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# 2008 Litigators Forum: "Class Actions in Action"

**Thursday,  
February 21, 2008**

**Half-Day Program:**  
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Keynote Address:**  
12:00 p.m. To 1:30 p.m.

**Millennium Biltmore  
Hotel**

506 South Grand Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Cost: \$150** for WLALA Members and LACBA Litigation Section members, **\$200** for Non-Members, **\$170** LACBA Members, **\$160** for LACBA CLE+ Cardholders, **\$90** Public Interest and Government, **\$60** Law Students, and **\$65** Luncheon Only

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"Class Actions in Action" will focus on providing practical tools and insight from experts who routinely handle class action litigation. This half-day program will include two panels featuring noted class action practitioners and experts in the field. The first panel, entitled, "Anatomy of a Class Action," will provide a nuts and bolts primer for those entering the class action arena. The second panel, "Perspectives in Class Action" will feature an exploration of the latest trends and strategies in several substantive areas of class action litigation including shareholder/derivative actions, employment, consumer litigation, and antitrust cases.

Panelists include Los Angeles Superior Court **Judge Emilie Elias**; **Jennifer Alt-feld Landau**, a partner at Sidley Austin LLP; **Jeanne Finegan**, Senior Vice-President at The Garden City Group, Inc.; **Gail Lees**, a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; **Gretchen Nelson**, a partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP; **Paul Kiesel** of Kiesel, Boucher & Larson LLP; **Albert Shelden**, Senior Assistant Attorney General; **Sharon Tomkins**, a partner at O'Melveny & Myers; **Leslie Abbott**, a partner at Paul Hastings; **Karen Polyakov**, Senior Corporate Counsel at Home Depot USA Inc.; **Nanci Nishimura**, a principal at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy; **Kathyleen O'Brien**, a partner at Reed Smith LLP; and **Barbara Reeves Neal**, who mediates complex litigation matters for JAMS.

The keynote address will be provided by **Jane Velez-Mitchell**, an award-winning television journalist who was a correspondent for the television program *Celebrity Justice*. She is known for her commentary on high-profile cases for CNN, MSNBC, Court TV, and Fox News, as well as guest-hosting for Nancy Grace on her CNN program. She observed the Michael Jackson molestation trial, providing daily updates on the *Nancy Grace* program as well as appearing on *Larry King Live* the evening of the verdict.

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