

# CPM Files Lawsuits on Behalf of Individuals Who Had Counterfeit, Non-FDA-Approved Medical Devices Implanted

In 2014, CPM filed lawsuits in Los Angeles County on behalf of individuals who had counterfeit, non-FDA approved medical devices implanted into their bodies. As alleged in the complaint, Plaintiffs are among thousands of spinal fusion surgery patients in Southern California and elsewhere who were victims of defendants' systematic pattern of fraud and deceit. Fueled by illegal kickbacks, illegal profits, and illegal counterfeit non-FDA approved spinal fusion hardware implanted into the bodies of patients, including CPM's clients, without their knowledge and consent, defendants' conspiracy disregarded the safety and effectiveness of the knockoff hardware so that defendants that include hospitals, doctors, distributors, and others, could defraud insurance companies and ensure a continued stream of unlawful profits for the conspiracy. The CPM team is headed up by Frank Pitre, Robert Hutchinson, Alexandra Hamilton and Joanna LiCalsi. Hamilton and LiCalsi were just named to the Top 40 Under 40 by the National Trial Lawyers.

## Attorneys

Frank M. Pitre

Robert B. Hutchinson

## Practice Areas

Defective Products / Mass Torts