

# California Plaintiff's Win First Transvaginal Mesh Lawsuit of Many Filed

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While victims of transvaginal mesh, tape and sling side effects have filed thousands of lawsuits in state and federal courts across the country, Monday's landmark California jury award in *Scott v. Kannappan Medical* is the first formal victory for those affected by these medical devices.

The news coming out of California on Monday inspired thousands of transvaginal mesh victims to keep focused on their goal: the recall of these medical devices. According to kget.com (KGET-TV 17) and The Bakersfield Californian, a groundbreaking jury award came down for plaintiffs who sued Bard in *Scott vs Kannappan, Cause Number S-1500-CV-266034*, a major transvaginal mesh manufacturer, claiming the company knew its Avaulta Mesh product was unsafe. The case had been in litigation for over four years. A jury awarded \$5 million to the wife, and \$500,000 to her husband, who claimed the defective medical device ruined their love life. It's a landmark victory, the first Bard mesh verdict in the country.

Hundreds of thousands of women have been implanted with vaginal mesh, tape or slings. Many of these women have fallen victim to the tragic side effects caused by mesh, manufactured by device giants like Bard and Johnson & Johnson.

While C.R. Bard Medical did stop selling its Avaulta Mesh on July 1, 2012 in the United States, this action only took place after the FDA demanded more clinical trials. Even after Bard's Avaulta Mesh recall in America, the device is still sold in other countries.

The first federal court trial against Bard is set for just months from now in February of 2013. Chief Judge Joseph R. Goodwin issued the bellwether trial date order on May 1, 2012, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, where the Bard case (*MDL No. 2187*) has been litigated since 2010.

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