

YORK COUNTY FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST THE OPIOID INDUSTRY: REPORT

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York County has filed suit against two dozen drug companies and drug distributors, blaming each for the opioid crisis, according to a court records.

Among the 24 defendants named in the suit are four physicians, none from York County, [according to a report from the York Daily Record](#).

The companies named in the lawsuit include Johnson & Johnson and Purdue Pharma, known for making OxyContin, according to the report.

County solicitor Glenn Smith filed the 244-page suit in county court on Friday, which blames "corporate greed" for the opioid crisis in the country.

"York County has been one of the hardest-hit communities in the state facing the escalating cost of combating the opioid epidemic," Smith told the YDR.

The claims the county has "been forced to expend exorbitant amounts of money" due to the crisis, according to the lawsuit.

The county has hired Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, a New York law firm representing more than 70 municipalities that have file suit against pharmaceutical companies, according to the YDR's report.

York County is expected to pay nothing for the firm's legal services.

"If there is a resolution or agreement reached, the firm would take a percentage of the settlement," according to the report.

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