AstraZeneca to pay $520 million in largest pharmaceutical civil settlement

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Sheller, P.C. is Primary Counsel for Record-Breaking $520 Million Civil Settlement; Firm Instrumental in Recovering More Than $4.2 Billion in Pharma Settlements in the Last 15 Months

AstraZeneca will pay the federal government $520 million in civil fines to settle charges of off-label marketing of the powerful antipsychotic drug Seroquel. The settlement is the largest pharmaceutical civil settlement and among the top five civil and criminal drug company settlements in U.S. history.

The first complaint in the matter was filed on behalf of a whistleblower by Stephen A. Sheller, Esq. of Philadelphia's Sheller, P.C. in 2004. Sheller and firm partner Brian J. McCormick, Jr., Esq. also represented whistleblowers in previous off-label, failure to warn, and consumer fraud drug investigations, including 2009's Eli Lilly and Pfizer record settlements for $1.4 and $2.3 billion respectively. The Sheller firm has been counsel for whistleblowers in cases that have brought more than $4.2 billion in settlements for the United States government in just the last 15 months.

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