$87 Million Each for Lead Firms in 2010 Oil Spill Litigation



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A committee of attorneys involved in litigation arising from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill has made its recommendation for dividing $700 million in fees among 122 law firms involved in years of complex legal work, reports the **Associated Press**.

Two Louisiana law firms that steered the litigation will get the biggest payouts. Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards of Lafayette and Herman, Herman & Katz in New Orleans will get about $87.8 million if a federal judge approves the recommendation filed this week in U.S. District Court in New Orleans.

“Millions of barrels of oil spewed into the Gulf of Mexico for 87 days after an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon offshore rig at BP’s Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico,” writes Kevin McGill. “Eleven workers were killed and the pollution affected Gulf fisheries, delicate wetlands and recreational beaches.”

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