

Putting the Brakes on Red-Light Camera Lawsuits

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Carlton Fields attorneys helped secure the dismissal of a putative federal class action lawsuit against the private contractor American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS). U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno tossed the lawsuit following the Florida Supreme Court's rejection of a similar challenge in *Jimenez v. State of Florida, et al.* The justices ruled in May that Florida law allows third-party vendors to review red-light camera images and that cities, not ATS, issue violations under these safety programs. The class action against a group of red-light camera companies and more than 80 municipalities and counties also alleged the local governments' red-light camera systems did not comply with Florida law. The plaintiffs estimated their damages at \$200 million. Judge Moreno of the Southern District of Florida ruled the case, *Parker, et al. v. American Traffic Solutions, Inc., et al.*, could not go forward after the Florida Supreme Court's ruling. "This was a long road that crisscrossed the courts at the state and federal levels, but it achieved the right result," said Kevin McCoy, Carlton Fields shareholder and attorney for ATS.

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