

## Class Action and Collective Redress

Class actions, or collective redress, is a term commonly used to describe a wide range of court procedures aimed at allowing large numbers of claimants with identical or related claims to bring them together for the purposes of reduced costs and procedural efficiency. Such mechanisms are of particular relevance where many individuals claim small losses as a result of the actions of one defendant, such as in product liability cases, financial services misselling claims and environmental liabilities. In these cases the small loss suffered by each victim may make recourse to ordinary civil litigation disproportionately costly.

We look at collective redress or class actions in a number of jurisdictions around the world, highlighting:

- general features
- types of collective redress
- issues relating to funding and costs, and
- recent developments, trends and predictions.

### Practical scenario

For a brief summary of the main cause of (collective) action in your jurisdiction, see our [practical scenario](#).

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