

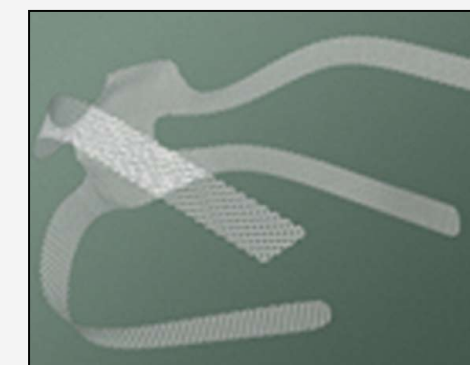
IN BRIEF

UPDATE ON TRANSVAGINAL MESH LITIGATION

Alley, Clark & Greiwe is litigating claims for women injured after being implanted with polypropylene mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse and/or urinary incontinence. Although female patients were assured that having transvaginal mesh implanted in their bodies was a low-risk surgical procedure with very little downtime, the sad reality is that women all across the United States have suffered life-altering complications.

In July 2011 the FDA issued a warning that the risks of transvaginal mesh may exceed the benefits. While some of the mesh products have been voluntarily removed from the market, mesh products are still used in women to treat pelvic organ prolapse (POP) and stress urinary incontinence (SUI). Thousands of women have suffered physically, emotionally, and financially as a result of this poorly designed and poorly tested product.

Many women who had mesh implanted in their bodies have undergone multiple revision surgeries to attempt to manage their symptoms and alleviate pain.



Example of an implantable synthetic pelvic mesh sling

Currently, six mesh manufacturers face over 33,000 federal lawsuits consolidated in multidistrict litigation (MDL) proceedings pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia before the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin. Numerous mesh claims are pending in state courts as well. Each of six manufacturers will face off with plaintiffs in MDL bellwether trials intended to test legal theories and determine the future of these product liability cases. To date, the state court trials and MDL bellwether trials have all led to verdicts for the Plaintiffs. Additional trial dates have been set for the end of this year and into 2014.

Current Verdicts and Settlements in Transvaginal Mesh Lawsuits

July 2012	California	Scott v. Bard	Jury verdict of \$5.5 million
March 2013	New Jersey	Gross v. Ethicon	Jury verdict of \$11.1 million
Aug. 2013	West Virginia	Cisson v. Bard	Jury verdict \$2 million. This was the 1st MDL bellwether trial
Sept. 2013	New Jersey	Vigil v. Ethicon	Confidential settlement reached prior to trial
Sept. 2013	West Virginia	Queen v. Bard	Jury verdict \$2 million. This was the 2nd MDL bellwether trial



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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LITIGATION

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The law firm of **Alley, Clark & Greiwe** has a solid reputation of seeking justice for victims of medical malpractice. Our attorneys have an average of over 35 years of experience in litigating medical malpractice cases, and our past successes and reputation is more valuable than ever when we prosecute a medical malpractice claim. Doctors and other health care providers must follow certain standards of care when caring for their patients. While a simple mistake is usually insufficient to constitute malpractice, a death or permanent injury caused by the failure to meet minimum standards of care does constitute medical malpractice.



bringing bad faith claims against insurance carriers. In addition, tort reform has attempted to reshape the civil justice system to the benefit of insurance companies and corporate America. Nowhere is the success of tort reform more evident than in the medical malpractice arena. Tort reform efforts have been significantly underwritten and financed directly and indirectly by insurance companies. Ironically, it is these very insurance companies who have profited on the premiums paid by doctors. We urge you and your family to seek legal advice immediately if you suspect that you have been a victim of medical malpractice.

Significant changes in Florida law have created “caps” on damages and have set up new obstacles to

Please contact our office for a free consultation regarding your legal rights.

Synopsis of Recent Medical Malpractice Settlements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure by hospital nursing staff to recognize and report clinical changes in a post-operative patient resulting in death • Failure to properly monitor at rehab hospital resulting in patient death • Error in hospital discharge medication orders resulting in patient death • Failure to timely diagnose abdominal aortic aneurism resulting in death | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate response to allergic reaction/anaphylactic shock resulting in death • Mistreatment of a brain bleed resulting in permanent seizure disorder • Failure to timely diagnose impending myocardial infarction resulting in heart attack • Failure by treatment center to properly detox patient leading to drug toxicity and death |
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CURRENT LITIGATION PROJECTS

<p>Wrongful Death Accidental death is directly caused by the action of another (i.e. drug company, reckless driver, medical mistake)</p>	<p>Auto Accidents Motor vehicle accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle, pedestrian accidents, and bicycle accidents</p>	<p>Medical Malpractice Serious permanent injuries caused by medical error of hospital staff or physician</p>
<p>DePuy ASR Hip Metal-on-metal hip implant recalled in 2011 due to high failure rate requiring revision within the first 5 years</p>	<p>Pradaxa An alternative to Coumadin, this blood thinner has been linked to severe bleeding events including many fatalities</p>	<p>Vaginal Mesh Litigation Surgical mesh used in females to correct pelvic organ prolapse and/or urinary incontinence</p>
<p>BP Oil Settlement Claims Economic loss claims for businesses who suffered financial losses in 2010</p>	<p>Actos Type II diabetes medication associated with increased bladder cancer risk</p>	<p>Yasmin/Yaz Birth Control Oral contraceptives associated with strokes, pulmonary embolism, and blood clots</p>
<p>DePuy Pinnacle Hip Metal-on-metal hip implant associated with high failure rates. This product remains on the market</p>	<p>Stryker Rejuvenate Hips Metal hip implant recalled in 2012 due to widespread failure rates</p>	<p>Fosamax and Boniva Osteoporosis medications linked to unusual, spontaneous fractures of the thigh bone.</p>

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On November 1, 2013, U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers® released the 2014 “Best Law Firms” rankings. We are very proud to report that for the fourth consecutive year, the law firm of **Alley, Clark & Greiwe** has been honored with a Tier 1 ranking in the Tampa Metropolitan area in both medical malpractice and personal injury litigation. Law firms included in the 2014 “Best Law Firms” are recognized for professional excellence with persistently impressive ratings from clients and peers. Achieving a tiered ranking signals a unique combination of quality law practice and breadth of legal experience.

