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A Missouri jury recently awarded USD 72 million to the family of a woman who claimed that using Johnson & Johnson's baby powder contributed to her getting ovarian cancer. The baby product giant have recently been the focus of several consumer groups that have pointed out that many of the company's products contain harmful ingredients, such as talcum in the case of the baby powder. Attorneys for both sides battled it out over the course of a three week trial. Attorneys for Johnson & Johnson tried to minimize evidence that they knowingly sold products that could be harmful, and attorneys on the other side claimed that Johnson & Johnson denied obvious facts in order to continue selling their products unabated. According to the Associated Press, the verdict "doesn't bode well for Johnson & Johnson", as the company is facing over 1,000 impending lawsuits and potentially thousands more.