J&J, Bayer Ordered to Pay $28 Million in First Xarelto Loss

News

The jury in Philadelphia on Tuesday ordered J&J and Bayer, which jointly developed the product, to pay $1.8 million in actual damages and $26 million in punitive damages, Bloomberg reports.

Former HHS, Office of Inspector General Senior Counsel Joins Berkeley Research Group

News

Berkeley Research Group announced that Kristen Schwendinger has joined the Health Analytics practice in the firm’s Washington, DC, office and will focus on Corporate Compliance and Risk Management.

Jury Hits Hospital With $26M

Med-Mal Verdict in Tragic Birth Case

News

Under a “high-low” agreement struck earlier by both sides, the plaintiffs agreed to receive a “high’’ of $7.5 million if they won their suit and a “low’’ of $1.5 million, even if they lost, reports the *New York Post*.

Federal Financial Resources Essential to Addressing Opioid Crisis

News

The financial costs of successfully treating opioid addiction are substantial, as are the costs of effective educational programs to stem the epidemic, says Dallas attorney Jeffrey Simon of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, who represents Texas counties suing drug manufacturers.

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

Compliancy 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

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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 opiod markers, 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

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