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Wrapped Up and Tied With a Bow...*This Year's Mass Torts in Review*

Zantac

As you may recall, Zantac was recalled in April 2020 by the FDA. As a result, Zantac users who developed cancer have filed lawsuits against the drug's manufacturers. Currently, these lawsuits are in the initial procedural stages and discovery phases, which is the formal exchange of information between parties. All Zantac lawsuits in the multidistrict litigation (MDL) have been consolidated in Florida, which means that lawsuits from all over the country have been moved to one court to streamline the litigation process. Currently, there are 828 lawsuits pending in the MDL.

3M Combat Earplugs

Thousands of veterans and current military service members have filed lawsuits against the manufacturer of 3M earplugs for hearing loss and tinnitus caused by the defective earplugs. As Bellwether trials trek on, Plaintiffs are 6-3 in 3M earplug lawsuit verdicts. Most

recently, in November 2021, Plaintiffs scored another victory for our veterans, obtaining a \$12.8 million dollar verdict—the largest 3M verdict yet! There are currently 272,381 3M earplug cases still pending in the MDL.

Phillips CPAP Machines

In June 2021, Phillips recalled millions of defective CPAP machines. Those who suffered from sleep apnea and used a Phillips CPAP machine are in the initial stages of filing lawsuits against Phillips for respiratory conditions or cancers victims developed after using the machines. In November, an MDL was created in Pennsylvania for all lawsuits that have been filed against Phillips.

If you've been affected by one of the above drugs or devices, it's not too late to get involved. Call one of our attorneys for more information and to discuss your potential case.