

# Jenner & Block Trial Team Named Litigator of the Week Runners-Up

## News

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A Jenner & Block trial team was named Litigator of the Week Runners-Up by *The American Lawyer* for their work representing Kraft Heinz Co., Kellogg Co., General Mills Inc., and Nestle USA Inc. in antitrust litigation against the nation's largest egg producers and two industry groups. The team secured \$17.7 million in damages and the plaintiffs are entitled to have that amount trebled.

After a five-week trial, a federal jury in Illinois found Cal-Maine Food, Rose Acre Farms, United Egg Producers, and United States Egg Marketers liable for conspiring to inflate the prices of eggs from the late 1990s through at least 2008.

Our clients sued the defendants in 2011 for their antitrust violations. The price-fixing scheme involved various measures to restrict the egg supply such as prematurely slaughtering still-productive hens.

This verdict is the first holding these businesses liable for their actions. Two other sets of egg buyer plaintiffs failed to convince juries that the producers fixed the price of their eggs. Likewise, a similar matter involving price-fixing allegations for broiler chickens also failed before a jury in Chicago on October 26.

US Judge Steven Seeger, who presided over the case said, "The lawyering here is as good as any lawyering I've ever seen on the bench. I told you at the outset of the case that I wanted to see Major League Baseball, and you all delivered an All-Star game."

Brandon Fox and Annie Kastanek argued the case. The trial team also included Angela Allen, Michael Brody, Amy Gallegos, Joel Pelz, Sati Harutyunyan, John VanDeventer, Christopher Sheehan, Margaret Hlousek, Christian Plummer, Reanne Zheng, and Matthew Summers.

Read more on the case here.

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