

## **Class Action Summary**

## Washington State LCD Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Class Action

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Information contained in this Summary is subject to change.

Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator, once one is appointed, may be contacted for additional settlement information.

You also may visit the court approved website once one is established.

Please understand that you have the right to file on your own.

If you or your business reside in Washington State and purchased a TV, monitor or notebook computer containing an LCD flat panel from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2006, you may be entitled to participate in \$63,140,500 in class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time. No claim filing deadline has been set.

<u>Eligible Class Members:</u> This summary applies to individuals or entities who <u>reside</u> in the state of Washington and who <u>indirectly purchased</u> "TFT-LCD panels" (as defined below) for their own use and not for resale during the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2006 from any of the "Defendants" detailed below. You are an "**indirect**" class member if you purchased a TV, monitor or notebook computer containing an LCD flat panel from any entity other than the Defendants, that is, from an intermediary, such as a retail store or supplier.

<u>Definition of TFT-LCD Panels:</u> Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Display ("TFT-LCD") panels are used in a number of products, including televisions, computer monitors, and notebook / laptop computers. To be eligible for this Settlement, a TFT-LCD panel could have been purchased through the following means: (1) from direct purchasers, such as Dell, Hewlett-Packard, and Apple, that incorporate TFT-LCD panels into final, branded TFT-LCD products and sell them directly to the public; or (2) retailers (such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, or Target) that acquire the TFT-LCD products from TFT-LCD panel direct purchasers or distributors.

"Defendants": The Defendants include the following companies and their U.S. based subsidiaries: 1) AU Optronics Corp. and AU Optronics Corp. America, Inc.; 2) Chimei Innolux Corp. and Chi Mei Optoelectronics USA Inc.; 3) Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd.; 4) Epson Imaging Devices Corp. and Epson Electronics America, Inc.; 5) Hitachi, Ltd.; Hitachi Display Co. Ltd.; and Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc.; 6) LG Display Co., Ltd. and LG Display America, Inc.; 7) Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.; and Samsung Electronics America, Inc.; 8) Sharp Corp. and Sharp Electronics Corp.; 9) Toshiba Corp.; Toshiba Mobile Display Co., Ltd.; Toshiba America Electronic Components, Inc.; and Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc.

<u>Case History</u>: In 2010, the Attorney General of the State of Washington filed a lawsuit on behalf of consumers (including businesses) over allegations that the Defendants fixed prices of TFT-LCD panels indirectly purchased by such consumers. To date, all of the Defendants have settled with the class and these settlements are pending Court approval. A claims process will now take place, at which point the proceeds will be distributed to eligible class members who file a valid claim. Please note that this settlement is separate from the previous \$1.1 Billion TFT-LCD Indirect Class Action Settlement where consumers from twenty-four (24) other states were eligible to participate to recover proceeds from similar Defendants.

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