

# Purdue Pharma's Bankruptcy Plan Includes Special Protection for the Sackler Family Fortune

## *News*

Purdue asked the bankruptcy judge to take the unusual step of temporarily halting lawsuits against the Sackler family.

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# Judge Strikes BigLaw Lawyer's Closing Argument In Case Alleging Talc Caused Mesothelioma

## *News*

Judge Ana Viscomi of New Brunswick struck from the record the entire argument made by Diane Sullivan, a litigation partner with Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

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# Private Lawyers Stand to Make

# \$90 Million in Johnson & Johnson Opioid Ruling

## *News*

The judgment in the Oklahoma opioid litigation, if upheld, could yield a huge return on investment for the private plaintiffs lawyers involved.

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# Michael Best Adds Partner Mark Yacura to FDA Regulatory Group

## *News*

Mark Yacura has joined Michael Best's Washington, D.C. office as partner.

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# Dallas County Trial to Lead the Way in Addressing Opioid Crisis in Texas

## *News*

The first Texas trial addressing the role of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and physicians in creating and fueling the state's opioid crisis has been scheduled for

Dallas County next year.

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## **Martin Walker Honored for Winning Texas' Largest Medical Malpractice Verdict in 2018**

### **News**

Trial law firm Martin Walker has earned honors for winning the largest medical malpractice verdict in Texas in 2018 for the \$43.32 million jury award.

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## **Feds Charge Pharma Ex-Compliance Officer, President, Pharmacists in Opioid Case**

### **News**

The former compliance officer and president of pharmaceutical distributor Miami-Luken were charged by federal prosecutors in Ohio Thursday with conspiring to distribute controlled substances.

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# Environmental Lawyers Probing Water Contamination from 'Forever Chemicals'

## *News*

Environmental trial lawyers at Dallas-based Fears Nachawati Law Firm are investigating water contamination cases on behalf of states, counties and cities across the nation.

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# Fears Nachawati to Represent Maryland's Calvert County in Opioid Lawsuit

## *News*

Dallas-based Fears Nachawati has been retained by the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in Maryland to pursue a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

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**New Malpractice Suit**

# Highlights      Mass      Tort Referrals, Fee Splitting

## *News*

A lawsuit alleges that several New Jersey and Texas law firms committed procedural violations and overcharged clients in about 1,450 mesh cases brought in New Jersey state courts, reports Reuters.

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# Law School Donor Blasts Abortion Law, University of Alabama Might Give Funds Back

## *News*

The University of Alabama law school's largest donor, has called for a boycott of Alabama – school and state – over the state's latest near-total abortion ban law.

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# SCOTUS Denies Appeal From Biglaw Partner's Widow in Paxil Drug Labeling Suit

## *News*

The court denied the appeal petition from plaintiff Wendy

Dolin in her lawsuit against pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline.

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## **13 Greenberg Traurig Texas Attorneys Named in 2019 Chambers USA**

### **News**

Chambers also recognized three Greenberg Traurig practice areas in Texas: Health Care, Intellectual Property, and Real Estate.

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## **Bayer Bets on 'Silver Bullet' Defense in Roundup Litigation; Experts See Hurdles**

### **News**

Bayer has a better shot if a business-friendly U.S. Supreme Court takes up the case, experts said.

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# **A Physician's Guide to Employment Contracts with Hospitals and Health Systems**

## ***Insight***

Christopher J. Shaughnessy discusses some important issues to consider when evaluating whether to enter into an employment agreement with a hospital or health system.

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# **Fears Nachawati Lawyer a Featured Speaker at Opioid Litigation Conference**

## ***News***

Trial lawyer Jonathan Novak will be a featured speaker at a continuing legal education conference in Austin exploring legal issues surrounding the opioid epidemic.

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# **'Immoral and Barbaric': Cancer-Surviving Judge Blasts**

# Insurer For Denying Lawyer's Treatment

## *News*

One judge, who felt he had to recuse himself and who was a prostate cancer survivor himself, made it clear how he felt about the case.

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# CEO of OxyContin-Maker Says Bankruptcy is 'an Option' as Company Faces Opioid Lawsuits

## *News*

Declaring bankruptcy could halt litigation against the company, bankruptcy lawyers said, and it can be more difficult for plaintiffs to secure judgments in bankruptcy court than in civil court.

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# Roundup Cancer Claims Could Come Down to a Feather's Weight

## *News*

Roundup, not hepatitis, caused the plaintiff's cancer, his



lawyers argued at a critical juncture in the company's second U.S. trial over the popular herbicide.

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# **Johnson & Johnson Acted as Opioid 'Kingpin,' Oklahoma Attorney General Says**

## **News**

The Oklahoma case is set to be the first in the nation to go before a jury that could determine pharmaceutical companies' role in the nation's opioid epidemic and whether Big Pharma should pay for it.