

# From Nuisance to Menace: The Rising Tide of Securities Class Action Litigation

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## Securities Class Actions By The Numbers

441  
Number of federal securities class actions filed in 2018

<25  
Number of the 5,200 securities class actions filed since 1996 that have gone to trial

\$0.0  
The amount shareholders received in 85% of settled merger objection claims in the past five years

85%  
Percentage of M&A deals >\$100 million challenged with a merger-objection lawsuit in 2018

3x  
Multiple of securities class actions filed in 2018 versus the average filed from 1996 to 2016

\$13M  
The median cost of a securities class-action settlement in 2018

73%  
Percentage of surveyed retail investors who believe lawyers are the main beneficiary of lawsuits against companies

\$3.8M  
Average total cost of settling a merger-objection claim from 2012-2017

1 in 10  
Likelihood that a S&P 500 company was hit with a securities class actions in 2018

441: [NERA Economic Consulting Report January 29, 2019](#)

<25: [D&O Diary, Rare Securities Class Action Lawsuit Trial Results in Partial Verdict for Plaintiff \(February 5, 2019\)](#)

3X: NERA Economic Consulting, *op. cit.*

\$0.0: Chubb data. Analysis is based on approximately half (49.9%) of all settled merger-objection claims during the period of 2012-2017; sample is a representative of the total universe of claims; data set comprises averages of claims where the total costs are available including: amount to shareholder, plaintiff attorney fees, defense costs and plaintiff attorney expenses.

85%: [Andrew J. Pincus, A Rising Threat: The New Class Action Racket That Harms Investors and the Economy, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform \(Oct. 24, 2018\)](#)

73%: U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, 2019

\$13M: NERA Economic Consulting, *op. cit.*

\$3.8M: Chubb data, *op. cit.*

1 in 10: [Cornerstone Research Securities Class Actions Filings 2018 Year in Review](#)

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