

New Landscape of Securities Fraud Class Actions

In October 2014, Loyola's Institute for Investor Protection, together with the Institute for Law and Economic Policy, held the annual Symposium, "The New Landscape of Securities Fraud Class Actions." The Symposium was timely, following the Supreme Court's closely watched and much anticipated decision in *Haliburton Co. v. Erica P. John Fund, Inc.* ("Halliburton II") in July 2014, the outcome of which had the potential to significantly change class action securities litigation. Esteemed jurists, scholars, and practitioners joined together to share their thoughts and knowledge, and to engage in lively debate regarding current legal, practical, and ethical issues surrounding securities fraud litigation.

In this remarkable issue of the *Loyola University Chicago School of Law Journal*, Symposium panelists, several of whom submitted amicus briefs to the Supreme Court in the *Haliburton II* case, began by exploring the new evidentiary burdens at the class-certification stage of securities litigation. They continued with conversation on how to successfully litigate the evidentiary burdens both at the class-certification stages of securities litigation and beyond. The Symposium panelists also addressed alternatives to securities fraud class action litigation including the use of state court litigation and opt-out actions that allow litigants to pursue claims under state law.

The Symposium concluded with an in depth discussion of the Supreme Court's evolving securities fraud case law delivered by Supreme Court expert Thomas Goldstein, author of *The Supreme Court and Securities Fraud Class Action* and founder of the well-known and highly respected SCOTUSblog. On behalf of the *Law Journal*, which works hard to prepare these relevant and thought provoking articles, and the entire Loyola University Chicago School of Law community, we sincerely thank all of the authors for their hard work and continued support of the Institute for Investor Protection. We remain grateful to these jurists, scholars, and practitioners who have chosen to share their scholarship and wisdom in this special issue of the *Law Journal*.

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