

Ohio Pharmacy Litigation Documents at a Glance

The Ohio Pharmacy documents consist of trial materials from the cases *County of Lake v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al.*, docket no. 1:18-op-45032 and *County of Trumbull v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al.*, docket no. 1:18-op-45079. The defendants in the case are CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Rite Aid, and Giant Eagle.

The allegations are that the pharmacy chains, through negligence and deceptive marketing practices, failed to monitor, report, or take preventative actions against excessive distribution, dispensing, and diversion of opioids. Additional allegations include violations of Ohio and Federal controlled substances laws and causing a public nuisance. Rite Aid settled its claims before trial; Giant Eagle settled shortly after the start of trial. The jury trial ended with a favorable verdict for the Ohio counties, and the three remaining defendants were ordered to pay \$650 million in combined settlements.

CVS and Walgreens - the two largest pharmacy chains, with annual revenues of \$150 and \$118 billion, respectively - have previously settled claims with both the DEA and DOJ regarding their deficient anti-diversion and reporting practices. Since 2008, the companies have paid more than \$120 million in combined settlements.

CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart face additional opioid trials in cases brought by states and local governments throughout the country.

Selected Background Resources

- U.S. District Court for Northern District of Ohio. (2017). [Case docket](#).
Court and attorney contact info as well as links to court filings and motions.
- National Public Radio. (2021, Nov 23). [3 of America's biggest pharmacy chains have been found liable for the opioid crisis](#).

Summarizes the federal jury trial results, noting pushback from the defendants and similar trials in progress across the United States.

- Reuters. (2021, Oct 29). [Pharmacy chain operator Giant Eagle settles Ohio opioid lawsuits mid-trial.](#)

Reports on Giant Eagle's choice to settle, pointing out that the Ohio case is the first trial the pharmacy chains have faced in nationwide litigation.

- Walmart Newsroom. (2022). [Statement by Walmart Inc. with Respect to the Abatement Ruling.](#)

Statement from Walmart declares their intent to appeal the ruling.