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Civil process was in the past considered as private matter because it involves private claims. When those claims involve public interest particularly when there are many injured parties, procedure for individual claim becomes unsuitable. Multiple claims and special process bring undesirable results such as reputations damages, lowdown of the economy, etc. This thesis finds that state interventions of private claims are evident even in the most capitalist country such as the United State where special procedure for multiple claims involving public interest are enacted. "Class Action" is the procedure whereby multiple claims and respondents can be represented by individual. Such representative may act on behalf of the whole class and may be controled by the court. Special procedure can be found in special legislation in Thailand such as Consumer Protection Act B.E. 2522, National Protection and Conservation of Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535, Formation of a Labour Court and Labour Court Proceeding Act B.E. 2522 and Bankruptcy Act B.E. 2489.

This thesis finds that in case of Thailand, special procedures provided by special statutes are inadequate to deal with multiple claims involving public interest. It is so because special statutes are applicable to special cases only. This thesis recommends the adoption of uniform procedure deal with special multiple claim similar to "Class Action" employed by the United State justice system.