

#### **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2021**

# Sometimes you just can't make lemonade out of lemons

## Missouri's Lemon Law: If you've purchased a new car and you realize you just got a lemon, what can you do?

For Missouri residents, the Missouri Lemon Law will help enforce warranties for new cars purchased or leased in the state. "If it's determined that your vehicle has innumerable defects that make your car

unsafe, the law requires the manufacturer to make the repair, replace your vehicle or offer you a refund," says DHH attorney Nick Allen.

What qualifies your car for the lemon buyback option?

- Vehicles that have had four or more repairs for the same issue or
- Vehicles that have been out of service for more than 30 calendar days

"A buyer has to allow the dealer a reasonable amount of time and number of tries to fix the issue before the lemon buyback option is viable," says Nick. "If the dealer doesn't repair the vehicle to the buyer's satisfaction, then a dispute with the manufacturer or a lawsuit may be

filed. You must provide written notice to the manufacturer of your vehicle's defects within one year of the purchase date."

Nick says the first step is to follow the

manufacturer dispute resolution process. Many times the dealer will offer a settlement. "But you are not obligated to accept that offer," says Nick. "Then you may file a lawsuit if you don't agree with the proposal."

To learn more about the details of the lemon law, and to see what rights you may have if you have purchased a new vehicle that qualifies, contact us

by calling 417-326-5261 or 1-800-743-5728 or go online at dhhlawfirm.com. "DHH can file the required paperwork, maintain communication with the manufacturer, negotiate a settlement and, if necessary, represent you in court."

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

— Anne Bradstreet

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Spring is the time for warmer temperatures and flowers; for renewing and refreshing. It can also be a time to take a closer look at your life and see what you can de-clutter.



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