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Judge rules Delphi did not breach warranty

Lear alleged airbag recall was caused by defective connectors

No cause

After settling with Chrysler for vehicle warranty and recall expenses related to an airbag warning light problem, Lear third-partied Delphi into the case, alleging the recall was caused by defective electrical connectors supplied to it by Delphi.

Delphi maintained that its connectors met all applicable specifications and standards, and further, that the airbag warning light problem was actually caused by Lear's defective seat design and deficient crimping process.

After a two-week trial, the court concluded there was no breach of warranty and entered judgment in favor of Delphi.

S. Thomas Wienner, counsel for defendant, presented case information.



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Type of action: Automotive Cost Recovery Action

Injuries alleged: Vehicle recall expenses incurred by Lear in the amount of \$7,047,439.76

Name of case: Lear Corporation v. Delphi Connection Systems US, Inc.

Court/Case no./Date: Oakland County Circuit Court/2015-146773-CK/May 9, 2017

Tried before: Judge

Name of judge: James M. Alexander

Judgment: No cause of action

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