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## **WASHINGTON LEGAL FOUNDATION FEATURED AT FTC's CLASS ACTION CONFERENCE**

The Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) will be featured at an upcoming workshop on class actions sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. The two-day workshop, entitled "Protecting Consumer Interests in Class Actions," will take place in Washington, D.C., next week on September 13-14, 2004.

Representing WLF on the opening panel discussing the use of coupons and attorneys' fees in class action cases will be Paul Kamenar, WLF's Senior Executive Counsel. He will be joined by a distinguished group of fellow panelists, including the Honorable D. Brock Hornby, United States District Judge from Maine, Professor Christopher Leslie of the Chicago-Kent Law School, Steven Hantler, Assistant General Counsel of DaimlerChrysler, Philip Proger of Jones Day, and Lisa Mezzetti of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll. The panel will be moderated by John Delacourt, Chief Antitrust Counsel in the FTC's Office of Policy Planning. Opening remarks will be made by FTC Chairman, Deborah Platt Majoras.

Additional panel topics include how to measure whether the terms of class action settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate; how to ensure that the class members are properly notified; and protecting class members from excessive attorneys' fees. Other panelists include noted experts, law professors, government officials, judges, and practitioners, including the Honorable Vaughn Walker, United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, the Honorable Lee Rosenthal, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, the Honorable Ann C. Yahner, Administrative Law Judge of the District of Columbia, and Patricia Conners, Assistant Attorney General of Florida.

WLF was chosen to participate in the conference because of its expertise in opposing excessive fees in class actions on behalf of consumers, an effort that has become a part of WLF's INVESTOR PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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