



# Class Action



## **PRE-SETTLEMENT CONSULTING**

We begin by consulting with clients on how to develop allocation methodologies and design efficient, economical roadmaps for settlement administration while providing preliminary hearing support. Our team works with the parties to compile the class list, or maintain a role as independent auditor of an existing class list to verify completeness.



## **NOTICE PROGRAM**

Effectively notifying class members is key to the approval of your settlement. We advise our clients on effective notice best practices and are experienced in preparing class lists from various sources. Management of the entire CAFA Notice process for Defendants is handled by our team with our proprietary database of officials who need to be notified. Our notice and claim form mailing services utilize creative options to maximize effectiveness and reduce costs, while our advertising team comprises experts handling all media publication needs while obtaining the best rates.



## **CLAIMS PROCESSING**

Our professional staff is trained to process even the most complex claims with efficiency and accuracy and we are readily available to draft, or assist in drafting, claim forms to ensure class comprehension and complete claim form submission. Proprietary databases efficiently capture claim form data as well as accurate and flexible reporting; and with our proprietary online claim submission site, we are able to provide secure submission and reduce overall complexity. Knowing each case is different, we offer customized reporting to provide a variety of perspectives on the data that our clients may have not considered.



## **BENEFIT DISBURSEMENT**

We manage all aspects of the settlement fund, including opening disbursement accounts, reconciling accounts, establishing a Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF), filing tax returns, and serving as Escrow Agent. Even the most complex benefit allocation methodology is implemented and applied to individual class members. In addition, we manage tax reporting for settlement disbursements, including the issuance of tax statements, such as W-2s and 1099s, to class members. We also calculate the payroll withholding and employer taxes that are often required in employment class action settlements. Our team partners with a respected CPA firm to prepare settlement fund tax returns.