

15TH ANNUAL IMPACT FUND CLASS ACTION CONFERENCE
February 23-24, 2017 | Hotel Kabuki, Japantown, San Francisco, CA

Day 1 Program | Thursday, February 23, 2017 | Imperial Ballroom

12:30-3:00	<p>Conference Registration (Imperial Foyer) Lunch will not be provided before the program begins, but we invite you to explore one of the many restaurants within walking distance of the conference.</p>	
1:30-2:45	<p>Pre-Conference Introductory Program: Rule 23 Class Action Basics New to class actions? Want a refresher? This pre-conference panel provides an overview of Rule 23 in the context of employment class actions, including class certification, class notice requirements, and settlement approval.</p>	<p>Lynette Miner Impact Fund Relic Sun Outten & Golden LLP</p>
2:45-3:00	<p>Break</p>	
3:00-3:15	<p>Conference Program Begins: Welcome Remarks</p>	<p>Lindsay Nako Impact Fund</p>
3:15-4:30	<p>Recent Developments in Civil Rights Class Action Law Impact Fund Executive Director Jocelyn Larkin gives a “lightning round” overview of recent developments in civil rights class action law and provides some predictions of what to expect in the coming year.</p>	<p>Jocelyn D. Larkin Impact Fund</p>
4:30-5:45	<p>Class Actions Matter: Success Stories From the Frontlines of Social Change Since 1993, the Impact Fund has committed over \$6 million in grants to advance economic, environmental, racial, and social justice. This panel, featuring current and former grantees, will explore successful strategies for making social change through class actions and other forms of impact litigation.</p>	<p>Sheila Thomas Law Offices of Sheila Thomas Harry Frischer Children’s Rights Matt Geyman Columbia Legal Services Ashley Werner Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability</p>
5:45-7:30	<p>Networking Reception (Imperial Foyer) Join fellow class action practitioners for food, beverages, and networking.</p>	

Day 2 Program | Friday, February 24, 2017 | Imperial Ballroom

8:00-9:00	Continental Breakfast (Imperial Foyer)	
9:00-10:00	The Best Laid Plans: Crafting Effective Trial Plans An effective trial plan can be the key to getting your class certified. This panel covers best practices for creating a trial plan that is persuasive and feasible.	Robert L. Schug Nichols Kaster, PLLP Andrew J. McGuinness Andrew J. McGuinness, Esq. Monique Olivier Duckworth Peters Lebowitz Olivier LLP Rachhana T. Srey Nichols Kaster, PLLP
10:00-11:00	Class Actions Gone Wrong: How to Avoid Filing Bad Cases and What to Do When Your Good Case Goes Bad Cases with technical merit can fail to connect with judges, or great cases can go bad during discovery or after motion practice. The panel discusses how to anticipate potential issues and obtain the best outcome for your client or class if the tide starts to turn against you.	Jocelyn D. Larkin Impact Fund Jennie Lee Anderson Andrus Anderson LLP Prof. Joshua Davis University of San Francisco School of Law Dena Sharp Girard Gibbs LLP
11:00-11:15	Break	
11:15-12:15	Created Equal: Update on the Movement for Equal Rights for Transgender People This term, the Supreme Court will hear <i>Gloucester County School Board v. G.G.</i> , a student's challenge to a discriminatory policy that excludes transgender students from sex-segregated school restrooms. This panel provides an update on <i>G.G.</i> and similar lawsuits pending in federal courts, and explores impact litigation and other strategies for advocacy to advance the rights of transgender people in a variety of contexts, including schools, employment, health care, housing, and prisons.	Julie Wilensky M. Dru Levasseur Lambda Legal Ria Tabacco Mar ACLU LGBT & HIV Project Joseph J. Wardenski Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC
12:15-12:30	Impact Fund Class Action Hall of Fame Award Presentation	Jocelyn D. Larkin Impact Fund Michael Caesar Contra Costa County Public Defender
12:30-1:30	Lunch (Sakura Room)	
1:30-2:30	Representing Minors: Best Practices for Advocating on Behalf of Children Representing children presents a host of challenges for practitioners, regardless of subject area. Our panel of experienced practitioners provides insight and practical advice for being the best possible advocate for young clients.	Lindsay Nako Impact Fund Michael Harris National Center for Youth Law Elizabeth Kristen Legal Aid at Work Mark Rosenbaum Public Counsel
2:30-2:45	Break	
2:45-3:45	Debtors' Prison and the Trap of Municipal Fines The panel will discuss the major issues leading to the criminalization of poverty, including money bail and municipal fines, and how class actions are being used to combat these policies and practices.	Lynnette Miner Impact Fund Elisa Della-Piana Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the San Francisco Bay Area Prof. Ranjana Natarajan University of Texas School of Law Sara Zampierin Southern Poverty Law Center
3:45-5:00	What to Expect from the Trump Administration: Mandatory Arbitration and Beyond While we are waiting to see which campaign promises will hold true and what new policies will arise, our panel provides insight into what they are expecting to see in the coming days with regard to mandatory arbitration and other issues affecting class actions.	Christian Schreiber Chavez & Gertler LLP F. Paul Bland, Jr. Public Justice Prof. Myriam Gilles Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Scott Nelson Public Citizen