Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Nov. 15, 2019

Florida is litigating one of the most comprehensive state opioid cases in the country. Our case seeks to hold the nation's largest opioid distributors, manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies responsible for their roles in fueling the opioid crisis.

This week, a Pasco County judge ruled in favor of our motion to access Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Database in this case. This key legal victory marks another step forward in our fight to hold these defendants accountable.

This ruling would not have been possible without the Florida Legislature's hard work last session when lawmakers voted to allow my office access to relevant PDMP data under protective order in certain situations.

I want to thank House Speaker José Oliva and Senate President Bill Galvano for the work and effort that they, their chambers and their staffs put into passing this important legislation. I want to also thank our bill sponsors, Senator Tom Lee and Representative Amber Mariano, and special thanks to Speaker-Designate Chris Sprowls who helped usher this legislation through the Florida House.

In the face of continued legal maneuvering by the defendants, I am grateful to our team of attorneys who took over this fight after session. It is because of their strategic legal work following the passage of the legislation that the state will now have access to the relevant information needed to help bolster our case and hold these major corporations responsible.

Please join us in the fight to end the opioid crisis by visiting <u>DoseofRealityFL.com</u> to learn how you can help stop opioid abuse. By working together, we can end the opioid crisis, and build a stronger, safer Florida.



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