Arizona Sues GM for $3 Billion Over Recalls, Cites In-House Attorneys

Arizona has filed suit against General Motors, claiming that the automaker defrauded the state's consumers of an estimated $3 billion, *The New York Times* reports.

The suit is the first major legal action against GM over its record number of recalls this year, most notable among them one for a defective ignition switch in 2.6 million small cars that was delayed for a decade. The suit suggests that "multiple in-house attorneys" were aware of the problem, including Michael P. Milliken, the company's general counsel for the past five years.

The Times said the complaint was harsh and unsparing in its criticism of GM, suggesting that the automaker intentionally misled consumers through its advertising, website and public statements, and that some of its top leaders were complicit in the alleged misdeeds.

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