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Toyota hits the brakes in Nevada

Las Vegas attorney files lawsuit on behalf of Nevada vehicle owners

In the midst of the largest consumer product crisis to face an automotive company in history, Las Vegas attorney Dennis Kennedy today filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of Nevada Toyota owners. Kennedy is the lead Nevada counsel representing a nationwide consortium of attorneys who have filed or are filing class-action lawsuits against Toyota for recently-revealed defects.

Kennedy's case, which was filed today in the Eighth Judicial District Court, will be pursued on behalf of Nevadans with defective Toyota vehicles. A complete list of Toyota's recalls and defects are available on the attorney's website at www.baileykennedy.com. Among the major defects Toyota has recently admitted to are faulty gas pedals and floor mats that cause gas pedals to jam.

The Attorneys' Toyota Action Consortium consists of lawyers who are currently managing more than 40 lawsuits in approximately 32 U.S. states representing millions of American consumers. Toyota's liability to consumers for defects in its vehicles is expected to exceed \$3 billion.

"This is a crisis that threatens Toyota's existence and must be resolved quickly," said Kennedy. "Toyota owners want answers. Our clients are uncertain about which models and years are affected, and whether repairs will even fix what's wrong with their Toyotas."

"We believe it is in everyone's interest to resolve these matters now, rather than subject Toyota- and loyal purchasers of Toyota vehicles in the US- to years of difficult litigation," said Kennedy. The National Highway Safety Transportation Administration and the Congress are also involved in investigating and resolving this crisis.

If anyone knows about class-action cases, it's Dennis Kennedy. He has been practicing law in Nevada for 35 years and has represented many of the country's leading drug, food, health care, insurance, tobacco, hotel-casino, and other companies in both the enforcement and defense of their rights – often in class action litigation.

"About five years ago I expanded my practice to include the victims of corporate wrongdoing. I have a unique perspective from both sides of class-action matters," he said. Among his recent class-action engagements is serving as co-lead counsel in a national class-action case against a prominent nutritional supplement manufacturer. "I know from experience, there is power in numbers. This case will give Nevada Toyota owners a voice they might not otherwise have had."

While Kennedy's case is being pursued on behalf of Nevadans, they could be part of a national resolution if one is reached. The Attorneys' Toyota Action Consortium is working collectively to seek justice for all consumers and Toyota.

For more information on the Nevada class-action case against Toyota, call Dennis Kennedy directly at 702-562-8820.

In addition to his legal practice, Kennedy is a former adjunct professor of law at UNLV's Boyd School of Law and is currently the co-editor of the *Nevada Civil Practice Manual* -- the definitive authority on Nevada civil practice and procedure.

He has been named a Super Lawyer in Nevada for the past three years and has been listed with a "1" ranking in the Chambers USA category of Litigation: General/ Commercial in Nevada since 2003.

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