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Welcome to the Summer 2015 edition of the *Toxic Tort Practice Update*, an e-publication created by the attorneys in Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Toxic Tort group that will keep you up-to-date on a number of topics of interest.

New Study Suggests Random Cell Division May Explain Cancer Rates

By David Dirisamer

A recent study provides answers to cancer causation questions that could prove very helpful to defendants in toxic tort litigation in challenging plaintiffs' causation arguments. [Click here](#) to read more about this new study and what it means for cancer litigation.

The Past Versus the Present: The Frye/Daubert Debate Continues

By David Frazee

More than two decades after the Supreme Court's decision to reject the *Frye* standard, the debate continues. [Learn more](#) about the difference between *Frye* and *Daubert* and the effects on toxic tort litigation.

Court Excludes Expert's Opinion as Unreliable for Failure to Properly Consider Statistical Significance, But Plaintiffs Get Daubert Do-Over Anyway By Oni Harton

Toxic tort cases, similar to product liability actions, are often won or lost based on the strength of expert testimony. Earlier this year in a pharmaceutical mass tort action involving the antidepressant Zoloft, a federal judge ruled that hundreds of people who sued Pfizer over the drug's alleged link to birth defects will be allowed to present another expert. [Learn more](#) about this case.

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