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There is a lawsuit involving the harmful health and safety properties of tennis rackets on the hitting arm, shoulder, wrist and forearm. The lawsuit claims that Racket companies has deliberately designed and manufactured hollow air-injected tennis rackets and has sold them for 30 years. As a result, there have been hundreds of millions of arm problems by tennis players – both professional and recreational players, including children that have been caused by the rackets. The Class Action seeks money for current and former tennis players who have suffered arm injuries.

If you've suffered arm pain after playing tennis, you may be eligible to participate as a plaintiff in the Class Action that's asking the Eastern District Court of New York (Case Number: CV12-5577) for redress, relief, and \$1 billion in punitive damages. It also calls for a product recall of millions of air-injected tennis rackets as a Class B Hazard under Consumer Safety Product Commissions regulations because of the likelihood of users afflicted with tennis elbow or shoulder injuries or other arm injuries. It also asks the Court to require warning labels on all Wilson and other manufacturers' hollow air-injected rackets.

The Plaintiffs claim that racket manufacturers knowingly manufactured the unsafe rackets. The governing body of the sport – the International Tennis Federation -- states that half of recreational tennis players will suffer from tennis elbow at some point during their playing lifetimes. (http://www.itftennis.com/scienceandmedicine/injury-clinic/tennis-injuries/tennis-elbow).

If you ever suffered arm pain after playing tennis, you may have a claim in the case of a class action settlement.

A class action lawsuit may affect you if you ever used a composite or graphite tennis racket and experienced any shoulder, wrist or elbow pain.

If you qualify when the case is settled, you may send in a claim form to ask for payment, or you can exclude yourself from the settlement, or object in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The Court will have a hearing to consider whether to approve the settlement, so that the benefits may be paid.

WHO'S AFFECTED?

Tennis players who have ever used a composite or graphite rackets since their inception in 1978. You're a 'Class Member' if you have ever experienced pain or injury of the shoulder wrist or elbow at any time before November, 14, 2012.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

The lawsuit claims that Racket Companies has made and sold defective products knowing that they were harmful and unsafe without adequate warnings of potential side effects of using said product. This posed a danger to the health and safety of anyone who used the products. The suit claims that continuing usage increases the risk of developing arm, shoulder, wrist and elbow injuries.

WHAT CAN YOU GET FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

There could be an Injury Compensation Fund of up to \$1 billion for Class Members who have or are currently suffering from an arm pain or injury after using a composite or graphite racket. Individual compensation will be in varying amounts, depending on the severity of the injury.

HOW DO YOU GET A PAYMENT?

A detailed notice and claim form package will contain everything you need. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to obtain information to be added as a Member of the Class. For an injury compensation claim, you'll have to submit contact information for your doctor or submit a copy of medical records that describes your current or former arm pain or injury.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

If you don't want a payment and you don't want to be legally bound by the settlement, you will have the opportunity to exclude yourself from the Class. A detailed notice will describe how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a hearing in this case (Case Number: CV12-5577) to consider whether to approve any settlement and attorneys' fees and expenses.

For more details, including the timeline of the lawsuit, go to <u>www.tennisclassaction.com</u>. If you have any questions, you may email the Smilansky v. Wilson Sporting Goods, et al. Settlement to info@tennisclassaction.com.

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