

## OHIO MASS-ACTION SUIT

Eleven American Family agents from Ohio have finally reached the desperate point of having to take legal action in order to survive in the difficult world of the captive insurance agent. A mass-action (versus class-action which requires permission from the courts in order to file) was filed on July 30, 2010 in Cuyahoga County against American Family for breach of contract. Apparently the position taken by these agents is that American Family has breached the agent contract by holding the agents “captive” (not allowing the agents to sell for any other company) but still not providing rates that are competitive enough to be marketable thus preventing the agents from earning a satisfactory living. Attorney Tim Pettorini, of Critchfield, Critchfield, and Johnson, Wooster, Ohio who represents the agents says that under Ohio contract law, he believes American Family is guilty of breaching the American Family agent contract. American Family, on 8/19/2010, filed a motion to move the case to Federal Court. Please [click here](#) to read the legal complaint.