

## Drug Companies Face Court Date for Flood of Painkillers

In an interview with [PacerMonitor](#), Co-Founder and Managing Partner [Harry Nelson](#) provided his expert insight regarding the recent opioid litigation and the effect it will have on the future of healthcare.

From the article:

What is being called the “biggest civil trial in U.S. history” is about to begin – unless it settles.

[The case](#), one of more than 2,000 that have been consolidated in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation brought against drug companies for the opioid epidemic, is set to get underway in October in the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga and Summit. According to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) data, drug companies distributed 267,109,356 oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets between 2006 and 2012 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, an equivalent of 29 pills per person per year during that time.

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In [\*The United States of Opioids: A Prescription for Liberating a Nation in Pain\*](#), author and healthcare attorney Harry Nelson writes, “The opioid crisis is unique among public health disasters and mass casualty events insofar as it was caused by multiple points of failure in our health system. Opioid manufacturers need to address their unique role in triggering the rising opioid overdose death toll by promoting misleading information to physicians and patients about their drugs.”

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