

*The below statement is on behalf of National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL Plaintiffs' Executive Committee co-leads Jayne Conroy of Simmons Hanly Conroy; Paul T. Farrell Jr. of Farrell & Fuller Law LLC; and Joe Rice of Motley Rice LLC.*

“The \$150 million settlement with Hikma Pharmaceuticals is the result of the work and significant collaboration between the opioids MDL leadership and state Attorneys General. By coordinating our efforts, states will receive \$115 million in cash in 2024 and have access to \$35 million in opioid addiction treatment medication. This money will be allocated similar to prior settlements between States and subdivisions.

“While the efforts of the law firms appointed to the opioid MDL leadership have thus far obtained over \$51 billion for communities nationwide, our work is far from finished. We will continue to work to hold every defendant who played a role in the opioid epidemic in our country fully accountable for the pain and suffering of millions of Americans. Our litigation teams and negotiating teams are working full speed ahead to complete this job.”

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