Lead Lawyer in Roundup Trial Draws Quick Sanction for Opening Statement 'Misconduct'



Image by Mike Mozart

The San Francisco judge overseeing a string of federal jury trials over whether Monsanto's Roundup weed killer causes cancer on Tuesday sanctioned a lead trial attorney for discussing prohibited evidence in opening statements to the jury, **reports** Courthouse News Service.

CNS reporter **Helen Christophi** explains:

> U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria imposed $500 in sanctions on plaintiff attorney Aimee Wagstaff, of Colorado-based Andrus Wagstaff, ruling she intentionally violated court orders not to reference evidence blocked from the first part of the trial while delivering her opening statement Monday. He said he might also sanction the rest of the lawyers representing California man Edward Hardeman, but will defer ruling until after the four-week trial has wrapped.

Read the Courthouse News Service article.