9:00 – 9:45 AM  
**Welcome and Introduction**  
*Presented by William J. Anthony*  
- Continued Explosion of Class Action Litigation  
- Significant Trends  
- Key Defense Strategies  
- Overview of Program

9:45 – 10:30 AM  
**Development of Initial Defense Strategy**  
*Presented by Paul DeCamp*  
**Reviewing the Complaint**  
- Jurisdiction  
- Venue  
- Correct Defendants  
- Iqbal / Twombly Motion  
**Early Strategic Considerations**  
- Assessing the Merits  
- Class Cohesiveness  
- Preliminary Exposure Analysis

10:30 – 10:45 AM  
**BREAK**

10:45 – 11:45 AM  
**Key Strategies in Defeating Class Certification**  
*Panel Discussion with Felice B. Ekelman, Jeffrey W. Brecher and René E. Thorne*  
- Implementing waivers (with and without an arbitration agreement):  
  *AMEX. v. Italian Colors, Sutherland,* and *D.R. Horton.*  
- Motions to dismiss claims as a means of defeating certification  
- Pro-active motion to dismiss Rule 23 claim (why wait for the plaintiffs’ motion)  
- Use of releases—particularly in ERISA cases  
- Early summary judgment motion as to plaintiff alone  
- Offers of Judgment: *Genesis Healthcare Corp. v. Symczyk*  
- Post *Dukes* arguments/use of blitz  
- Post *Comcast* arguments

11:45 – 12:30 PM  
**Using Statistical Evidence and Data Analysis to Your Advantage**  
*Presented by Stephanie L. Adler-Paindiris and Scott M. Pechaitis*  
- Using data analysis to quickly and effectively evaluate class liability and damages  
- Combat off the clock claims using door swipes, log-in records, phone records etc.  
- Cost effective approaches to tackling massive data sets  
- Leveraging data to persuade Mediators, juries and opposing counsel  
- Methods for critiquing your opponents’ damage analyses
12:30 – 1:30 PM  
**LUNCH**  
Guest Speaker Douglas Weiner, Senior Counsel at Joseph & Kirschenbaum LLP

1:30 – 2:45 PM  
**Preventing and Defending Discrimination Class Actions**  
*Panel Discussion with Richard S. Cohen, Victoria Woodin Chavey and Mickey Silberman*  
- The federal government’s obsession with systemic discrimination investigations  
- How the plaintiffs’ bar is getting in on the game  
- Pay discrimination and equity analyses  
- Disparate impact based on pre-employment and other assessments  
- Potential liability in hiring, promotions and terminations processes

2:45 – 3:00 PM  
**BREAK**

3:00 – 3:45 PM  
**E-discovery in Class Actions**  
*Presented by Brett M. Anders and Jonathan Sachs, Esq. of Kroll Ontrack*  
- Special considerations for preservation in class actions  
- Advanced technologies and techniques for remote data collection  
- Search and review strategies  
- Recent case law concerning the shifting of e-discovery costs

3:45 – 4:30 PM  
**Key Strategies for Defending the Merits of Wage and Hour Class/Collective Actions**  
*Panel Discussion with Paul J. Siegel, David R. Golder and Wendy J. Mellk*  
- Preemption – LMRA; Federal Wage and Hour Law; FAAAA  
- What exemptions may apply? Arguments plaintiffs will make to prove they are non-exempt. Evidence you need to rebut those arguments and establish those exemptions.  
- Half Time v. Time and One Half  
- Portal to Portal Act Defenses  
- Klinghoffer Rule and Gap Time

4:30 – 4:45 PM  
**Concluding Remarks**  
*Presented by William J. Anthony*

4:45 – 6:00 PM  
**Cocktail Reception**