

Federal Court Appoints Interim Co-Lead Counsel for Auto Dealers in Wire Harness Price-Fixing Case

Detroit, Michigan. Federal District Judge Marianne Battani today appointed Interim Co-lead Counsel for automobile dealerships in a class action against Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd., Yazaki Corporation, Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC and others, arising out of the Justice Department's criminal investigation of price-fixing in the sale of automotive wire harnesses. The automobile dealers' complaints allege that a number of automotive component manufacturers, in Japan, Germany, the United States and elsewhere, entered into illegal agreements to rig bids and fix prices for wire harnesses and related products.

The Court appointed Don Barrett of the Barrett Law Group, P.A., Jonathan W. Cuneo, of Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP and Shawn Raiter, of Larson • King, LLP, as Interim Co-Lead Counsel to automobile dealerships in 31 states and territories: Arizona, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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The same legal team has also filed suit against Yazaki Corporation and Denso Corporation for fixing prices for four other automotive components: electronic control units, heater control panels, instrument panel clusters and fuel senders.

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