



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*, MIKE HUNTER,)
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

PURDUE PHARMA, L.P., PURDUE PHARMA, INC., and)
THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY, INC.,)

Defendants/Appellants,)

-and-)

TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., CEPHALON, INC.,)
JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS,)
INC., ORTHO-McNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS,)
INC., n/k/a JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,)
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC., n/k/a JANSSEN)
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ALLERGAN, PLC, f/k/a)
ACTAVIS PLC, f/k/a ACTAVIS, INC., f/k/a WATSON)
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., WATSON LABORATORIES,)
INC., ACTAVIS LLC, and ACTAVIS PHARMA, INC., f/k/a)
WATSON PHARMA, INC.,)

Defendants,)

v.)

COMANCHE COUNTY,)

Appellee/Real Party in Interest.)

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Case No. CJ-2017-816

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PETITION IN ERROR

- X PETITION IN ERROR
- AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION
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- COUNTER-PETITION
- DATE FIRST PETITION IN ERROR FILED:

I. TRIAL COURT HISTORY

COURT/TRIBUNAL: District Court
COUNTY: Cleveland

CASE NO.: CJ-2017-816
JUDGE: Honorable Thad Balkman
NATURE OF CASE: State action asserting that opioid manufacturers created a public nuisance through their marketing and sale of opioid medications

NAME OF PARTY OR PARTIES FILING THIS PETITION IN ERROR:

PURDUE PHARMA, L.P., PURDUE PHARMA, INC., and THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY, INC.

THE APPEAL IS BROUGHT FROM:

- Judgment, Decree or Final order of District Court.
- Appeal from order granting summary judgment or motion to dismiss where motion filed after October 1, 1993 (Accelerated procedure under Rule 1.36).
- Appeal from Revocation of Driver's License (Rule 1.21(b)).
- Final Order of Other Tribunal.
(Specify Corporation Commission, Insurance Department, Tax Commission, Court of Tax Review, Banking Board or Banking Commissioner, etc. _____)
- Interlocutory Order Appealable by Right.
- Other

II. TIMELINESS OF APPEAL

1. Date judgment, decree or order appealed was filed: May 21, 2019
2. *If decision was taken under advisement*, date judgment, decree or order was mailed to parties:
3. Does the judgment or order on appeal dispose of *all* claims by and against *all* parties?
 Yes No

If not, did district court direct entry of judgment in accordance with 12 O.S. 2001, § 994. Yes No

When was this done?
4. If the judgment or order is not a final disposition, is it appealable because it is an Interlocutory Order Appealable by Right? Yes No
5. If none of the above applies, what is the *specific* statutory basis for determining the judgment or order is appealable? Post-judgment final order. 12 O.S. §953; *Central Plastics Co. v. Barton Indus., Inc.*, 1991 OK 103, 818 P.2d 900. The Consent Judgment it purports to clarify/modify contains the functional equivalent of a 12 O.S. §994(A) certification (§10.7).

6. Were any post-trial motions filed? N/A
Type Date Filed Date Disposed

7. This Petition is filed by:
 Delivery to Clerk, or
 Mailing to Clerk by U.S. Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested on _____ (date)

III. RELATED OR PRIOR APPEALS

List all prior appeals involving same parties or same trial court proceeding:

Sup. Ct. Case No. 117,831 (original action, jurisdiction declined)

Concurrently filed appeal herein (case number not yet known) for Appellants against City of Oklahoma City, City of Lawton, City of Enid, City of Midwest City, and City of Broken Arrow.

List all related appeals involving same issues:

Concurrently filed appeal herein (case number not yet known) for Appellants against City of Oklahoma City, City of Lawton, City of Enid, City of Midwest City, and City of Broken Arrow.

IV. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Is appellant willing to participate in an attempted settlement of the appeal by predecisional conference under Rule 1.250? Yes No

V. RECORD ON APPEAL

- A Transcript will be ordered.
 No Transcript will be ordered because no record was made and/or no transcript will be necessary for this appeal.
 A Narrative Statement will be filed regarding the Closing Argument portion of the jury trial, which was not transcribed or reported.
 Record is concurrently filed as required by Rule 1.34 (Driver's License Appeals, etc.) or Rule 1.36 (Summary judgments and motions to dismiss granted)

VI. JUDGMENT, DECREE OR ORDER APPEALED – EXHIBIT "A"

A certified copy of the Order Regarding Consent Judgment as to The Purdue Defendants and Denying Comanche County's Motion to Intervene as Moot, filed May 21, 2019, is attached as Exhibit A.

VII. SUMMARY OF CASE – EXHIBIT "B"

A brief summary of the case is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

VIII. ISSUES RAISED ON APPEAL – EXHIBIT "C"

The issues proposed to be raised on appeal are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,)
MIKE HUNTER,)
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA,)
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Plaintiff,)
vs.)
(1) PURDUE PHARMA L.P.;)
(2) PURDUE PHARMA, INC.;)
(3) THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY;)
(4) TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.;)
(5) CEPHALON, INC.;)
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ORDER REGARDING
CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO THE PURDUE DEFENDANTS
AND DENYING COMANCHE COUNTY'S
MOTION TO INTERVENE AS MOOT

This matter comes before the Court upon Comanche County's Motion to Intervene filed April 15, 2019 ("Comanche County Motion to Intervene"). Upon review of the Comanche County Motion to Intervene, the responses in opposition filed by (a) Plaintiff, State of Oklahoma, ex rel., Mike Hunter, Attorney General of Oklahoma, on April 26, 2019 ("Plaintiff State Response"), and (b) the Defendants, Purdue Pharma, L.P., Purdue Pharma Inc., and The Purdue Frederick

Company Inc., on May 16, 2019 (“Purdue Defendants Response”), the reply to Plaintiff State Response filed by Comanche County, on May 1, 2019, and pursuant to Rule 4(h) of the Rules for the District Courts of Oklahoma, the Court finds and holds as follows:¹

1. Comanche County (The “Putative Intervenor”), is not party to, bound by, or otherwise subject to the terms of the “Consent Judgment as to the Purdue Defendants” entered by this Court on March 26, 2019.

2. Putative Intervenor – or any other Oklahoma political subdivision – is not a party to, bound by, or otherwise subject to the terms of the March 26, 2019, Consent Judgment unless it elects, for itself, to opt-in to the March 26, 2019, Consent Judgment pursuant to the terms prescribed by the March 26, 2019, Consent Judgment. The Comanche County Motion to Intervene is denied as moot. See also 04/25/19 Order Regarding Consent Judgment as to the Purdue Defendants and Denying City of Oklahoma City’s, City of Lawton’s, City of Enid’s, City of Midwest City’s and City of Broken Arrow’s Amended Joint Motion to Intervene as Moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of May, 2019


THAD BALKMAN, District Judge

¹ The Court would note that no other named Defendants filed a response to the Comanche County Motion to Intervene.

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This is to certify that on the 21st day of May, 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was emailed to the following:

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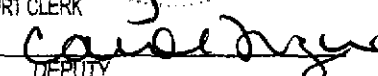
HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT HEREWITH SET OUT AS IT APPEARS ON RECORD IN THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 22 DAY OF May, 2019
MARILYN WILLIAMS COURT CLERK
BY  DEPUTY

EXHIBIT "B" -- SUMMARY OF THE CASE

This action was brought by the State of Oklahoma (the "State") against thirteen pharmaceutical companies, including the Appellants ("Purdue"), alleging that these manufacturers fraudulently marketed their opioid medications in Oklahoma. According to the State, this marketing led to widespread opioid abuse which, in turn, caused the State to incur a broad array of damages, including healthcare expenses and law enforcement and criminal justice expenses, *inter alia*. The State also sought broad injunctive and equitable relief to ameliorate alleged harm throughout the state. On March 26, 2019, Purdue and the State entered into a Settlement Agreement, and the district court entered a detailed Consent Judgment dismissing Purdue from this case with prejudice. The claims against the remaining manufacturers are proceeding to trial. On April 15, 2019 nonparty Comanche County (Appellee herein) moved to intervene in the case, asserting that the Consent Judgment was unclear as to its applicability to political subdivisions, and seeking to assert an independent claim against Appellants, among other things. Both the Appellants and the State filed separate responses objecting to the intervention. The only issue before the district court was procedural in nature -- whether to permit the nonparty movant to intervene. A similar motion to intervene had previously been filed by certain nonparty Oklahoma cities, and on April 25, 2019, the district court entered an order on that separate motion, purporting to clarify or modify the March 26, 2019 Consent Judgment, and denying that motion as "moot." On May 21, 2019, the district court entered a similar order on Appellee nonparty Comanche County's motion to intervene, adopting the same reasoning and holding as in its April 25, 2019 Order, to which it referred. Appellants have separately appealed the April 25, 2019 Order as beyond the district court's authority under 12 O.S. §2024 and a denial of due process. Appellants hereby appeal from the related companion order as to Appellee nonparty Comanche County on the same grounds.

EXHIBIT "C" -- ISSUES TO BE RAISED ON APPEAL

1. Whether the lower court erred as a matter of law and exercised unauthorized jurisdiction where:
 - a. Appellants/Defendants ("Purdue") and the State entered a Settlement Agreement under which the lower court entered a Consent Judgment dismissing the State's claims against Purdue with prejudice;
 - b. Nonparty Appellee filed a procedural motion to intervene questioning the scope of the Consent Judgment and seeking to intervene to assert an independent claim from the State against Purdue;
 - c. The only issue before the trial court was whether Appellee's Motion to Intervene should be granted, and both the State and Purdue opposed the Motion to Intervene; and
 - d. The trial court instead purported to clarify or modify the Consent Judgment, which was not requested by any party or the proposed intervenor in the motion to intervene, and denied the motion to intervene as "moot."
2. Whether the lower court erred in determining that Appellee—"or any other Oklahoma political subdivision—is not a party to, bound by, or otherwise subject to the terms of" the Consent Judgment "unless it elects, for itself, to opt-in to" the Consent Judgment, where the plain language of the Consent Judgment and applicable law demonstrates that the "Releasers" include "the State and the Attorney General and/or any political subdivision of the State on whose behalf the Attorney General possesses, or obtains, the authority to bind."