
Ocean Spray Victorious After One-Week Trial

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On June 15, 2004, a US District Court jury found that our client, [Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.](#), did not breach a contract with two former competitors, Fonten Corp. and Belmann Corporation. The plaintiffs claimed that Ocean Spray's breach caused them to go out of business, resulting in more than \$5 million in damages. The Court granted a directed verdict on the plaintiffs' claims that Ocean Spray violated the Massachusetts Unfair Business Practices Act and the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. After a one-week trial, the jury found that Ocean Spray also did not breach a contract between the parties. This verdict ended a long-standing, seven-year dispute between the parties.

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