# Lawsuit Filed against Ford and Texas Instruments

A Texas couple has filed a lawsuit against the Ford Motor Company and Texas Instruments, according to a report on UltimateSpringTx.com.

The suit alleges that a faulty speed control switch caught fire. The fire, according to the suit, started in October of 2010 and was the result of the faulty switch, which was installed in a Lincoln Town Car and manufactured by Texas Instruments. The suit alleges that this was the direct cause of the fire and that it damaged a metal building that belonged to the plaintiff.

### Why People File these Suits

<u>Product liability law firms</u> represent people who believe that a company's products have been the direct cause of damages they have suffered to their persons or their property. In this case, the plaintiff is alleging that both the manufacturer of the car and the manufacturer of the part are liable for damages.

## **Understanding Liability**

It's up to the plaintiff's <u>defective products attorney</u> to establish that the company is liable for the damages. They will have to establish that the product was either advertised in a way that was inaccurate, that it was manufactured in a way that made it defective or that the design of the product itself was faulty. This is the heart of product liability law.

#### **How the Lawyers Work**

The lawyers also have to establish that the person who was injured or had their property destroyed by the product was using it correctly. In a case where a defective electronic device is the subject of the lawsuit, for instance, the client couldn't have been using it in a way that was against its design. For example, if you hook up an electronic component to a wall current that is too high for its design, you won't have the option to sue if it explodes or catches fire and causes property damage or injury. If you use it in the way that it was designed and advertised as being intended for use, however, you do have the option to sue if it causes damage to your property or person.

#### Filing a Lawsuit

You have to speak with an attorney about this. In some cases, they may feel that you don't have much of a case and won't want to take it. In other cases, they may feel that a legal action would have a good chance of winning and would advise you to press forward with it. Only an attorney knows for sure.