# Southwest Airlines Reaches $15 Million Settlement in Price Collusion Lawsuit

*Fortune* **is reporting** that Southwest Airlines agreed to pay $15 million to settle nationwide antitrust litigation by passengers who accused the four largest U.S. carriers of conspiring to raise fares by reducing seating capacity.

The Dallas-based carrier denied wrongdoing but said it settled to avoid the cost and distraction of further litigation.

The remaining defendants, including American Airlines Group, Delta Air Lines and United Continental Holdings, have not settled.

The report says Southwest agreed to help plaintiffs with their suit against the other three.

**Read the *Fortune* article**.