

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

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 powder containing talc, **reports Reuters**.

"The judge's skepticism about causation will reverberate across the talc litigation in California because she's overseeing all of the more than 800 suits by women who attribute their cancer to J&J powders that contained talc," writes **Alison Frankel**. "Unless their lawyers can come up with better evidence than Echeverria – or unless scientific developments boost causation theories – Judge Nelson's decision is ominous for plaintiffs and a boon for J&J and its subsidiary."

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