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In the context of the EU Representative Actions Directive ([Directive 2020/1828](#)) coming into application in June 2023 judges and the judiciary will be called upon to undertake important tasks for managing and resolving mass claims. Depending on the national rules transposing the Directive, they may, among other things, be required to assess the admissibility and merits of the actions, to ensure that consumers are appropriately represented and informed and to verify that the interests of all represented parties are well-protected (see also [the background note](#) for additional information). The objective of the online webinar series “Judges & Collective Redress” is to raise awareness on collective redress and to exchange on the roles of judges in collective redress actions.

Two online workshops organised by BEUC and funded by the European Union will take place this Autumn. Experienced judges from different legal systems will share their insights and experience in this area.

<b>Thursday 20 October</b>	15:00-17:30 CET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Edward Belobaba (<i>Superior Court of Justice of Ontario, CA</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Han Jongeneel (<i>Court of Amsterdam, NL</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 17 November</b>	15:00-17:30 CET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Lee Rosenthal (<i>Chief US District Judge of the for the Southern District of Texas, US</i>)</li> <li>• Mr. Gustavo Martin (<i>Court of Alicante, SP</i>)</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> **Note that attendance to the online events is reserved to judges, members of the judiciary and public officials of the Member States. Registration is mandatory and the number of available online seats is limited. Please do not wait for registering.**

### **About the panellists:**

**Judge L. H. Rosenthal** – *Ms. Rosenthal is a judge at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. She chaired the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, to which she was appointed in 2007. Ms. Rosenthal was elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) and in 2007 was elected to its council. She currently serves on ALI's executive committee as an Adviser on four of ALI's projects: The Restatement of Employment Law; Privacy Law Principles; Aggregate Litigation; and Rules of Transnational Civil Procedure. She is a member of the board of editors for the Manual for Complex Litigation published by the Federal Judicial Center.*

**Judge E. P. Belobaba** - *Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) - Educated at the University of Waterloo; Osgoode Hall Law School (Gold Medalist); and Oxford University (Viscount Bennett Scholarship). Law clerk to Chief Justice Bora Laskin, Supreme Court of Canada. Taught law as an Associate Professor and Associate Dean at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University. Practised law as a partner at Gowlings (civil and constitutional litigation and international business law) and as a principal of the Law Office of Edward Belobaba (opinions and appeals). Co-founder and former Editor-in chief of the Supreme Court Law Review. Numerous publications. Appointed to the Superior Court of Justice on May 5, 2005.*

**Judge H. Jongeneel** – *Mr. Jongeneel worked for eleven years at the Free University in Amsterdam. He wrote his thesis about General contract terms (1991). Since 1997 he is a judge in the District court of Amsterdam. He has dealt with several mass claim cases and is a member of the Expert group on mass claims of the Dutch judiciary.*

**Judge G. Martin** – *Mr. Martin is a doctor in law and a judge at the Commercial Court n.1 of Alicante, EU trade mark Court of Spain (Mercantil 1 de Alicante, de Marca comunitaria, dibujos y modelos comunitarios). He is specialised in commercial law with expertise in intellectual property law (trademark and industrial design law) and competition law. He is the author of a monograph and several legal articles.*

### **The sessions will be chaired by:**

Prof. Maria Jose Azar Baud, University Paris Saclay (France)

Prof. Ianika Tzankova, University of Tilburg (the Netherlands)

Dr. Magdalena Tulibacka, Emory Law School (United States) and Oxford University (United Kingdom)

Prof. Stefaan Voet, KU Leuven University (Belgium)

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