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Ted Oshman is a highly respected attorney and partner at Oshman & Mirisola, LLP, which has grown to become one of the preeminent law firms in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, defective drugs, personal injury litigation, toxic exposure, consumer rights and commercial litigation. In this insightful interview, he talks about the pharmaceutical industry and wholesale acquisition prices (WAC) and the critical need to educate the public about this issues and its influence on health care policy.

Ted's outstanding excellence is also exemplified not only in the results he obtains for clients, but through court appointment in complex plaintiff case management committees, radio appearances, newspaper articles, bar association membership, speaking engagements and philanthropic organizations.

Steve W. Berman has served as lead counsel or co-lead counsel in securities, consumer, products liability, antitrust, employment class actions, and complex litigations in the Northwest and throughout the country. Some of the high-profile matters he has prosecuted include the Washington Public Power Supply System,

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Michael Milken Litigation, Enron Litigation, Tobacco Litigation, Average Wholesale Price Litigation, McKesson Litigation, and the Visa/Mastercard Litigation. In this informative interview, Steve discusses the legal impact of pharmaceutical pricing (WAC).

Steve's innovative approaches to litigation have earned him significant recognition. When beneficiaries of state employee pension funds refused to pursue sums from Michael Milken's misappropriation of warrants, Steve stepped forward, pioneering the Milken action and using a unique approach to recovery. As co-lead counsel in multi-state class actions against Blue Cross, he uncovered the Blue Cross' breach of fiduciary duties owing to plan participants. His discovery led to the Blue Cross being sued in dozens of states with lawyers throughout the country emulating his approach. Perhaps most notable is Steve's role as a special assistant attorney general for the states of Washington, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Alaska, Idaho, Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Vermont, and Rhode Island in the landmark Tobacco Litigation.

In April 2000, the National Law Journal listed Steve as the top litigator in the state and, in June, named him as one of the 100 most powerful lawyers in the nation. In

January 2001, Seattle Magazine featured him in an issue profiling the top lawyers in Seattle. In June 2006, the National Law Journal once again named Steve one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers in America. He was also named as a finalist for the Trial Lawyer of the Year award for 2006 by The Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Recently, Mr. Berman successfully tried consumer class actions against AstraZeneca and Bristol Myers Squibb, and leads the Average Wholesale Price Litigation (over \$200 million in pending settlements) and the McKesson Litigation (\$350 million in pending settlements). Steve graduated from the University of Michigan in 1976 and earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1980.

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