

FILED
TERRI ROSS
COUNTY CLERK

2010 FEB 15 AM 9:51

UPSHUR COUNTY, TX
BY 
DEPUTY

RETENTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Upshur County has determined that claims should be made against Purdue Pharma, L.P., Purdue Pharma, Inc., The Purdue Frederick Company, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries USA, Ltd., Cephalon, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. n/k/a Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. n/k/a Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Endo Health Solutions Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Allergen, PLC f/k/a Actavis, PLC, Actavis, Inc. f/k/a Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Watson Laboratories, Inc., Actavis, LLC, and Actavis Pharma, Inc. f/k/a Watson Pharma, Inc., McKesson Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and any other entities which have engaged in violations of the Texas Controlled Substances Act and other violations of law in the fraudulent marketing and sales of certain highly addictive, opiate-derived painkillers for purposes for which they are neither safe nor effective; and

WHEREAS, Upshur County has determined that the investigation, research, and litigation of the claims may require the expenditure of large sums of money and require the work of numerous lawyers, paralegals, and other who are familiar with Defendants' wrongful actions and/or inactions and related issues for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, Upshur County has further determined that it is in the best interests of the County and its citizens that the County retain attorneys with signification litigation experience; and

WHEREAS, Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, P.C., Martin Walker, P.C., and Tetteller Law, P.L.L.C. are experienced at such litigation and consented to represent Upshur County in association with the Attorney General, respecting the claims and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, AGREED as follows:

1. Upshur County hereby retains Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett, P.C., Martin Walker, P.C., and Tetteller Law, P.L.L.C and their lawyers ("Law Firms"), who are hereby designated to investigate, research, and prepare claims or complaint(s) for Upshur County to file in any appropriate Court or before any appropriate governmental agency.
2. Upshur County does not relinquish authority or responsibility through this Retention Agreement. Upshur County has the sole authority to settle this litigation on behalf of the County and its citizens, and the Law Firms shall inform the County Judge of all settlement offers. The Law Firms shall consult with Upshur County and obtain approval on all material matters pertinent to the claims and any litigation arising therefrom; including whether and how to proceed with litigation, which claims to advance, what relief to seek, and whether and on what terms to settle. Upshur County shall cooperate with the Law Firms and use best efforts to secure the cooperation of other State and County agencies. Upshur County is not required, however, to assign any member of staff to pursue the claims, but may from time to time afford staff and

EXHIBIT

C

other support services as deemed appropriate. Upshur County shall designate one or more members of staff to monitor these claims, who will be available directly to the parties in this matter as needed, and the Law Firms shall keep Upshur County and the designated staff member(s) fully informed on all matters pertaining to the claims.

3. Upshur County and the Law Firms both recognize that the claims present numerous factual and legal obstacles and that no assurance of success on the claims has or can be made.
4. Upshur County shall maintain responsibility for the public distribution of information within Upshur County concerning this matter.
5. Notwithstanding the potential difficulties, the Law Firms have agreed to represent Upshur County and Upshur County hereby agrees that the Law Firms will be compensated for any monies recovered by Upshur County on the following basis:
 - a. Recovery of Attorneys' Fees: Upshur County may request that the Court, to the extent permitted by applicable law, award the County and the Law Firms reasonable attorneys' fees.
 - b. In addition, the Law Firms will be entitled to compensation that, along with any award of attorneys' fees, is equal to but shall not exceed 30% of gross recovery.
 - c. All reasonable and necessary costs of litigation including, but not limited to, court costs, travel, witness fees, consultants, accounting, and expert fees and expenses, as shall be approved by Upshur County, shall be borne entirely by the Law Firms, but shall be reimbursed from any gross recoveries from the pursuit of the claims.
 - d. The Law Firms shall receive no compensation or reimbursement other than set out above, and all within conformity of State law. In the event that no recovery is realized, the Law Firms shall receive no compensation or reimbursement.
6. With approval of Upshur County, the Law Firms may associate other attorneys at its own expense and at no costs to the County. Notwithstanding such association of other attorneys, this Retention Agreement is non-assignable and non-transferable, nor are the Law Firms' commitments delegable without the express, written approval of Upshur County.
7. The Law Firms shall, from the date hereof until not less than four (4) years after this contract expires or is terminated, maintain detailed current records, including

documentation of all expenses, disbursement, charges, credits, underlying receipts and invoices, and other financial transactions that concern the providing of attorney services.

DATED this the 29 day of SEPTEMBER, 2017.

UPSHUR COUNTY

BY:


Upshur County Judge

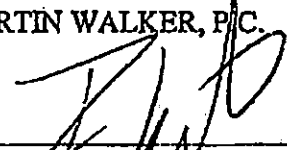
SIMON GREENSTONE
PANATIER BARTLETT, P.C.

BY:


Jeffrey Simon/Shareholder

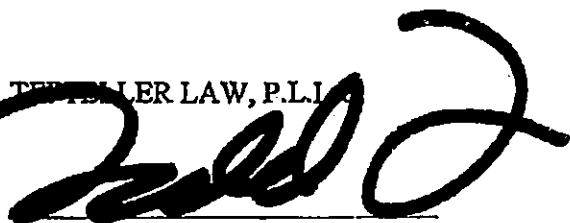
MARTIN WALKER, P/C.

BY:


Jack Walker, Shareholder; or
Reid Martin, Shareholder

TEFTELLER LAW, P.L.L.C.

BY:


Todd Tefteller

Addendum to Retention Agreement

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of September, 2017, the Upshur County Commissioners Court unanimously approved to enter into a contingency fee Retention Agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Agreement" with Simon, Greenstone, Panatier, Bartlett, P.C., Martin & Walker, P.C., and Tefteller Law, P.L.L.C to investigate and pursue potential claims against certain listed pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the amount of recovery will exceed \$100,000, including multiple recoveries.

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge, understand, and agree that the following terms and conditions shall be added and fully incorporated as part of the Agreement upon the date of execution of this Addendum to Retention Agreement.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY AGREED that the following terms and conditions will be incorporated into the Agreement as follows:

1. The Law Firms shall keep current and complete written time and expense records in accordance with §2254.104(a) of the Texas Government Code. At any time upon request, the Law Firms shall permit Client's attorney, Client's governing body, other governing officials, the State Auditor, or any other appropriate official, to inspect or obtain copies of the time and expense records kept as required by § 2254.104(b) of the Texas Government Code.
2. All time and expense records kept in accordance with this agreement are public information subject to required disclosure under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, and all applicable sections.
3. The amount of the contingent fee and reimbursement of expenses under the contract will be paid and limited in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, and all other applicable sections.
4. For and in consideration of the services performed under this Agreement, Client agrees to pay Counsel as fees the lesser of: (i) 30% of Client's Recovery; or (ii) four times Counsel's base fee, as that term is used in Texas Government Code § 2254.106. The base fee will be computed pursuant to Chapter C, Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code. The computation of the base fee does not include hours or costs attributable to work performed by a person who is not a contracting attorney or a partner, shareholder, or employee of a contracting law firm- as such hours or costs are expenses under Section 5 herein. Counsel's reasonable hourly rate for the work performed under the Agreement is \$900 an hour for shareholders and partners, \$750 an hour for senior level associates practicing 10 years or more; \$450 per hour for other attorneys, and \$200 per hour for

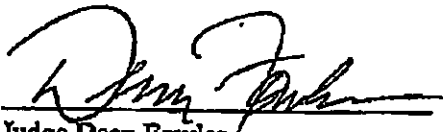


attorneys, and \$200 per hour for paralegals or law clerks consistent with the relevant experience, demonstrated ability, and standard hourly billing rates for these attorneys, paralegals, and law clerks. These rates apply to the subcontracted work performed, if any, by an attorney, law clerk, or paralegal, which are expenses as set forth under Section 5 herein. Because of the expected difficulties in performing the work under this Agreement, the amount of expenses expected to be risked by Counsel, the expected risk of no recovery, and the expected long delay in recovery, a reasonable multiplier for the base fee in this matter is four. Counsel's fee as set forth in this paragraph is the same regardless of whether the litigation is settled, tried, or tried and appealed.

5. Any subcontracted legal or support services performed by a person who is not a contracting attorney or a partner, shareholder, or employee of Counsel or a contracting law firm is an expense subject to reimbursement only in accordance with Subchapter C, Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code and all other applicable sections.
6. The term of this Agreement begins on the effective date of the Agreement, upon which the Comptroller approves and executes the Agreement, and continues until the Representation is concluded.
7. Upon conclusion of the matter for which Counsel was retained, Counsel shall provide Client with a complete written statement that describes the outcome of the matter, states the amount of any recovery, shows Counsel's computation of the amount of the contingent fee, and contains the final complete time and expense records, as required by Section 2254.1 04(c) Texas Government Code. The complete written statement required under this section is public information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and may not be withheld from a requester under that chapter under Section 552.103 or any other exception from required disclosure.

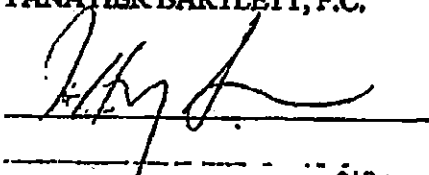
UPSHUR COUNTY

BY:


Judge Dean Fowler,
Upshur County Judge

SIMON GREENSTONE
PANATIER BARTLETT, P.C.

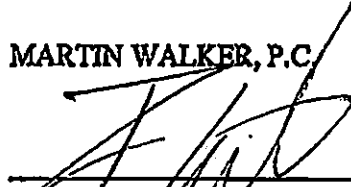
BY:



Jeffrey Simon, Shareholder

MARTIN WALKER, P.C.

BY:



Jack Walker, Shareholder; or
Reid Martin, Shareholder

TEFTELLER LAW, P.L.L.C

BY:



Todd Tefteller, Shareholder


APPROVED BY:

OFFICE OF THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:


By: Deputy Comptroller or his designee

Date:

11-29-17

FILED
TERRI ROSS
COUNTY CLERK
2018 FEB 15 AM 9:51
BY  DEPUTY
UPSHUR COUNTY, TX.