As class actions have evolved, they have become larger and more complex, requiring mastery of and compliance with ever-evolving case law. Authors and editors Gregory Cook and Jocelyn Larkin, master class action strategists and litigators, worked with other seasoned class action lawyers to produce this essential practice guide for lawyers, judges, and advocates and decision makers at every level.

As lead counsel in the VW Diesel Emissions settlement, which strove to set new standards for size, speed, and class member participation in a high-profile consumer class action, I have learned that the more I learn, the more I learn there is to learn about effective class action litigation strategies.

The thorough, comprehensive, and sophisticated treatment and discussion of all aspects of class action litigation makes this text a vital and necessary addition to the libraries of class action veterans and newbies alike.

Jocelyn Larkin’s extraordinary contributions to class action jurisprudence, as longtime executive director of the Impact Fund, give her unique and extraordinary insights into successful prosecution of class action, insights thoroughly and eloquently shared in this one of a kind publication. Co-editor Gregory Cook’s decades of work defending numerous complex class actions well balances this text with perceptive and discerning practice tips and wisdom for practitioners and courts alike.

This exciting and detailed new book promises to give an edge to practitioners in an area where thoughtful strategizing can make the difference on pleading issues, trial plans, class definitions, experts, class certification, and successful settlements.

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