

Won an appeal for Pfizer in a groundbreaking preemption case before the Third Circuit.

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In late 2007, WTO argued in the Third Circuit one of two companion cases that were the first of their kind to be argued in a United States Court of Appeals. In a 2-1 decision published in 2008 in *McNellis v. Pfizer Inc.*, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit held the plaintiff's product liability claims against an antidepressant made by Pfizer to be preempted. This case drew extensive *amicus curiae* briefs on both sides. It is the first appellate decision to find preemption in a case involving an antidepressant medication.

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