

Opioid-Related News and the Courts

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[Judge to Decide How Much Pharmacies Owe Over Opioid Crisis](#)

Associated Press

A hearing has begun in federal court in Cleveland for a judge to determine how much CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart pharmacies should pay two [Ohio](#) counties to help them ease the ongoing costs and problems caused by the opioid crisis.

A jury in November found the pharmacy chains responsible for recklessly distributing massive amounts of pain pills in Lake and Trumbull counties. It was the first time pharmacies in the U.S. have been held responsible for the opioid crisis.

Plaintiffs' attorneys said before trial that each county needs about \$1 billion to repair the damage caused by the flood of pills, which caused hundreds of overdose deaths.

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[A Record 107,000 Americans Died Of A Drug Overdose Last Year](#)

Kaiser Health News

The nation's drug epidemic is deepening, with overdoses rising almost 50% in just two years. Fueled largely by opioids, there have been over 1 million fatal overdoses in the U.S. since the turn of the century.

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[Rural Response to the Opioid Crisis – Funding & Opportunities](#)

Rural Health Information Hub

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