

Class Action Summary

Print Books Direct
Antitrust Class Action

***This is not an official Court Notice. Information contained in this Summary is subject to change.
There is no monetary settlement at this time.***

If you are a retail or online bookseller and directly purchased print books from the Big Five Publishers on or after **March 25, 2017**, an antitrust class action lawsuit alleging price fixing may affect you.

Eligible Class Members: If certified, eligible Class Members are all retail booksellers and/or online retail booksellers (excluding all governmental entities), who or which, from March 25, 2017 to the present, purchased print books (hardbacks, paperbacks and mass produced) at wholesale directly from the “Big Five Publishers” (listed below).

“Defendants”: The Defendants include: 1) Amazon.com, Inc. (“Amazon”); and 2) the “Big Five Publishers” including Hachette Book Group, Inc., HarperCollins Publishers L.L.C., Macmillan Publishing Group, LLC, Penguin Random House LLC and Simon & Schuster, Inc.

Case History: In 2021, a class action lawsuit was filed in the Southern District of New York alleging the Defendants unlawfully contracted, combined or conspired to restrain competition for print books by entering into distribution agreements that fixed the wholesale price of print books and prevented Amazon’s competitors from competing on price and/or product availability in violation of federal antitrust laws. It is impossible to predict the outcome, but money may become available to eligible class members if the class is certified and a settlement is reached with the Defendants in the future. FRS will update this Summary as the case progresses and new information becomes available.

**If a monetary settlement is obtained, information about it will be available from Class Counsel.
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 and when
there is a monetary settlement.***

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