

Contact Lenses

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On March 3, 2015, Hausfeld filed the first consumer class action lawsuit under federal antitrust laws and California and Maryland antitrust and consumer protection laws in this consolidated litigation, on behalf of a class of end-user purchasers of certain disposable contact lenses manufactured by the four leading domestic producers—Johnson & Johnson Vision Care (“JJVC”), Alcon, Bausch & Lomb and CooperVision.

Hausfeld, on behalf of purchasers of contact lenses subject to Unilateral Pricing Policies, filed a class action complaint against these manufacturers and ABB Optical Group, which is the self-proclaimed “largest distributor of soft contact lenses” in America. Hausfeld serves as co-lead counsel in this case.

On June 16, 2016, the court overseeing the litigation denied the defendants’ motion to dismiss, and on February 21, 2018, the plaintiffs announced that they had reached a settlement with CooperVision. The court preliminarily approved that settlement on July 10, 2018. On December 4, 2018, the court certified a nationwide class of consumers asserting federal antitrust claims, as well as Maryland and California sub-classes. The case is scheduled to go to trial in February 2020.