Champagne Remark May Cost Lawyer $289 Million Bayer Award

The lawyer most responsible for winning a $289 million verdict against Bayer AG may end up wiping it out, according to a **Bloomberg Law** report.

Brent Wisner, the lead trial attorney who in August convinced a jury that Monsanto Co.’s Roundup weed killer caused his client’s cancer, irked the judge handling the case so profoundly that she’s considering tossing the verdict and ordering a new trial.

From the Bloomberg report: “The lawyer told jurors that Monsanto executives in a company board room were ‘waiting for the phone to ring’ and that ‘behind them is a bunch of champagne on ice,’ according to a court filing. He said that ‘if the damages number isn’t significant enough, champagne corks will pop.’”

Read the Bloomberg Law article.