Johnson & Johnson Recall of DePuy Hip Devices: Lewitt Hackman Files Suit

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Attorneys at Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan, a southern California law firm, filed a lawsuit regarding a Johnson & Johnson recall of DePuy metal on metal hip replacement devices. The firm filed the suit against DePuy Orthopedics, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson, Inc., on January 12, 2011 on behalf of a Los Angeles client. The lawsuit alleges DePuy and Johnson & Johnson designed, manufactured and sold a defective, prosthetic orthopedic implant.

The client, who had to undergo a second complicated hip surgery to replace the defective implant is represented by Attorneys **Andrew L. Shapiro**, **Thomas Cecil**, and **David B. Bobrosky** at Lewitt Hackman. The personal injury attorneys say that in addition to intense pain from the failure of the device which caused a decline in walking and other physical abilities, the client may still suffer from potential metal poisoning and other complications.

According to an August, 2010 article in *The New York Times*, surgeons implanted about 93,000 ASR XL Acetabular Systems used in traditional hip replacements, and ASR Hip Resurfacing Systems in partial hip replacements, internationally.

The Johnson & Johnson recall was announced nearly two years after the Food and Drug Administration started receiving complaints about the total hip replacement and hip resurfacing devices. According to *The New York Times* article, DePuy estimates about 12 to 13 percent of the patients who have the metal on metal hip replacements need a second replacement operation within five years of receiving an ASR implant.

"DePuy's reaction before the recall to the mounting evidence of serious problems with its ASR XL Modular Acetabular Cup System and the DePuy ASR Hip Resurfacing System appears less than forthright," stated attorney Shapiro, adding, "DePuy's questionable pre-recall conduct should certainl
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