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Pinellas' Servcor International lawsuit seeks \$50 million in roofing deal dispute

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Servcor International Inc., a Pinellas County roofing advisory service, on Monday said it filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$50 million in damages from Bayer MaterialScience LLC, an affiliate of Germany's Bayer AG — the maker of Bayer aspirin — and two other companies for shutting it out of a \$15 million contract with the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

Servcor filed its suit in Pinellas circuit court alleging breach of contract, fraud and deceptive and unfair trade practices against Bayer, Urethane of Kentuckiana Inc. and Mike Gomez Construction Consultants Inc. of Miami.

Servcor president David Looney claims his firm took a contract to Bayer only to have it taken away by the company. The lawsuit alleges Servcor, at 2600 22nd St. N in St. Petersburg, and Bayer were business partners until Bayer executive Keith Common became "drunk" and leaked confidential information after dinner to a Servcor competitor.

That disclosure, the lawsuit says, resulted in the Servcor competitor's involvement in the Miami-Dade aviation deal and the dissolution of the Servcor-Bayer relationship.

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