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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 governs most class action lawsuits brought by private plaintiffs. The Rule provides a comprehensive map for bringing and conducting class litigation from beginning to end.

Under the Rule, plaintiffs must show a court the lawsuit can be maintained as a class action, and the U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that class actions are an "exception to the usual rule" of individual claims. The job of defense counsel, by contrast, is to convince the court the exception should not apply in the case at hand. That means demonstrating the plaintiffs are unable to satisfy the numerous requirements that Rule 23 imposes on class certification. Here is where the most vigorous defense can reap the greatest reward.

In the latest issue of the Jackson Lewis <u>Class Action Trends Report</u>, attorneys in the firm's Class Actions & Complex Litigation Practice Group take a closer look at the fine points of Rule 23 and the procedural requirements for certifying a class, with an eye toward defeating class certification.

Read the latest issue of the Class Action Trends Report here.

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