About Porter Wright's Class Action Practice Group

At Porter Wright, when class or collective litigation befalls one of our clients, our attorneys work hand-in-hand with key client decisionmakers to achieve a favorable outcome and minimize disruptions to operations and the bottom line. From the outset, we determine whether strong arguments for early dismissal exist. Where early dismissal is not possible, our attorneys pursue the discovery necessary to counter arguments for class certification, support arguments in favor of class decertification, and prevail on the underlying claims themselves. We also work with our clients to address discovery issues – such as electronic discovery and litigation holds – that can take on a life of their own in class litigation. Our attorneys continually develop creative approaches and trial strategies to best further client goals.

Our experience extends to the substantive legal areas that are most often the subject of class claims, including:

- Employment Class and Collective Actions
- ERISA Class Actions
- Consumer Class Actions
- Product Liability/Toxic Tort Class Actions
- Antitrust Class Actions
- Insurance Class Actions
- Mass Tort Class Actions
- Securities Class Actions

No matter the claims asserted, our Class Action Practice Group provides clients with cutting-edge, cost-efficient representation that furthers client goals and business interests.

About the Manufacturers' Education Council

The Manufacturers' Education Council (MEC) is one of the nation's leading providers of business seminars and conferences. Since 1991, over 70,000 business executives and managers have participated in their training sessions on leading-edge issues affecting Ohio businesses and manufacturers. These seminars present unique networking opportunities while providing attendees with current information on important business subjects. The MEC also provides seminars and conferences for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

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