Products Liability Law Daily Wrap Up, TOP STORY—JURY VERDICTS—Cal. Super.: Johnson & Johnson slammed with $417M verdict in talcum powder case, (Aug. 22, 2017)

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A California jury has awarded $417 million to a woman after finding a link between her ovarian cancer and the Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder she had used for several decades, according to a press release issued by Beasley Allen, one of the law firms representing her (*Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Cases*, No. JCCP4872, August 21, 2017).

In the release, the firm said that according to a videotaped deposition played for the jury, the 63-year-old woman started using the baby powder for feminine hygiene purposes when she was 11 years old, and stopped only in 2016 after seeing a news story about another woman with ovarian cancer who had used the product. The woman in this case testified that if Johnson & Johnson had put a warning label on the product, she would have stopped using it.

The jury award includes $347 million in punitive damages and $70 million in compensatory damages.

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