

Commercial Court CPD Seminar

The Lower Banking Chamber
385 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Class Actions – Expert Insight on Managing Practical Challenges and Procedural Issues

- *Practice Note No 9 of 2010 – Conduct of Group Proceedings: an introduction*
- Plaintiffs and defendants: managing client interests in the unique 'class action' context
- Conducting a trial: navigating the procedural framework
- Managing disputes involving public and media interest

Since 2000, Part 4A of the *Supreme Court Act 1986 (Vic)* has provided for group proceedings – or 'class actions' – in the Supreme Court of Victoria. Since that time, significant practical and procedural issues that arise under the regime and that must be dealt with by judges, counsel and solicitors alike, have been exposed.

This seminar provides an opportunity to hear from the experts on the critical issues facing judges, practitioners and clients in the present class action arena.

Chair

Justice Anne Ferguson, Supreme Court of Victoria

Presenters

Justice John Dixon, Supreme Court of Victoria, will speak on the challenges perceived by the judiciary and will comment on the new *Practice Note No 9 of 2010 – Conduct of Group Proceedings*

Jonathan Beach QC, the Victorian Bar, will speak on the practical aspects of managing and defending 'class action' claims on behalf of defendants

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Bernard Murphy, Chairman, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, will speak on the strategic issues involved in preparing and prosecuting 'class action' claims on behalf of plaintiffs

Barristers, solicitors, and interested clients are encouraged to attend.

Date: Wednesday 6 April, 2011

Time: 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

Venue: The Lower Banking Chamber
385 Bourke Street, Melbourne
(take the lift to Level LB)

Cost: Free

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