

Johnson & Johnson to Appeal Missouri Talc Verdict to the United States Supreme Court

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New Brunswick, NJ – After exhausting its requests of appellate review in the State of Missouri, Johnson & Johnson will be pursuing further review of the *Ingham* verdict by the United States Supreme Court. The Company believes *Ingham* was a fundamentally flawed trial, grounded in a faulty presentation of the facts. The verdict is also at odds with decades of independent scientific evaluations confirming Johnson’s Baby Powder is safe, does not contain asbestos and does not cause cancer.

The initial verdict in this case was the product of a flawed legal process that allowed plaintiffs to present a group of 22 women, most of whom had no connection to Missouri, in a single case all alleging that they developed ovarian cancer. Additionally, the verdict awarded the exact same amounts to all plaintiffs, irrespective of their individual facts and medical backgrounds, and differences in applicable law, which demonstrates that the evidence in the case was simply overwhelmed by the prejudice of a multi-plaintiff trial.

The Company remains confident in its position, as reflected in amicus briefs filed by several organizations and individuals, including the Dean of the University of Missouri School of Law, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Legal Foundation, and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, supporting the Company’s request to have its case considered by the Supreme Court of Missouri. While the Company had hoped the Supreme Court of Missouri would further review this case, it will continue to challenge the fairness of the trial process that led to this outcome in a higher court.

Johnson & Johnson will continue to vigorously defend the safety of the product and the unfounded allegations made against the Company. The Company sympathizes with anyone suffering from cancer and understand patients and their families are seeking answers. That’s why the facts are so important. Learn more at www.FactsAboutTalc.com.

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