

# Update: House Bill a 'Death Sentence' for Plaintiffs' Firms

With Donald Trump in the White House, pro-business groups see an opening for a series of bills moving through the House that would discourage class actions and generally make it harder to sue businesses, reports **Bloomberg Businessweek**.

One bill would restrict plaintiffs' attorneys' fees to a percentage of the amount actually distributed to the class, writes **Paul Barrett**. "That could effectively kill off suits that seek a change in corporate behavior and pay class members little or nothing in damages."

Professor John Coffee Jr. of Columbia Law School wrote on his Blue Sky Blog that a proposed restriction barring plaintiffs' firms from repeatedly representing the same client in class actions "seems either a death sentence for the large plaintiffs' firm or the end of large public pension funds serving as lead plaintiff."

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