

## Press Release

### \$35 Million Verdict Against Johnson & Johnson

Barbara and Anton Kaiser et al v. Johnson & Johnson et al. Case Number 2:17-cv-00114-PPS:

The Hammond, Indiana Nine-Person Jury Panel Returned A \$35 Million Verdict Thursday; March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Against Johnson & Johnson And It's Subsidiary, Ethicon, Inc., In A Lawsuit Over Alleged Defects In Its Prolift Pelvic Repair Product

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**Hammond, Indiana:** In the **United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana** nine-person jury panel returned a verdict against Johnson & Johnson et al who specializes in Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices after the jury found that the Johnson & Johnson marketed, sold, and recruited physicians worldwide to implant the controversial Ethicon Prolift mesh implant device for Pelvic Floor Repair in women that suffered with pelvic prolapse.

The verdict follows a nearly two-week jury trial that commenced on Monday; February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 till Thursday; March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, which resulted in the Kaisers' favor against Johnson & Johnson et al. The jury found Johnson & Johnson et al. liable for its defective product for Pelvic organ prolapse repair. The jury found that the Defendants were negligent in the design of Prolift as an unreasonably dangerous product, where Mrs. Barbara Kaiser of Valparaiso, Indiana was injured. The jury found Ethicon deliberately failed to warn of the risks to Prolapse patients prior to consenting to the Prolift mesh implant surgery and sold a Prolift product in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition. It is one of the largest transvaginal mesh verdicts in the country.

**Attorney Thomas O. Plouff, Esq.**, Lead Trial Attorney for the said, *"Ethicon defended an indefensible product and the jury stood up for Barb Kaiser. They were asked to send a message to Ethicon to deter future wrong doing and they did, a*

*company that sold a medical device without doing any clinical testing and caused thousands of women to suffer painful complications from mesh in their pelvic area."*

The trial was held in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana Judiciary, **the Honorable Judge Philip P. Simon** presiding. The verdict requires the Johnson & Johnson corporate conglomerate to pay \$35 million, which is \$10 million for compensatory damages (for Mrs. Barb Kaiser's dyspareunia, pelvic pain, levator myalgia, painful bladder spasms, and groin pain) and \$25 million in punitive damages.