Class Actions: Lawyers Get Thousands, Plaintiffs Get Pennies and Pastries

Twitter, Yelp, Instagram, Foursquare and a few other apps are agreeing to a $5.3 million settlement to an invasion-of-privacy class action in which the companies' apps were accused of accessing the address books of iOS users without their knowledge or consent, reports **Arstechnica.com**.

Fees for the lawyers who brought the suit on behalf of an estimated 7 million members of the class will be about $1.59 million. Individual class members are in for a payday of about 53 cents each.

Class members in a suit against Dunkin' Donuts won't even get money. They're in for a payoff of free buttered treats, according to the **Associated Press**. Their lawyers, however, will collect $90,000 in fees in the settlement.

Thomas Shapiro, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs, said it wasn't a profitable case for his firm.

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