Another Lawsuit Filed Against Redfin for Alleged Inflated Commissions

Lawsuit filed by Rajninder Jutla, owner of In Love Properties LLC

Despite recent settlements with several major brokerages, the legal battles over real estate commissions continue. This time, Redfin is being sued by a homeowner who acted as both buyer and seller in separate transactions.

<u>Sitzer/Burnett v. NAR: The Second Bombshell Lawsuit that Could End Buyer Agent Commissions</u>

Jutla vs Redfin

(Source: HousingWire)

Lawsuit Details:

- Filing Date: April 3, 2024, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- Plaintiff: Rajninder (Raven) Jutla, owner of In Love Properties LLC
- **Defendant:** Redfin Corporation
- Allegations: Redfin conspired with the National Association of Realtors (NAR) to enforce anti-competitive practices that inflate buyer's agent commissions.
 Jutla claims this led to her paying more than she should have for both selling her home in Seattle and purchasing a new property in California.
- Settlement Demand: Jutla is requesting a jury trial and unspecified damages.

What's Different About This Lawsuit?

- Plaintiff: Unlike most lawsuits, Jutla is representing herself and not seeking class-action status.
- **Dual Role:** Jutla is suing Redfin for transactions involving both buying and selling property.
- **Focus:** Similar to other lawsuits, Jutla targets NAR's Participation Rule, which requires offering buyer agent commissions for MLS listings. However, she emphasizes being misled by her listing agent regarding commission rates and pressured to offer a higher rate to attract buyers.

Redfin's Response:

Redfin denies the allegations and claims their business model works to reduce commission fees for consumers. They plan to vigorously defend themselves in court!