

MURRAY V. MOTOROLA GOES TO TRIAL AFTER 21 YEARS

The important legal case, *Murray v. Motorola*, case no. 2001 CA 008479 B in D.C. Superior Court, is holding evidentiary hearings before Judge Irving. The hearings began September 12 and will run through September 30. This is a lawsuit that was filed in 2001 by a group of plaintiffs who got brain cancer from their cell phones.

The defendants are virtually the entire telecommunications industry: Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, T-Mobile, Bell South, Bell Atlantic, Motorola, Qualcomm, Samsung, SONY, Sanyo, Nokia, the CTIA, the FCC, and dozens of other telecommunications companies.

In 2001 and 2002, Michael Patrick Murray and five other people, all of whom had brain tumors located beneath where they had held their cell phones, sued the telecommunications industry for damages. In 2010 and 2011, seven more brain cancer victims joined the case as additional plaintiffs. Because of delaying tactics and appeals by the industry defendants, this case has bounced back and forth from one court to another for 21 years. A majority of the plaintiffs have meanwhile died.

Evidence and expert testimony is being taken beginning this week, and then, barring additional delays, the case will finally go before a jury. There is a tremendous amount at stake here for all of us.

The phone numbers to listen to these hearings are 202-860-2110 (local) or 844-992-4726. After dialing the number, enter the Meeting ID which is 129 685 3445.

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