

Ark. judge affirms \$181 million in legal fees

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(AP)—An Arkansas judge says Johnson & Johnson must pay \$181 million in fees to attorneys who successfully argued that the pharmaceutical company committed Medicaid fraud in the marketing of its antipsychotic drug Risperdal.

Pulaski County [Judge](#) Tim Fox ruled Thursday that Arkansas taxpayers should not foot the bill in the lawsuit filed by the state's attorney general. Last year, a jury found that Johnson & Johnson, through its Janssen Pharmaceuticals subsidiary, had committed Medicaid fraud and violated the state's deceptive trade practices act.

Johnson & Johnson had argued that legal fees of \$2.2 million to \$3.8 million would be appropriate. A Janssen spokeswoman tells the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette ([is.gd/Qf85x4](https://www.arkd.com/story/news/2013/02/01/ark-judge-affirms-181-million-in-legal-fees/20130201)) that the company maintains it did not violate the state's Medicaid fraud law and that no legal fees should have been ordered.

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