

## Zimmer loses bid to deny bellwether case in NextGen knee implant lawsuits

Mass Device

A federal judge denies Zimmer Holdings' bid to block a lawsuit from becoming a bellwether case for the multidistrict litigation over its NextGen knee implant.



[Zimmer](#) [1] (NYSE:[ZMH](#) [2]) lost a bid to bar 1 of the 849 pending personal injury lawsuits filed over its recalled NextGen knee implant from becoming a bellwether case for the multidistrict litigation over the device.

Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer of the U.S. District Court for Northern Illinois ruled against the Warsaw, Ind.-based medical device company, writing that *Blake v. Zimmer et al* can remain in the pool of possible bellwether cases for the MDL.

Zimmer argued that the plaintiff, Norma Blake, failed to deliver medical records authorizations in time to meet a court-mandated deadline, according to court documents.

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