- December 10, 2020

A batch of motor oil including some bearing an expiration date of November 20, 2025, is produced by LubriTech Industries, Inc. The oil contains a higher-thanacceptable level of Polymer X.

- January 15, 2021

The plaintiff, James Rosco, purchases a batch of motor oil branded as "UltraGuard."

- January 20, 2021

Rosco uses the motor oil in his 2020 Ford Mustang during an oil change at Speedy Lube.

- February 5, 2021

Rosco notices unusual noises coming from the engine.

- February 7, 2021

Initial inspection conducted at Speedy Lube yields no immediate issues.

- February 15, 2021

Rosco's vehicle breaks down on New York State Thruway.

- February 16, 2021

Rosco's car is towed to Albany Auto Repair after a change of license plates.

- February 18, 2021

Rosco is informed of the significant engine damage due to the prematurely degraded motor oil.

- March 1, 2021

Rosco contacts LubriTech.

- March 10, 2021

LubriTech denies fault and asserts compliance with industry standards.

- March 25, 2021

Lab results received confirming the high levels of Polymer X in the motor oil.

- April 2, 2021

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

- May 15, 2021

Official investigation report confirms high levels of Polymer X in the December 10, 2020, batch.

- June 1, 2021

Lawsuit filed against LubriTech.

- July 10, 2021

Initial hearing scheduled before Judge Emily Thompson.

- August 1, 2021

Discovery phase begins.

- August 15, 2021

Internal emails reveal LubriTech's

was initiated.

- September 5, 2021

LubriTech's head of quality control admits prior knowledge of contamination and lack of corrective action under oath.

- October 10, 2021

Trial commences.

- October 31, 2021

Jury awards Rosco \$100,000 in punitive damages.

November 15,2021

LubriTech files an appeal.

- January 10, 2022

The Appellate Division, Third Department, affirms the lower court's ruling.

- March 15, 2022

LubriTech's application for an appeal to the New York Court of Appeals is granted.

- March 18, 2022

Remarks regarding disbarment of the appellate lawyer for improper conduct.

- June 10, 2024

Oral arguments scheduled before the New York Court of Appeals.