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CASE RESULTS

HONDA ISSUES NEW AIRBAG RECALL FOLLOWING CLARK FOUNTAIN CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

Honda issued a new recall for Continental airbags affecting more than five million vehicles two weeks after attorneys Don Fountain and Poorad Razavi, along with co-counsel, Jeff Liggio and Geoff Stahl from Liggio Benrubi, filed a formal class action lawsuit against Honda North America, Honda of America Manufacturing, and Honda Trading America Corp., for the same issue. The recall was released on the same day that Honda released additional recalls for the defective Takata airbags, arguably burying the additional bad news. Repair parts for the recall will not be available until Fall. In addition to Honda, the Continental airbag recall vehicle population also includes Chrysler Fiat, Daimler, and Mercedes.

Following an in-depth investigation, our attorneys discovered that multiple 2008-2010 Honda vehicles are fitted with a defective Airbag Control Module (ACM) manufactured by Continental Automotive. The class action lawsuit, which covers 13 violations, was recently featured as a cover story in [Daily Business Review](#).

POLICY LIMITS RECOVERED AFTER KEEN AND MCCANN'S PERSEVERANCE INVESTIGATING DEADLY MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

When Hampton Keen and Christa McCann were contacted by the family of a woman killed in a horrific motorcycle crash, the initial reports suggested that the at-fault party would never be identified. However, Keen and McCann persevered and determined that the party responsible for a tar spill on the roadway that led to the motorcycle's loss of control was a local landscaping company whose driver had left the scene of the earlier tar spill. After learning the tortfeasor's identity, Keen and McCann convinced the insurance carrier for the landscaping company of its insured's liability, and the insurance carrier tendered the multi-million dollar policy limits.

LEGAL INSIGHTS

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA DIES AT 79

Antonin Scalia, long-time Supreme Court Justice, passed away, reportedly from natural causes, at a resort in West Texas on February



13, 2016 at the age of 79. Scalia was known as a leader of conservative intellectual renaissance during his three decades on the Supreme Court, according to the [New York Times](#).

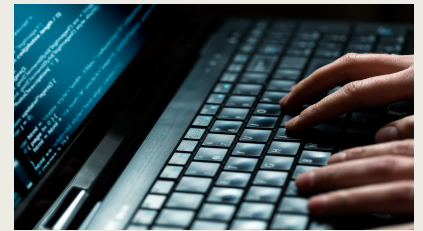
NHTSA GIVES TAKATA UNTIL 2018 TO SOLVE FAULTY AIRBAG PROBLEM OR ISSUE A BLANKET RECALL

According to [ABC News](#), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has given Takata until the end of 2018 to solve their faulty airbag problem or issue a blanket recall. In a February 10, 2016 letter to Mark Rosekind, head of NHTSA, Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., urged the agency to recall all Takata inflators in U.S. vehicles. However, NHTSA spokesman Gordon Trowbridge says the agency doesn't have the data yet to justify that action. The article reports that experts say there could be as many as 50 million Takata air bag inflators in cars that have yet to be called back for repair.



LAW FIRMS BEWARE OF HACKERS

A Jacksonville, Florida law firm was recently victim to a hacker scheme, according to [ABA Journal](#). In December 2015, a hacker broke into Brown Law Firm's computer system, leaving them unable to access any of their digital files. The law firm was forced to pay the hacker's ransom of \$2,500 in bitcoins.



RECALLS

TOYOTA RECALLS NEARLY THREE MILLION RAV4 SUVs



Toyota has issued a recall covering nearly three million Rav 4 sports utility vehicles, just under half of which are in North America, according to [New York Times](#). The recall is due to a malfunction with the rear seatbelt, which could be severed in a crash and leave passengers unprotected. To date, there have been two crashes reported, one of which was fatal. The recall covers vehicles produced between 2005 and 2014 in all markets except Japan, where the recall affects models as recent as 2016.

GM RECALLS 200,000 SAABS, SATURNS

According to [Detroit Free Press](#), General Motors is recalling about 200,000 Saturn and Saab models in North America to replace Takata driver's side air bag inflators. Roughly 180,000 of the recalled vehicles are in the U.S. The recall covers Saab 9-3 vehicles from the 2003 through 2011 model years, Saab 9-5 vehicles from 2010 to 2011 and Saturn



Astra vehicles from 2008 and 2009 model years.

BMW, VOLKSWAGEN, DAIMLER RECALL VEHICLES WITH TAKATA AIRBAGS



Earlier this month, the three largest German automakers said they are recalling 2.5 million vehicles in the U.S. equipped with Takata air bags, according to [Reuters](#). Volkswagen said its recalls include 2006 to 2010 model year Passat sedans and wagons, 2012 to 2014 Eos and Passats, 2010 to 2014 Golf and Jetta SportWagen and 2009 to 2014 Volkswagen CC. BMW is recalling cars and SUVs from model years 2006 to 2015. Daimler's recall affects Mercedes-Benz passenger cars and SUVs from 2005 to 2014 model years.

BRIDGESTONE-FIRESTONE RECALLS OVER 36,000 TRUCK TIRES

According to [ABC News](#) Bridgestone-Firestone North America is recalling over 36,000 heavy truck tires in North America. The tread can separate from the body, causing sudden loss of air pressure, loss of control, and increasing the risk of crash. The recall covers 22.5-inch Firestone FS561 replacement trailer tires manufactured from January 25, 2016 to January 27, 2016.



DIRT DEVIL RECALLS MORE THAN 150,000 VACUUMS



The Dirt Devil Total Pet Cyclonic Upright Vacuum has been recalled due to an electrical hazard, according to [Popular Mechanics](#). The recall covers about 149,000 products sold in the United States and another nearly 10,000 sold in Canada.

Recalled vacuums were manufactured between February 2014 and September 2015 and include model numbers UD70210, UD70210CA and UD70210RM. The vacuum's electric cord plug prong can detach and remain in the electrical outlet, which can pose an electrical shock hazard.

28,000 KUL FAN HEATERS RECALLED

According to [Consumer Affairs](#) recently reported that CE North America is recalling about 28,000 KUL fan heaters in the United States and Canada. The fan heaters can over heat and pose a fire hazard. The recall covers KUL small, black portable fan heaters with the model number "KU39229" sold exclusively at Bed, Bath & Beyond stores throughout the country.



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