

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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Shine Justice Ltd (SHJ)

Ethicon/Johnson & Johnson seek further appeal in Mesh Class Action

Last month Shine Justice Ltd announced that the appeal brought by Ethicon Sàrl, Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Limited (**Appellants**) against the Federal Court decision in favour of Kathryn Gill, Diane Dawson and Ann Sanders (**Applicants**) had been unanimously dismissed in full by the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia.

The Applicants' claims were upheld by the Federal Court in November 2019 and the Appellants were found liable in negligence and for breaches of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) and the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).

The class action, which was commenced in 2012, with a trial running from July 2017 until February 2018, was brought by Shine Lawyers Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shine Justice Ltd, on behalf of the Applicants and the group members they represent, who were surgically implanted with and suffered significant and sometimes severe and life-altering complications from, defective medical devices (including vaginal mesh and tape implants) manufactured and sold by the Appellants.

The Appellants have now applied for special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia. The application will be vigorously defended by the Applicants.

We will update the market with any further material information.

By order of the Managing Director & CEO

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