

5th Circuit Nixes \$151M J&J Verdict, Cites Plaintiff Lawyer's Alleged 'Deceptions'

DePuy Orthopaedics and Johnson & Johnson will get a new trial after the previous one in 2016 ended with the companies having to pay \$151 million in damages to five plaintiffs with alleged hip replacement injuries, reports the *SE Texas Record*.

The Fifth Circuit found that plaintiffs' attorney Mark Lanier's "deceptions furnish independent grounds for a new trial" that centered on Pinnacle artificial hips and that the trial court allowed the Houston lawyer to introduce "inflammatory character evidence."

David Yates reports that Lanier told the *Record* he thought the opinion was "interesting" and that the legal reasoning upholding the various actions against Depuy and J&J are strong and important and will help all future cases.

Lanier said he thought the court misunderstood the issues of monetary representations about the doctors. He added that he plans to seek a retrial.

Read the *Record's* article.