

# OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

California Healthy Housing Coalition

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## Background on California Case

- 13 years of litigation, beginning in 2000
- 2006: California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, clarified what had to be proved to show that lead pigment was a “public nuisance”
- In 2010 alone, at least 21,000 California children under the age of six were poisoned by lead

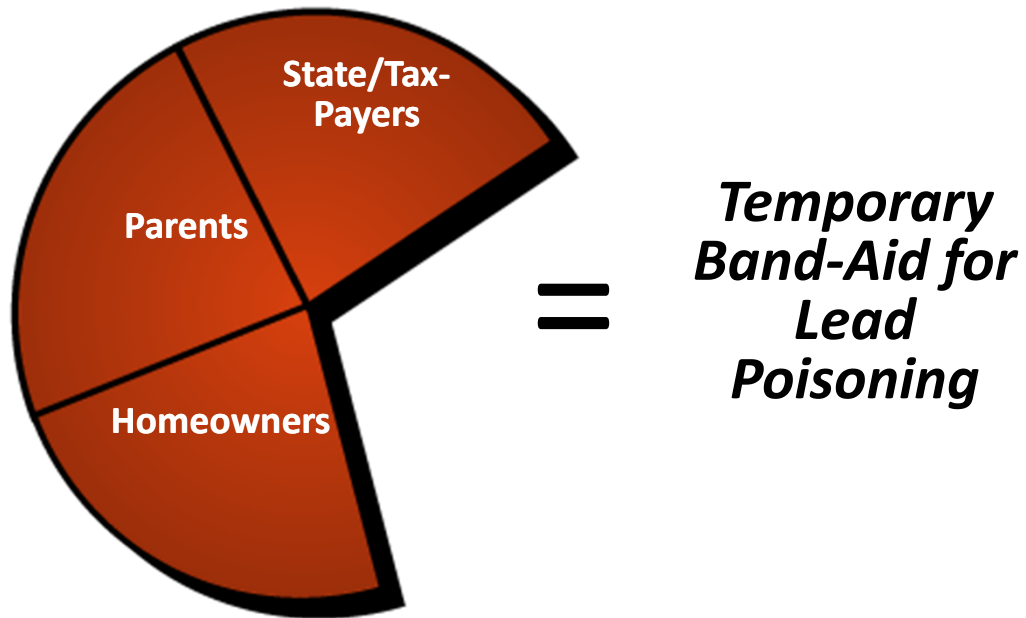
# Who is Involved ?

- Ten California cities and counties:
  - Alameda County and the City of Oakland
  - Los Angeles County
  - Monterey County
  - City of San Diego
  - City and County of San Francisco
  - San Mateo County
  - Santa Clara County
  - Solano County
  - Ventura County
- Assisted by Motley Rice LLC, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, Law Office of Peter Earle, and Mary Alexander and Associates

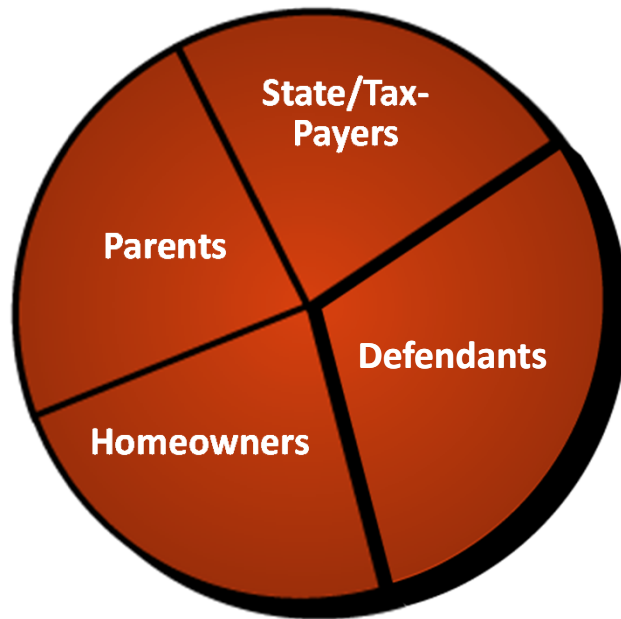
## The Trial

- 5 Week Bench Trial - summer of 2013, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara
- Evidence presented by both sides
  - ✓ Expert witnesses
  - ✓ Government witnesses
  - ✓ Thousands of pages of documents
  - ✓ Direct and cross-exam

# Complete the Puzzle



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***Permanent  
Solution for  
Lead  
Poisoning***

## The Verdict

- 3 Companies – Sherwin Williams, Conagra and National Lead
- Ordered to pay \$1.15 Billion
- To fund the abatement of the public nuisance they created through their promotion and sale of lead pigment in ten California cities and counties

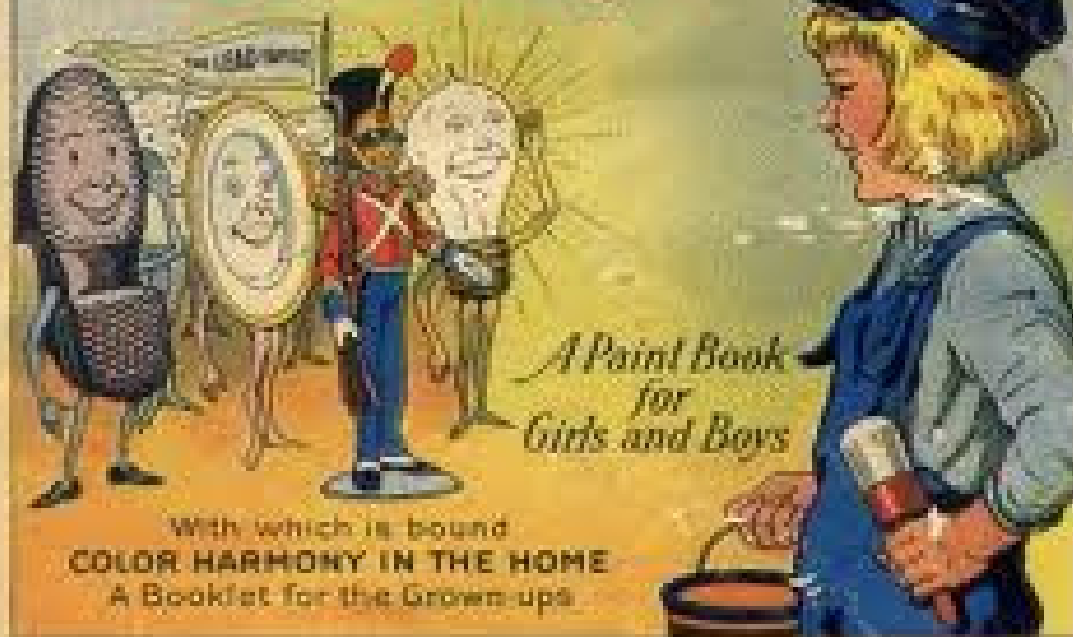


# Award Amounts

• Alameda*	9%	\$103,500,000
• Los Angeles	55%	\$632,500,000
• Monterey	2%	\$23,000,000
• San Mateo	5%	\$57,500,000
• Santa Clara	9%	\$103,500,000
• City of San Diego	7%	\$80,500,000
• San Francisco	7%	\$80,500,000
• Solano	2%	\$23,000,000
• Ventura	4%	\$46,000,000

\*including the residents of the City of Oakland

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# QUESTIONS?

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