

Anapol Schwartz Files Hydroxycut Complaint

Case in U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Alleges Negligent Design, Warning Failure

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PHILADELPHIA--([EON: Enhanced Online News](#))--Following the May 1 withdrawal and recall of Hydroxycut from the market, [Anapol Schwartz](#) attorneys filed a [complaint](#) today on behalf of a 28-year old Rock County, Wis., man who suffered serious injuries from the dietary supplement.

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Co-lead counsel [Thomas Anapol](#) and [Barry Hill](#) filed the case in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, naming defendants Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., d/b/a Sam’s Club (which marketed and sold the supplement), Iovate Health Sciences, Inc. (which developed, patented, manufactured, distributed and marketed Hydroxycut products), and other companies operating under the Iovate corporate umbrella.

The [Hydroxycut lawsuit](#) claims that Wal-Mart, as the seller, and that Iovate, as the manufacturer, are responsible for the plaintiff’s liver failure, because Hydroxycut’s risk of causing [liver failure](#) outweighs any benefits the product might have.

“This is not like a prescription drug, where the manufacturer has to prove to the FDA that the product has a benefit before it can be sold. Dietary supplement makers do not need FDA approval to put their products on the market. There is no good scientific study demonstrating that Hydroxycut has a benefit. Therefore, any risk of serious injury, such as liver failure, is unacceptable,” says [Hydroxycut case lawyer](#) Anapol, who has also represented consumers harmed by prescription drugs and medical devices.

The plaintiff took Hydroxycut rapid release caplets, as directed by the product label, for three-plus weeks. After becoming ill, an emergency room visit detected hepatitis and jaundice. Hospitalized 11 days later, tests revealed acute hepatitis with necrosis of the liver. Despite successful treatment, he missed significant time from work.

The complaint quotes the plaintiff’s liver specialist, saying the plaintiff “developed hepatotoxicity due to the dietary supplement Hydroxycut.”

The victim and his wife are asking for a judgment against Wal-Mart and Iovate for economic and noneconomic compensatory damages, and for a punitive damages judgment against Iovate only.

Anapol and Hill are representing individuals with other [Hydroxycut claims](#), including a 27-year old former sergeant suffering from rhabdomyolysis, an acute muscle tissue breakdown that can trigger liver and kidney damage. The condition has dramatically weakened his physical strength and ended his army career. The firm is also investigating claims involving Hydroxycut users suffering from heart attacks and strokes.

For more on information on the Hydroxycut litigation, contact 1-866-735-2792.

Founded in 1977, [Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, P.C.](#), is a civil justice law firm with more than 25 attorneys and [law offices in Philadelphia, Media, Reading and Harrisburg, Pa., as well as Cherry Hill, N.J. and Wheeling, W.Va.](#) The firm has represented consumers in matters ranging from dangerous prescription drugs and medical negligence to unsafe products and hazardous work site cases.

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