

# Fairness to Whom?

## Perspectives on the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005

The University of Pennsylvania Law Review 2007-2008 Symposium

**Friday, November 30 & Saturday, December 1, 2007**

### Friday, November 30

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM  
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM  
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
5:30 PM

**Registration & Lunch**  
**Introductory Remarks**  
**CAFA in Historical and Social Context**  
**Break**  
**CAFA and Jurisdictional Policy**  
**Reception**

### Saturday, December 1

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM  
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
10:15 AM - 11:45 AM  
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM  
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

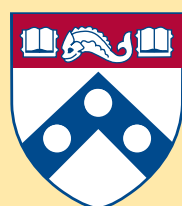
**Breakfast and Registration**  
**CAFA and Regulatory Policy**  
**Break**  
**CAFA and Federalism**  
**Break**  
**Lunch**  
**The Impact of CAFA on the Legal Profession**  
**Break**  
**The Impact of CAFA on the Federal Courts**



*The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA") is one of the most significant pieces of legislation affecting litigation in the federal (and state) courts since the Judiciary Act of 1789. Enacted after eight years of intense lobbying by interest groups on both sides of the aisle, a presidential veto, and a fragile bipartisan compromise, CAFA opens the federal courts to most large class actions, whether brought there originally or by defendants' removal from state courts. Although it is too soon to reach a definitive view of the effects of this statute on litigation, federalism, and law enforcement, it is an appropriate time to frame the historical, normative, and empirical questions that should be addressed in reaching such a view, as well as to venture some preliminary assessments. To that end, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* will convene a symposium on November 30 and December 1, 2007, at which many of the nation's most prominent scholars of litigation, judges, and practicing lawyers will consider CAFA from six different perspectives: history, jurisdictional policy, federalism, regulatory policy, impact on the federal courts, and impact on the legal profession. The papers and some of the commentary will be published in Volume 156 of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. But the symposium's written record cannot replicate the give-and-take, the questions and answers, and the opportunities for informal discussion that should make this symposium extraordinarily valuable for all lawyers, judges, and scholars interested in class actions.*

*This program has been approved for 3 hours on Friday and 6 hours on Saturday of substantive law credit for Pennsylvania lawyers.*

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