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Dean David Logan explains how paint makers could be affected by a California state court's breakthrough decision ordering companies to pay \$1.1 billion in damages.

From the ASSOCIATED PRESS: "[\\$1.1B California Paint Ruling May Prompt New Suits](#)" by Paul Elias, Associated Press

This AP story has been syndicated to approximately 100 media outlets worldwide. Dean Logan has also been quoted on the California case by other news organizations, including the [Wall Street Journal](#).



December 18, 2013 (AP): Paint makers could face a surge of lawsuits after a California state court judge ordered three companies to pay \$1.1 billion to help government agencies get rid of lead from an estimated 5 million homes in the state.

The ruling, while preliminary, was a rare loss for an industry that had turned back some 50 lawsuits filed nationwide over the last 25 years by public agencies seeking billions of dollars to remove lead-based paint from homes built before the federal government banned the product from the U.S. market in 1987.

"The California ruling is certainly a significant development," **said David Logan, a class action expert and dean of Roger Williams University Law in Rhode Island.** "If it gets upheld, it will open a new path to victory for public agencies." [...]

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