

Bartlit Beck Wins Two High-Profile Pharmaceutical Cases for Bayer Corp.

Hardy v. Bayer & Svoboda v. Bayer (2005)

1st Circuit

Don Scott and Les Houtz won complete defense verdicts for Bayer in these two products liability trials in which plaintiffs alleged PPA (phenylpropanolamine) in Alka Seltzer Plus cold medicine caused their strokes. These were among the first PPA cases to be tried and there are hundreds pending. The four-week Hardy trial was in Utah state court and the jury rendered its verdict within 24 hours of getting the case. The two-week Svoboda trial was in Florida state court in Sanford near Daytona Beach and the jury took less than two hours to reach its verdict.

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