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Litigation Snapshot

Pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers continue to face legal claims alleging personal injuries or consumer claims for design defect, manufacturing defect, failure to warn and off-label promotion, many of which claims end up in mass tort dockets. Each new U.S. Supreme Court ruling on preemption begins another 10-year cycle of new tests and appeals. Corporations continue to face expensive pre-trial litigation, high-profile trials and global settlements. Whistle blowers continue to file False Claims Act/Anti-Kickback Statute action, many of which precipitate civil and criminal penalties, some running into the billions of dollars.

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Pelvic Mesh

Judge Finds \$100M Pelvic Mesh Verdict Disproportionate And Shocking, Remits To \$10M

WILMINGTON, Del. — A Delaware state court judge on Oct. 9 remitted a plaintiff's \$100 million pelvic mesh verdict to \$10 million, saying the jury's original compensatory and punitive damages were disproportionate and shocked the conscience (Deborah A. Barba, et al. v. Boston Scientific Corporation, No. N11C-08-050, Del. Super., New Castle Co.).

Texas Jury Returns Defense Verdict In Proxima Pelvic Mesh Trial

DALLAS — A Texas state court jury on Oct. 5 returned a defense verdict in a Proxima pelvic mesh trial in favor of defendants Ethicon Inc. and Johnson & Johnson (Carol Cavness v. Teresa Kowalczyk, M.D., et al., No. DC-14-04220, Texas Dist., Dallas Co.).

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