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Federal judge signs order to aid settlement over defective Stryker implant

Searcy Denney's Mass Tort Unit involved in hundreds of cases

On November 2, 2018, Judge Indira Talwani, the federal judge presiding over the national multi-district litigation involving the Stryker LFIT V40 hip implant, signed an order aiding private settlement. The order indicates that Stryker and a group of plaintiff counsel had reached a confidential settlement for certain eligible patients who had undergone revision surgery to replace their Stryker hip implants. The order appointed Searcy Denney Partner and Shareholder **Cal Warriner** to the Settlement Oversight Committee for the national litigation proceedings.

Cases against Stryker have been pending since 2013 in several venues around the country. The cases allege that certain Stryker implants are defective, including the allegation that its titanium stems fail when combined with V40 taper metal femoral heads. Cases were filed by patients who required revision surgery due to metallosis and corrosion of the implant components. Searcy Denney filed the first such case in a New Jersey state court. Ultimately, Stryker issued a large-scale recall of the metal heads. Soon thereafter, coordinated proceedings involving hundreds of individual lawsuits were organized at both state and federal levels in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Mr. Warriner was appointed to the plaintiff's Executive Committee for these proceedings. Searcy Denney Partner and Shareholder **Brenda Fulmer** also participated in the negotiations for a settlement.

The LFIT V40 litigation comes on the heels of an action against Stryker involving its recall of Rejuvenate and ABGII hip implants. This case resulted in a mass settlement of over 3,000 individual cases and payments in excess of \$2 billion. In 2012, Searcy Denney filed the first case in the country involving the Rejuvenate device. For more than a decade, Searcy Denney's Mass Tort Unit has also been involved in hundreds of other cases involving failed hip implants, including claims against Stryker, Zimmer, Biomet, Wright Medical, DePuy, Smith & Nephew, and others for premature failure of metal-on-metal and modular hip implants.

We would like to thank all of our referring partners with whom we have worked on these two very successful Stryker litigations, as well as other hip implant projects that have been resolved or are currently being litigated. ♦