

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on March 17, 2022, the following order was made and entered:

State of West Virginia ex rel.  
Johnson & Johnson;  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;  
Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;  
Now known as Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;  
Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., now known as  
Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;  
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.;  
Cephalon, Inc.;  
Watson Laboratories, Inc.;  
Warner Chilcott Company LLC;  
Actavis Pharma, Inc., formerly known as Watson Pharma, Inc.;  
Actavis South Atlantic LLC;  
Actavis Elizabeth LLC;  
Actavis Mid Atlantic LLC;  
Actavis Totowa LLC;  
Actavis LLC;  
Actavis Kadian LLC;  
Actavis Laboratories UT, Inc., formerly known as Watson Laboratories, Inc.-Salt Lake City;  
Actavis Laboratories FL, Inc., formerly known as Watson Laboratories, Inc.-Florida;  
Allergan Finance, LLC;  
Allergan USA, Inc.; and  
Allergan Sales, LLC,  
Petitioners

vs.) No. 22-0062

Honorable Alan D. Moats, Lead Presiding Judge,  
Opioid Litigation, Mass Litigation Panel, and  
Patrick Morrissey, Attorney General for the  
State of West Virginia,  
Respondents

## ORDER

On January 21, 2022, the petitioners, Johnson & Johnson et al., by counsel Marc E. Williams, Robert L. Massie, Shaina D. Massie and Alexander C. Frampton, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, filed a petition praying for a writ of prohibition to be directed against the respondents. The petitioners, by counsel, filed a supplemental brief in support of the petition for writ of prohibition on February 4, 2022.

On February 10, 2022, the respondent, West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey, by Ann L. Haight, Deputy Attorney General, Vaughn T. Sizemore, Deputy Attorney General, and Abby G. Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General, filed a response to the petition.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion that a rule should not be awarded, and the writ prayed for by the petitioners is refused. Justice Armstead would issue a rule to show cause.

Justice Alan D. Moats, sitting by temporary assignment, disqualified.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

