

Consumer Appliance Task Force

Cozen O'Connor's national and international subrogation department has handled thousands of claims arising from appliance failures over the past several decades. In a typical year, we receive in excess of 5,000 large loss assignments, many of which arise from appliance failures. Insofar as Cozen O'Connor is in an incomparable position to evaluate claims from all 50 states for repetitive failure issues, we have created an Appliance Defect Task Force to enable a group of our attorneys to concentrate their practice on these losses. Our Task Force is comprised of highly experienced attorneys positioned throughout our 26 offices in the U.S., Canada and London, and our subsidiary, National Subrogation Services. Our attorneys have handled losses involving virtually every consumer appliance, resulting in fires, water damage and other property damage losses.

Our Appliance Defect Task Force maintains a database regarding product recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and other regulatory agencies. We also systematically track and monitor administrative actions and other legal proceedings arising out of product defects. The magnitude of the losses we handle enable our Task Force to identify systemic design defects in these products. Our library of documents also includes extensive information from manufacturing defendants in cases we already have litigated, which we can use for new claims arising out of failures of identical or similar products. In addition, we have a team of forensic consultants who have worked with us in many of these claims, so as to formulate alternative - and safer - product designs that will eliminate and reduce the risk of hazard.



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