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Law360: Major Chip Makers Duck Antitrust Conspiracy Claims, For Now

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Samsung Electronics Co. and two other major electronic companies earned a victory when a federal court in California dismissed nearly all of a class action lawsuit filed by consumers who claimed the chip makers conspired to manipulate the price on progressive random-access memory, a major element in most digital devices.

Judge Jeffrey S. White found the plaintiffs had not properly shown the ways they were impacted by the companies' practice on their products, which are found in almost all household electronics.

"The court must be able to, from the face of the complaint, infer both that the supracompetitively-priced DRAM component and its supracompetitive price wended their way into the DRAM products plaintiffs purchased," Judge White said. "Plaintiffs have not satisfied this requirement."

O'Mevleny & Myers LLP represented Samsung. The O'Melveny team included Ian Simmons, Steve McIntyre, Allison Smith, Brian Quinn, Kurt Brown and Ben Sweeney.

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