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Parties Settle "All Natural" Corn Starch Case

Teufel v. Karlin Foods Corp., No. 1:14-cv-23100 (S.D. Fla.): The Court issued a final order approving a class action settlement in this putative class action alleging violation of Florida's DUTPA, and raising claims of negligent misrepresentation and unjust enrichment. Plaintiff based the case on the allegation that Defendant misleadingly advertises its Great Value Corn Starch as "All Natural," when in fact it contains unnatural, synthetic, artificial, and/or genetically modified cornstarch. The terms of the settlement include a payment by Defendant up to \$515,000 to members of the settlement class, but no more than \$825,000 for payments to settlement class members and administrative expenses combined, as well as payment of no more than \$160,000 in attorneys' fees and expenses. *Order*.

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