

**Medical Alert** *Continued from front page*

FDA, safety data from controlled clinical trials has shown that there is a potentially significant increase in the risk of heart attack and heart-related deaths in patients taking Avandia. Contact us immediately if you or anyone you know has experienced any heart-related problems after taking this drug.

• **FDA Safety Alert for Zyprexa** – The FDA issued a safety alert for the drug, Zyprexa, (also known as Olanzapine) in May, 2006. Zyprexa, manufactured by Eli Lilly and Co., is a prescription drug used in the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Since 1996, the drug has been prescribed to approximately 20 million people world-wide. A higher incidence of

weight gain and diabetes was apparent to Lilly researchers early in the development of the drug, but was not included in initial product warnings. In 2005, the FDA reported that elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis who are treated with atypical antipsychotic drugs (such as Zyprexa) are at an increased risk of death compared to placebo. The FDA questions whether Lilly withheld information during clinical trials that patients who took Zyprexa were three and a half times as likely to develop high blood sugar as those who did not take the drug.

Let us know if you or someone you know has experienced these increased symptoms of diabetes or other problems after using this drug.

**Welcome Attorney David H. Krause**



David H. Krause recently joined Garson & Associates Co., L.P.A. and will be of counsel to Dennis Seaman & Associates Co., L.P.A. David will be an attorney in our major litigation department. He was formerly a partner of Reminger & Reminger Co., L.P.A., where he was principally responsible for handling major medical malpractice litigation on behalf of hospitals and doctors. David earned a B.A. degree from King's College in 1995 and his J.D. degree from Case Western Reserve School of Law in 1998.

We are pleased that David will be utilizing his expertise and talents toward assisting our clients in seeking fair and full compensation for medical, hospital, and nursing home malpractice cases. In addition to David's many talents, he is an expert in construction law litigation and will also be assisting us with our business/commercial law litigation practice.

**Social Security Disability Law**

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## Medical Alert! What You Need To Know



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We are calling your attention to one recalled medical device and two prescription drugs that are so suspect they made the FDA Safety Alert list. If you or anyone you know has been adversely affected by a **Bard Composix Kugel Mesh Patch** for hernia repair, or have taken tablets of **Avandia** for Type 2 diabetes or used **Zypreza** for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, you need to call us immediately at 216-830-1000.

### Here are the facts:

- **The recall of the Bard Composix Kugel Mesh Patch for hernia repair** – According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), this patch "is used to repair ventral (incisional) hernias caused

by thinning or stretching of scar tissue that forms after surgery. This patch has been recalled by the manufacturer. As a result, the patient may be required to undergo further surgery to repair the defect. If you or anyone you know has experienced a problem with this product, give us a call.

- **FDA Safety Alert for Avandia** – The FDA issued a safety alert for the drug, Avandia (also known as Rosiglitazone), on May 21, 2007. Avandia, a prescription drug manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline PLC, is prescribed for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. More than 6 million people world-wide have taken this drug. According to the

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