Painful Verdicts for Johnson & Johnson

In 2016, two federal juries in Dallas delivered significant verdicts on behalf of the victims of serious medical complications caused by defective metal-on-metal hip implants made by Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary DePuy Orthopaedics Inc., **according to a post** by the plaintiffs' legal counsel, **The Lanier Law Firm**.

Although the court has reduced the amount of punitive damages awarded by the juries in each case, and those judgments are under appeal by The Lanier Law Firm, the two verdicts still total almost $700 million in actual and punitive damages assessed against Johnson & Johnson and DePuy.

In the post, the firm said these verdicts marked the second and third bellwether trials among thousands of similar lawsuits nationwide that have been consolidated in multidistrict litigation (*MDL 3:11-md-0244*) in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. A bellwether trial is one that is typically representative of all the issues involved in the litigation of a mass tort case.

Read the article.