

# New Hanover County Projected to Receive \$18M from Nationwide Opioid Litigation Settlements

“New Hanover County was the first of 76 North Carolina counties to file suit four years ago, alongside state Attorney General Josh Stein, against major pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors for their roles in fueling the nationwide opioid crisis. The county has been invested in the opioid,” reports Amy Passaretti in Port City Daily.

“Litigation from the start. Its overdose rate, 39.7 per 100,000 residents, is higher than the state average, which is 28.4 per 100,000 residents. Ninety-three county residents died from overdoses in 2020 alone. More than 3,000 lawsuits from nearly every state were combined into multi-district litigation, which resulted in a \$26-billion,”

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