

1. 12/10/2020

A batch of motor oil is produced by LubriTech which is later revealed to contain a higher-than-acceptable level of Polymer X due to a manufacturing error, confirmed in the investigation report.

2. 01/15/2021

The plaintiff purchases a batch of UltraGuard motor oil branded by LubriTech from AutoMart located in Albany, New York.

3. 01/20/2021

The plaintiff uses the motor oil in his 2020 Ford Mustang during a routine oil change at Speedy Lube.

4. 02/05/2021

The plaintiff notices unusual noises from the engine of his vehicle.

5. 02/07/2021

The plaintiff takes the car to Speedy Lube for a preliminary inspection but no immediate issues are found.

6. 02/15/2021

The plaintiff's vehicle breaks down on the New York State Thruway.

7. 02/16/2021

The plaintiff's vehicle is towed to Albany Auto Repair.

8. 02/18/2021

The plaintiff is informed by mechanics that the motor oil used caused significant engine damage due to insufficient lubrication.

9. 03/01/2021

The plaintiff contacts LubriTech about the issue and seeks compensation.

10. 03/10/2021

LubriTech responds, denying fault and asserting their product meets industry standards.

11. 03/25/2021

The results from ChemTest Labs indicate the oil contained excessive levels of "Polymer X".

12. 04/02/2021

The plaintiff files a complaint with the New York State Department of Consumer Protection.

13. 05/15/2021

The investigation report confirms the findings from the lab results about the motor oil. The report is produced.

14. 05/31/2021

The investigation report is released.

- 6/1/2021

The lawsuit was filed in the Supreme Court

- 7/10/2021

The initial hearing was scheduled

16. 08/1/2021

The discovery phase commenced.

17. 08/15/2021

Internal emails show LubriTech was aware of complaints about the oil batch but chose not to issue a recall or notify consumers.

18. 09/05/2021

LubriTech's head of quality control deposed and admits that the contamination was identified on 12/20/2020, but no corrective action was taken due to cost concerns.

19. 10/10/ 2021

The trial commences.

20. 10/31/2021

The jury awards the plaintiff \$100,000 for punitive damages.

21. 11/15/2021

LubriTech files an appeal challenging the verdict and damages awarded.

22. 01/10/2022

The Appellate Division, Third Department, hears the appeals and two weeks and three days later, affirms the lower court's ruling.

23. 03/15/2022

Leave to appeal is granted for LubriTech to New York Court of Appeals.

24. 03/18/2022

The appellate lawyer is to be disbarred for improper conduct.

25. 06/10/2024

The case is before the New York Court of Appeals, with oral arguments scheduled.