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This respected and comprehensive guide to bringing and defending class actions provides detailed analysis emphasizing the practical and tactical, as well as identifying pitfalls. This important work provides examples and direction through analysis of hundreds of class action cases litigated across Canada, as well as a comprehensive bibliography of class action articles. This well-organized, easy-to-read text features: practical direction and commentary, guidelines for drafting pleadings, guidance on the use of class actions in different legal areas such as: securities, environmental law and product liability, and case law analysis.

What's New in this Update:

This release includes updates to the following: Chapter 11 (Opting in and Opting Out); Chapter 12 (Jurisdictional Issues); Chapter 13 (Limitation Periods); Chapter 14 (Case Management); Chapter 15 (Discovery After Certification); Chapter 16 (Other Procedural Issues); Chapter 17 (Settlement or Discontinuance); Chapter 18 (Trial of the Common Issues); Chapter 19 (Resolution of the Individual Issues and Damages); Chapter 20 (Costs); Chapter 21 (Appeal of Judgment on Common and Individual Issues); Chapter 22 (Representative Proceedings in Other Canadian Jurisdictions); Chapter 23 (Statistics); Appendix C (Legislation); Appendix D (Summary of Class Certification Decisions by Area of Law); and Appendix E (Chart of Approved Class Action Fee Percentages).

The following cases are of particular interest:

- The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal reviewed the thorny issue as to when judges should improve the proposed class definition or common issues: *MacInnis v. Bayer Inc*, [2023] SJ No 96, 2023 SKCA 37.
- The B.C. Court of Appeal certified an environmental nuisance case where all class members were subject to a ban on using their properties: *Kirk v. Executive Flight Centre Fuel Services Ltd*, [2023] BCJ No 93, 2023 BCCA 28.

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