

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS LAUNCHES NEW EDITION OF CLASS ACTIONS BOOK

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With the number of claims being brought by large cohorts continuing to rise, Herbert Smith Freehills is launching a fully updated 2nd edition of its class actions text.

Called "Class Actions in England and Wales", the book has been written by lawyers from across Herbert Smith Freehills' competition, corporate, disputes and employment practices and provides a practical guide for conducting class actions.

Recognising the high number of judicial decisions on both procedural points and substantive issues affecting those who bring – and defend – class action litigation, the book reflects a range of developments affecting class actions. It covers many of the most high-profile cases from the past four years and considers the impact of issues such as costs and funding, the introduction of the disclosure pilot in the Business and Property Courts and Brexit. In this edition, four new chapters have been introduced covering product liability, data protection, insurance and employment.

*"The growth of class action litigation has continued, unabated, over the past four years. This enthusiasm for collective action, coupled with procedural changes and ongoing reforms, creates a challenging environment for anyone involved in bringing or defending claims. Our updated book deals with a broad range of issues which should be considered, including jurisdictional and issues revolving around compromise and settlement, and will hopefully prove to be an invaluable resource,"* says Gregg Rowan, partner in Herbert Smith Freehills' disputes practice.

In the foreword to the new edition, the Master of the Rolls, The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos, describes the book as a *"detailed and practical guide to the conduct of class actions"* which *"will continue to be of the highest value, because it addresses the broader contextual background within which class actions are now being brought in England and Wales"*. He congratulates the authors on *"making an important textbook into a seminal one"*.

The book has been co-edited by partners [Damian Grave](#) and [Gregg Rowan](#), together with professional support consultant [Maura McIntosh](#). Its authors include [Greig Anderson](#), [Neil Blake](#), [Simon Clarke](#), [Julian Copeman](#), [Kim Dietzel](#), [Harry Edwards](#), [Rupert Lewis](#), [Andrew Taggart](#), [Howard Watson](#), [Alan Watts](#) and [Stephen Wisking](#).

Copies can be purchased direct from Sweet and Maxwell, [here](#).

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