

Apple Inc. Securities Class Action

Jurisdiction: United States District Court, Northern District of California

Nature of Claim: Allegations that Apple misled investors regarding iPhone demand in China.

Status: Class certification granted; case in discovery phase.

Potential Impact: Financial damages if judgment is adverse.

Resolution Outlook: Trial not yet scheduled; settlement possible.

Detailed Summary:

This securities class action lawsuit alleges that Apple and certain executives made misleading statements to investors regarding iPhone demand in China during 2018. Following reduced guidance issued by Apple in early 2019, shareholders claimed significant losses tied to alleged omissions and misrepresentations. The Court recently certified the shareholder class, allowing the matter to proceed. Discovery is underway and expected to continue into 2025. Potential damages could be substantial if the plaintiffs succeed, given the size of Apple's investor base. Apple denies any wrongdoing and maintains that disclosures were accurate and compliant with securities law. The case represents a material litigation risk, although Apple has a strong record of defending against securities litigation through settlement or dismissal at later stages.

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