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## Accutane Ruling Affirms New Jersey Law is Headed in the Right Direction

This morning the Appellate Division [issued an important ruling](#) in the ongoing litigation over Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.'s acne medication Accutane. The ruling brings to a close a case that has been bogging down the court system for over a decade, and sends a clear message that some choice of law questions are no longer open for debate.

Appellate Judges Sabatino, Simonelli, and Leone overturned a lower court ruling in a 2010 Accutane trial that allowed a plaintiff from Alabama to bring a case in New Jersey even though the case would have been barred in Alabama by that state's statute of limitations.

"Every business in the state should be thanking Roche for having the guts to stick out this case," said Marcus Rayner, the president of the New Jersey Civil Justice Institute. "There is a lot of pressure to settle cases where the lower court is not handing out good rulings, and the defense costs are mounting, but this case shows the benefits of hanging in there when you know that the law should be on your side. It is now firmly settled that the choice of law principles laid down in Cornett apply across the board. Our courts should continue to rely on this line of cases to close the door to out-of-state plaintiffs forum shopping in New Jersey."

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