Summary

Odometer Tampering, Lemon Laundering, and Concealment of Salvage or Other Adverse History

Millions of consumers are defrauded each year by dealers not disclosing a vehicle’s wreck, flood, or salvage history, true odometer reading, prior use, lemon-law buyback history, or repaired damage to brand new cars. Other frauds involve vehicle titles, “yo-yo” transactions, and sale of gray market, cloned, or stolen vehicles.

How to obtain punitive damages, rescission, treble damages, or $10,000 statutory damages, and attorney fees:

- Federal and state requirements for titles (including electronic titling), odometer readings, “yo-yo” sales, undisclosed damage to brand-new cars
- Investigation and remedies regarding salvage, prior wreck, and lemon laundering scams
- 50-state analysis of automobile fraud laws
- Best practices in turning fraud claims into large punitive damages
- Advantages of warranty, UDAP, tort, and statutory claims.

Winning Investigation and Litigation Techniques

Follow the title: How to obtain and utilize a vehicle’s title history

Follow the metal: How to inspect the vehicle

Follow the money: Finding hidden dealer assets, liability of wholesalers, auctions, floor planners, dealer bonds, and more.

Effective Practice Tools

- Sample discovery, complaints, and trial documents
- Detailed advice on every aspect of an automobile fraud litigation
- Client retainer agreements and sample notices
- Sample NMVTIS and Carfax reports and 50 states’ forms to request title history
- NHTSA letters and important regulatory and legislative history

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