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Use of Forfeitures Getting Class-Action Attention

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The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has long been in charge of setting forth rules for the timing and use of forfeitures in a defined contribution plan. Recently, in fact, the IRS has issued proposed regulations to clarify these rules, which are to be effective in 2024. So, the timing of recent class-action lawsuits filed against 401(k) plans for their use of forfeitures to reduce employer contributions is rather interesting.

In this *TAXES – The Tax Magazine* article, “Use of Forfeitures Getting Class-Action Attention,” Groom principals [Elizabeth Dold](#) and [David Levine](#) summarize the rules and regulations around the use of forfeitures in a defined contribution plan, a review of the class action filings, and action steps for plan sponsors to consider if they are charging participant accounts to help cover plan expenses.

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