

Don Beskind and Don Strickland served as members of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in a Federal Multi-District Litigation in Baltimore, Maryland, known as *In re American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Dealerships Relations Litigation* (MDL 1069) that resulted in a \$330 million settlement on behalf of more than 1400 class action and direct action plaintiffs. Our firm represented 16 direct action current and former Honda dealers who did not receive their fair allocation of Honda cars because of a nationwide bribery and kickback scheme by Honda executives and several large Honda dealers. The scheme diverted cars that should have gone to the plaintiffs to dealers who paid bribes to Honda executives. The case settled in 1998 for \$330 million, which was the largest civil RICO settlement in the United States. Of that amount, our 16 clients received \$78 million.

The 1998 case spawned a second class action case based on allegations that Honda withheld evidence and obstructed justice in the first case. In this second action, Don Beskind and Don Strickland again served on the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, representing a nationwide class of Honda dealers. Don Strickland also served as the lead negotiator for the plaintiffs. That case, which concluded in 2002, settled for \$60 million.