

LEGAL NOTICE

Individuals and Sole Proprietors in California: If you at any time between March 1, 1995 and November 25, 2007 purchased a product containing a cathode ray tube, such as a television or a computer monitor, your rights may be affected by the dismissal of the Attorney General's *parens patriae* lawsuit. You could get a cash payment from a related federal lawsuit.

Read on for more information about the dismissal, the related federal lawsuit, and your rights and options.

File a claim for a cash payment in the federal lawsuit at www.crtclaims.com.

- **What is this about?** In 2011, the California Attorney General brought a civil lawsuit against certain makers of CRTs alleging they were part of a price-fixing scheme between March 1, 1995 and November 25, 2007 (the "price-fixing period") that resulted in overcharges in the price of products that contained CRTs, such as televisions and computer monitors. The case is *The State of California, et al. v. Samsung SDI, Co., Ltd., et al.*, Case No. CGC-11-515784 in San Francisco Superior Court ("Attorney General's Lawsuit"). Among other claims, the Attorney General's lawsuit asks for monetary damages suffered by individuals and sole proprietors in California who indirectly purchased CRTs during the price-fixing period ("Parens Patriae Claim").

There is another civil lawsuit, in federal court, related to the same price-fixing scheme. A group of indirect purchasers of CRTs filed a lawsuit against makers of CRTs for the same price-fixing scheme. The plaintiffs in that lawsuit are called the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs ("IPPs") and their case is called *In re: Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 3:07-MDL-1917, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "Federal Lawsuit").

Recently, the IPPs and the defendant CRT makers in the Federal Lawsuit have reached a settlement that resulted in a sizeable Settlement Fund for the benefit of indirect purchasers of CRTs nationwide.

Indirect purchasers of CRTs, including individuals and sole proprietors in California who purchased a product containing CRT at any time between March 1, 1995 and November 25, 2007 may file a claim for monetary payment from this Settlement Fund.

California individuals and sole proprietors who indirectly purchased CRTs now have until **June 30, 2016** to submit a claim for payment from the IPPs' Settlement Fund. To file a claim visit www.crtclaims.com.

In addition, the Attorney General will also establish a \$195,000 grant fund for the indirect benefit of California individuals and sole proprietors affected by the CRT price-fixing scheme. This fund will be distributed in the form of geographically diverse grants to charitable or non-profit organizations whose work addresses as near as possible the harm alleged in the lawsuit by offering computer-related or technology-related services. For additional information on this grant process, visit the Attorney General's website at http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/crt_notice.

- **Whose rights are affected by the dismissal of the Attorney General's lawsuit?** The dismissal of the Attorney General's *parens patriae* lawsuit affects individuals and sole proprietors in California who purchased a product containing CRT at any time between March 1, 1995 and November 25, 2007.

- **What are my rights and options in light of the dismissal of the Attorney General's *Parens Patriae* Claim?**

File a claim for a cash payment in the federal lawsuit. At the Attorney General's request, the federal court extended the claims deadline for *California individuals and sole proprietors only* to **June 30, 2016**. To file a claim for a cash payment and get more information about the Federal Lawsuit, visit www.crtclaims.com.

Do Nothing: By doing nothing, you agree to the Attorney General's request to dismiss the *Parens Patriae* Claim against Defendants Hitachi, LG, Panasonic, Samsung, and Toshiba. If the court grants the dismissal, then the Attorney General will not be able to refile this claim on your behalf. The dismissal will not affect your right to make a claim for cash payment in the Federal Lawsuit.

Exclude Yourself from the Dismissal of the *Parens Patriae* Claim: You have the right to exclude yourself from the dismissal of the Attorney General's *Parens Patriae* claim. By excluding yourself, you will not be legally bound by this dismissal. Your exclusion request must be postmarked by May 30, 2016.

Request to Appear at the Dismissal Hearing: If you do not exclude yourself, you have the right to appear at the Dismissal Hearing described below. To request to appear, you must complete the form available at http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/crt_notice. Your request must be postmarked by May 30, 2016.

Complete instructions about how to act on your rights are available at http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/crt_notice.

- **The Dismissal Hearing.** Judge Curtis E.A. Karnow will hold a hearing on September 27, 2016 to determine whether to grant the Attorney General's request to dismiss the *parens patriae* portion of her lawsuit. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. at 400 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102, in Department 304. The hearing may be adjourned, extended to another date and time or postponed without further notice. Please check the Attorney General's website for the most up-to-date information on the hearing date and time.

**For More Information and Updates call 1-888-283-3187 or visit
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