



DELLUTRI LAW GROUP SEEKS JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF DEFECTIVE DRUGS AND MEDICAL DEVICES

Here are some of the current projects being handled by the Dellutri Law Group and other attorneys in Florida

Medtronic Sprint Fidelis Leads

Model Nos. 6930, 6931, 6948, 6949

The Fidelis Leads are thin wires that connect an implanted defibrillator to the heart. When leads are defective, they may crack or even fracture without warning. Unwarranted shocks caused by a defective lead, as well as the failure to pace the heart as intended, can result in heart attacks or even death. The fractured leads can also puncture the heart causing a patient's death. Surgery to remove and replace the defective leads is complicated, and very risky.

Pain Pumps

Manufactured by Stryker Corp., I-Flow Inc., DJO Inc. and BREG Inc.

These external automatic pain pumps are used in shoulder and other joint surgeries to deliver pain medicine directly into the joint. Recently, this direct delivery method has been found to cause serious cartilage destruction—a condition called Post arthroscopic glenohumeral chondrolysis (PAGCL), which is a medical term for death of cartilage. PAGCL can result in permanent disability and require total joint replacement surgery. Victims of PAGCL suffer from narrowing or destruction of joint space, which can be diagnosed in an X-Ray. Consequently, patients should seek medical advice if they experience symptoms such as joint weakness, pain, stiffness, decreased motion, or clicking, popping, or grinding when the joint is put in motion.

Reglan (metoclopramide)

Manufactured by A.H. Robins, ESI Lederle Generics, Wyeth, Teva, IVAX, Rugby, Pliva, URL, Qualitest, and Invermed

Fentanyl Pain Patches

Manufactured by Johnson and Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Sandoz, Actavis, Corium, Abrika, Alza Corp., Cephalon, and Watson Pharmaceuticals.

The Fentanyl pain Patches are widely used to provide Narcotic pain relief. This drug is 60-80 times more powerful than Morphine. The patches utilize a reservoir design to contain powerful pain killers with the intention that the patches will slowly deliver the drugs through a patient's skin over a 72 hour period of time. Manufacturing and design defects in the patches have resulted in leakage of the pain medication, patients who receive an overdose of Fentanyl experience respiratory distress, loss of consciousness, confusion, and even death. A patient wearing a leaking Fentanyl patch can also transfer the drug to others who come in to close contact.

Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella Birth Control Pills-

Manufactured by Bayer

These top selling oral contraceptives Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella (which combine Ethinyl Estradiol and Drospirenone) have been the subject of a lot of controversy since their launch several years ago. Yaz, Yasmin, and Ocella are approved for treatment of the very significant, psychiatric condition of Premenstrual Dysphoric disorder (PMDD), but improper marketing has falsely suggested that the drugs are approved by the FDA for the treatment of common PMS symptoms. These 3 medications have been linked to a number of serious and potentially life threatening conditions: blood clots, strokes, heart attacks, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary emboli and gall bladder disease and recent studies have shown that they are more dangerous than any other birth control pills that have been on the market for years.

Gadolinium MRI Contrast Material

Manufactured by General Electric, Bayer, Tyco, Mallinckrodt, Berlex, and Bracco Diagnostics.

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This drug is routinely prescribed for post-operative nausea and gastro paresis. The FDA approval of the drug was solely for short-term use which is less than 12 weeks. Due to the significant incidents of Tardive Dyskinesia (a devastating condition which is essentially incurable and untreatable) and other neurological and neuromuscular movement disorders associated with long-term use of the drugs. Despite the manufactures knowledge of the percentage of patients who will develop Tardive Dyskinesia, the drug companies aggressively marketed Raglan for long-term use for treatment of chronic conditions without proper warnings to physicians and patients.

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These materials were widely used over the past several years in connection with MRI and Ct scans. The enhanced image quality achieved when using this material, however, is far outweighed by the devastating toxic efforts suffered by a number of patients with pre existing renal impairment whose bodies were unable to quickly excrete the injection contrast material. Gadolinium- induced Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) is a newly discovered disease caused by solely exposure to gadolinium susceptible patients with impaired renal function. Patients with kidney disease are unable to quickly clear Gadolinium from their system, the toxin becomes unstable and is then resulted to distributed throughout the body where it cause fibrosis of the skin and vital organs. This ultimately leads to contractures, disability, and death.

Kugel Hernia Mesh

Manufactured by Davol/Bard

Composix brand and dual mesh technology designs

During surgeries, in order to close the hernia and help the tissue heal, doctors use these products which are synthetic mesh patches. Many of the patches include a "memory recoil ring", which is a small plastic ring embedded in the patch that permits it to be folded over and then deployed once inside the abdomen. Certain sizes of the Kugel Hernia Mesh were recalled by the FDA in 2005, 2006, and 2007, because the products shave a tendency to break, causing bowel perforations, abdominal wall punctures and tears and adhesions, what is more, the mesh patch itself has shown a tendency to migrate within the body and sometimes grow into vital organs. Many symptoms of a defective Mesh patch include persistent or unexplained abdominal pain, fever, and tenderness at the surgical incision site. These complications and resulting damage may require additional surgery for repairs, and/or removal of the patch.

Prescription & over the counter

| <u>drugs:</u> | |
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| | Levaquin |
| Accutane | Ortho-Evra Contraceptive Patch |
| Avandia | Phospho-Soda Bowel Prep Solutions |
| Bisphosphonates (Fosamax, Boniva, Actonel, Zometa, Aredia, Didronel, Bonefos, Skelid, Reclast) | Raptiva |
| Chantix | Seroquel and Zyprexa |
| Digitek and Digoxin | Trasylol (Aprotinin) |
| Hydroxycut | Tequin |
| Ketek | Visicol, OsmoPrep, and C.B Fleet |
| | Zicam |

Consumer Products:

Suzuki GSX-R1000 Motorcycles
Yamaha Rhino ATV
AMO Contact Lens Solution
Goodyear Dunlop D402 Tires

Medical Equipment & Implanted

Devices:

Medtronic Paradigm Quick-set Insulin Pumps
Medtronic Synchromed Intrathecal Permanent Pain Pumps
Mentor OB Tape Vaginal Sling
NuvaRing Contraceptive device
Post Operative Disposable Pain Pumps
Zimmer Durom Cup Hip Implants

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