

# Massive California Verdict Expands J&J's Talc Battlefield



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Reuters **is reporting** that a massive California verdict in a lawsuit alleging Johnson & Johnson's talc-based products cause cancer has opened a new front in the litigation.

"The \$417 million award by California jury to a California resident suggested so-called forum-shopping, in which parties seek to file cases in whichever jurisdictions seem most favorable, may not be the main problem facing J&J as it wrestles with some 4,800 outstanding talc lawsuits," according to reporter **Tina Bellon**.

Previous talc cases, all tried in the same state court in St. Louis and involving out-of-state plaintiffs, totaled \$307 million.

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