Class action and mass tort lawsuits capture the nation’s attention – asbestos, tobacco, pesticides and, most recently, mutual fund litigation have all splashed across the front page. While we’re aware of what a class action is, and the important role of plaintiffs’ counsel as “private attorneys general,” few of us understand the complexities of handling such litigation and even fewer have actual hands-on experience in successfully doing so.

Michael J. Brickman, a partner in the law firm of Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC, is a nationally recognized plaintiffs’ attorney who has been at the forefront of each of the class action lawsuits described above. Drawing on his 30 years of experience, Mr. Brickman will describe the role of class action counsel in both mass tort and financial services litigation, offering a rare insight into the art and practice of being a class action litigator. His focus will be on introducing students to the world of plaintiffs’ counsel – so no prior litigation experience (in school or at work) is needed to attend.

This presentation will be of particular interest to students who are considering a career in litigation, either as defense or plaintiffs’ counsel, as well as to students who are interested in the impact of class actions on corporate conduct.