

ANTITRUST CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS

The Antitrust Practice of the Firm focuses primarily on the representation of plaintiffs who have been the victims of price fixing, unfair trade practices, or other anti-competitive conduct. The firm has taken a leading role in many of the largest price fixing and price discrimination cases throughout the United States, which have, after either trials or settlements, led to recovery for the injured parties, of hundreds of millions of dollars.

AUTO PAINT REFINISHING (E.D.Pa.) – The Firm served as co-lead counsel for the class in an antitrust action on behalf of direct purchasers of automotive refinishing paint from defendants during the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 2000. Settlement has been reached with all defendants totaling \$106 million. Defendants included PPG Industries, E.I. DuPont de Numours, Sherwin-Williams, BASF and Akzo Nobel Coatings. This was the largest settlement ever achieved in which the federal government empanelled a grand jury and, eventually, closed the investigation without any charges brought against any of the paint manufacturers.

CARBON BRUSHES (N.D.J.) – The Firm served as co-lead counsel for the class in an antitrust action that accused a group of manufacturers of electrical carbon products of engaging in a decade long conspiracy to fix prices. Defendants included Morgan Crucible, Carbone of America Industries, Schunk GmbH and SGL Carbon. A settlement was reached for \$21.9 million.

FLAT GLASS - (M.D.L. 1200) (W.D. Pa.) - Horizontal price fixing. This was an antitrust action brought on behalf of purchasers of flat glass products alleging that the principal manufacturers of such products colluded to fix prices at artificially inflated levels. Settlements were reached with four of the five defendants totaling over \$60 million.

MEDICAL X-RAY FILM (E.D.N.Y.) – The Firm was co-lead for the class of purchasers from the manufacturers of x-ray film and recovered \$24 million on behalf of the class by settlement.

OLIN SKI LITIGATION (E.D. Pa.) – The Firm was co-lead counsel alleging price fixing by Olin Ski Company and its distributors in the United States. The case was tried and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the class. This was the first time that a class action vertical price fixing case was successfully tried before a jury. The case was eventually settled for more than \$7 million.