

U.S. States Allege Broad Generic Drug Price-Fixing Collusion

News

The states said the drugmakers and executives divided customers for their drugs among themselves, according to Reuters.

Dismissal of \$472 Million Verdict v. J&J is Disaster for Talc Plaintiffs

News

A ruling that throws out a plaintiff's \$417 million jury verdict against John & Johnson will affect many of the nearly 5,000 women who claim they developed ovarian cancer from J&J power containing talc, reports Reuters.

Appeals Court Tosses \$72 Million Award in Talcum

Powder Case

News

The appeals court cited a Supreme Court ruling in June that placed limits on where injury lawsuits could be filed, saying state courts cannot hear claims against companies not based in the state where alleged injuries occurred.

Lessons Learned: Vendor Sued in Class Action Suit for Security Misses

Insight

A recent federal class action suit filed in Pennsylvania against Aetna and its vendor illustrates several new privacy and security considerations for vendors and their customers, writes Eric Begun of King & Fisher.

HIPAA Compliance Checklist Webinar

Event, Oct. 17, 2 p.m. EDT

Compliance Group will present a webinar on HIPAA compliance. The event will be Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. ED

Key Commercial Questions When Contracting for Digital Health Solutions

Insight

Covington's Digital Health team considers some key questions that companies across the life sciences, technology, and communications industries should be asking as they seek to fit together the regulatory and commercial pieces of the complex digital health puzzle.

Register for the Healthcare Enforcement Compliance Institute

Event, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017

The event will give participants the opportunity to go beyond legal analysis, learn how to implement systems that ensure the law is followed, and gain practical advice from experts in a one-of-a-kind forum

Massive California Verdict Expands J&J's Talc Battlefield

News

The \$417 million award by California jury to a California resident suggested so-called forum-shopping may not be the main problem facing J&J, reports Reuters.

Big Pharma's Tobacco Moment as Star Lawyers Push Opioid Suits

News

Six states have sued opioid makers, alleging they have created a public health crisis.

Defense Lawyer: Shkreli Would Lose \$65 Million If Convicted

News

A defense lawyer says former pharmaceutical CEO Martin Shkreli would lose a \$65 million stake in a drug company he founded if he's convicted at his securities fraud trial, reports the

Associated Press through ABC News.

Buchalter Adds Three New Health Care Litigators in Los Angeles

News

Buchalter announces that Andrew “Andy” Selesnick, Damaris L. Medina, and Suzanne Cate Jones have joined as shareholders in the Health Care Practice Group in Los Angeles.

Pharmaceutical Company Celgene Settles Suit for \$280 Million

News

The agreement, announced by federal prosecutors, came out of a lawsuit filed by a former Celgene saleswoman who said Celgene submitted false claims to Medicare and health care programs in 28 states and Washington, D.C.

After N.F.L. Concussion Settlement, Feeding Frenzy of Lawyers and Lender

News

Some of the ex-players with severe neurological disorders are cognitively impaired and may not understand the terms used by the lawyers who make the pitches, reports *The New York Times*.

Potential Medicaid Cuts Put Savings of Middle-Class Elderly at Risk

News

A Houston elder-care lawyer says the health care bill the U.S. Senate is fine-tuning could have profound effects on elderly people who rely on nursing home care.

Ex-WellCare General Counsel Pleads Guilty in Florida

Medicaid Case

News

Thaddeus Bereday, indicted along with four other former WellCare executives in 2011, faces a maximum of five years in prison.

HIPAA 101: The 30-Minute Guide to Understanding Compliance

Event, June 27, 2 p.m. EDT

Compliance Group will present a free webinar on HIPAA compliance, titled “The 30-Minute Guide to Understanding Compliance.”

More States Likely to Sue over Opioid Epidemic

Insight

States will be very tempted by the significant potential damages that may be awarded in court to try to recoup some of the costs of treatment, says Kent Sullivan of Jackson Walker LLP.

Webinar: HIPAA and the Compliance Officer

Event, August 9, 2017, 10 a.m. PDT

MentorHealth's webinar will be addressing how practice/business managers (or compliance officers) need to get their HIPAA house in order before the imminent audits occur.

Healthcare Developer Fined \$155 Million for Lying About Compliance

News

The settlement marks the first time an electronics health records vendor is being charged for the truthfulness and accuracy of representations made when seeking government certification, reports HIT Consultant.

CVS's Omnicare to Pay \$23

Million to Resolve U.S. Kickback Case

News

Reuters is reporting CVS Health Corp's Omnicare unit has agreed to pay \$23 million to resolve a whistleblower lawsuit alleging that it took kickbacks from a drugmaker to promote two antidepressants, according to settlement papers.