General Tips
When using the online catalog, you can perform a word search for the phrase “class actions” to find materials on class actions. You can add jurisdictions or subjects, “and Massachusetts” or “and torts,” to your search to find more specific information. You can also browse titles using Library of Congress subject headings:

Class Actions (Civil Procedure) – United States
Class Actions (Civil Procedure) - Massachusetts

Federal & State Rules
Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs class actions. Annotated discussion is available in the Federal Civil Rules Handbook. In addition, most states have adopted their own class action rules, often based on the Federal rule. Other states may base their rule on the 1976 Uniform Law Commissioners’ Model Class Actions [Act] [Rule]. For more information on the model rule, please see volume 12 of Uniform Laws Annotated.

Massachusetts class actions are governed by Rule 23 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, which are available in Massachusetts Rules of Court: State.

Federal Civil Rules Handbook (West), 4th Floor: KF 8816 .A2
Uniform Laws Annotated (West), 4th Floor: KF 165 .A5 1968
Massachusetts Rules of Court (West), Various locations: KFM 2929 .A195

Federal Statutes and Legislative History

Finding Cases
You can use the following key numbers to find class action cases in West products, such as the Massachusetts Digest:
- Federal Civil Procedure key numbers 161-189
- Parties key numbers 35.1-35.89

General Treatises
Newberg on Class Actions, by Alba Conte and Herbert B. Newberg (West, 2002), 4th Floor: KF8896 .N48 2011
Class Actions and Other Multi-Party Litigation in a Nutshell, by Robert H. Klonoff (West, 2007), 4th Floor: KF 8896 .K56 2012 (also available on CD-ROM)
The 14th Annual National Institute on Class Actions, (ABA) 4th Floor: KF 8896 .A75 N38
A Practitioner’s Guide to Class Actions, by Marcy Hogan Greer (ABA), 4th Floor: KF 8896 .P73 2010
Subject-Specific Treatises

**Tort Litigation**

*Tort Litigation*, by Paul D. Rheingold (West, 2006).  
Litigating Mass Tort Cases, 4th Floor KF 8896 .R54 2006

Consumer Class Actions, by Stuart T. Rossman and Charles Delbaum (National Consumer Law Center, 2010)  
Litigating Class Actions, 4th Floor KF8896.Z9 R67 2013

**Securities**

*How to Prepare and Successfully Try a Securities Class Action in the Post-Reform Era*, (PLI, 2000).  
Litigating securities class actions, 4th Floor KF 8896 .Z9 H68 2000

*Securities Litigation and Enforcement Institute 2010* (PLI, 2010)  

**Employment**

*Securities Litigation and Enforcement Institute 2010* (PLI, 2010)  

**Massachusetts and State Materials**

Class Action Roundtable: An Introduction to Class Action Litigation in Massachusetts (MCLE, 2003).  
Survey of State Class Action Law (Thomson West/ABA, 2010).  

**Policy Issues**

Insurance Class Actions in the United States, 4th Floor KF 8896 .S73 2010

**Periodicals**

*CADS Report* – Class Action and Derivative Suit Committee Newsletter  
Class Action Reports Periodicals ‘C’  
Mealey’s Litigation Report. Class Actions Periodicals ‘M’