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Welch Foods Class Action Stayed Pending Outcome in Ninth Circuit Cases

Park v. Welch Foods Inc., No. 12cv6449 (N.D. Cal.): In a putative class action alleging claims under California consumer protection statutes, as well as unjust enrichment, claiming that Defendant's juices and spreads are misrepresented as being healthier than they are and "all natural" when in fact they contain artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives, the parties jointly moved for stay pending the Ninth Circuit decisions in Brazil v. Dole Food, Jones v. Conagra Foods and Kosta v. Del Monte Foods. The Court granted the motion on the grounds that the parties may waste time and resources in motion practice if the Ninth Circuit's rulings change the requirements for class certification, standing, and damages in food labeling class actions. Order.

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