

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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Shine Justice Ltd (SHJ) Ethicon/Johnson & Johnson Mesh Appeal Dismissed

Shine Justice Ltd announces 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**) has been 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 appeal decision paves the way to secure damages for all group members represented by the Applicants in the coming months.

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.

Shine Head of Class Actions, Jan Saddler, said "While appealing is the right of any unsuccessful party to litigation, we welcome the Full Court's decision to dismiss this challenge. The decision will deliver justice for thousands of women who have been left with life altering complications. No amount of money can fully compensate them, but this outcome provides long-awaited accountability and vindication for their claims."

We will update the market with any further material information.

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