

## **Doobie Brothers fan sues concert promoters**

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All Donald Ramsell wanted was to hear some Doobies.

But when he showed up for the Oldies 104.3 Summer Jam in August at the Kane County Events Center in Geneva, the Doobie Brothers were not there.

Now, the Wheaton attorney has filed a lawsuit, claiming the group never returned for a follow-up concert and he never received a refund for the \$100 he spent on four tickets.

"I wanted to see the Doobies. That's all I cared about," said Ramsell, a DuPage County lawyer who specializes in driving under the influence cases and will be sworn in May 11 as president of the DuPage County Bar Association.

"I've been going to concerts since I was 15. That's like 28 years," Ramsell said. "Every other canceled event they've rescheduled it. This is the only one I've seen just kind of fall off the face of the Earth, and nobody's done anything about it."

The lawsuit, which was filed Friday in DuPage County Circuit Court and seeks class-action status, names owners of the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin and radio station WJMK-FM 104.3 as defendants because they promoted the Aug. 25 concert. It also names tickets.com as a defendant for selling tickets to the event.

Ramsell is seeking refunds for himself and as many as 2,000 others who he said bought tickets but have not received refunds.

Ramsell said money is not the issue.

"I don't want my money back," he said. "I just want the concert."

A spokesman for Viacom Inc., the entertainment and media giant that owns WJMK, declined to comment. Efforts to reach representatives of both Hyatt Development Corp. and Mandalay Resort Group, co-owners of the Grand Victoria, were not successful.

Ramsell said he had attended other concerts at the Geneva venue that week, including ones by Foghat, Molly Hatchett and "some hair band." But the highlight of the week, for him, was to be the Doobie Brothers.

But heavy rains before the concert meant the field was too wet to erect a stage, Ramsell said. While two warm-up bands played, Ramsell and his friends were told they could hold onto their tickets for a rescheduled Doobie Brothers concert.

Ramsell said there has been no makeup show and his money has not been returned.

Ramsell said he mentioned the problem to a lawyer friend who specializes in class-action lawsuits. The friend, Vincent DiTommaso of Oak Brook, filed the suit for Ramsell.