

Speaking Engagements | October 26, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET

PLI Class Action Litigation 2026

Online or In-Person at PLI New York

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SPEAKERS

[Michael J. Hartman](#)

Troutman Pepper Locke Partner [Mike Hartman](#) will be speaking on the panel, “Best Practices in Litigation and Discovery”, during PLI’s Class Action Litigation 2026 CLE program on October 26, 2026.

This panel will discuss best practices in class action strategy and discovery, including how to effectively manage class action cases and sort through the complex discovery issues that often arise in the class action setting. After attending this panel, participants will be able to:

- Understand how litigation strategies have evolved based on recent Supreme Court and appellate class action rulings.
- Build off “lessons learned” by lawyers prosecuting and defending major class actions over the last few years.
- Assess considerations of discovery proportionality of in class action cases, including how litigants and Courts approach the issue of proportionality
- Negotiate discovery protocols, including ESI, expert stipulations, privilege protocols and protective orders.
- Develop strategies for discovery from cell phones, social media, and other nontraditional sources.
- Better work with opposing counsel, third parties, and experts regarding the collection and analysis of transactional and other data.
- Evaluate the interplay between discovery and engaging in the efficient and productive settlement and mediation of class action cases.

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