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The Department of Justice today filed a civil antitrust suit alleging that four law firms and one attorney in Enterprise, Alabama, violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act by conspiring to raise the fees charged for real estate closings.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the suit was filed in United States District Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Named as defendants are: Cassady, Fuller & Marsh; Dowling & Carmichael; Pittman, Whittaker & Hooks; and Rowe, Rowe & Sawyer, all of which are law firms in Enterprise, Alabama; and S. Mark Jordan, a sole practitioner.

Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the suit alleges that the defendants met and agreed to raise the fees they charge for real estate closings.

The complaint seeks to enjoin the defendants from continuing the conspiracy, and requests that the defendants be prohibited from exchanging information relating to fees with each other or other attorneys.

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