

## PHIL BECK WINS JURY VERDICT FOR MERCK IN FOURTH FEDERAL VIOXX TRIAL



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In the fourth federal trial against Merck over the painkiller Vioxx, a jury returned a complete verdict for Merck after just 90 minutes of deliberation. The plaintiff, Charles Mason of Utah, blamed Merck for his heart attack in July 2003. Lawyers for the plaintiffs' steering committee had hand-selected Mr. Mason's case for an early federal trial. After a two-and-a-half-week trial, the jury found that Merck adequately warned of the potential risks of Vioxx and that Vioxx did not cause Mr. Mason's heart attack. Phil Beck represented Merck in the trial.

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