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## NEWS

# Stoller named co-lead counsel in Banner Health suit

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Paul L. Stoller, a shareholder at Gallagher & Kennedy PA, was named co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in a class action filed against Banner Health, according to an announcement Friday.

The lawsuit alleges damages from a cybersecurity breach.

A spokesperson from Gallagher & Kennedy could not confirm the other lead counsel advis-

ing the plaintiffs.

Keith Beauchamp and Roopali H. Desai are leading a team of Coppersmith Brockelman PLC attorneys advising Banner Health, according to the court docket.

Several lawsuits were filed against the Phoenix-based company, which owns and operates acute-care hospitals and other health-related services. The suits stem from an incident this summer.

Banner Health said it discovered that attackers may have gained unpermitted access to computer systems that process payments at food and beverage outlets at some of its locations. The company announced that it was mailing about 3.7 million letters to warn people after the incident, a few weeks later.

Patients, health plan members and beneficiaries, doctors and health care providers with food and beverage customers were some of the people

that the company mailed letters to, according to Banner Health's statement. Payments for medical services were not affected.

The case is in front of Judge Susan R. Bolton. *Clayton et al v. Banner Health et al* (Arizona District Court. CV 2:16cv02696 (District of Arizona filed Aug. 10. 2016)

Stoller, Beauchamp and Desai could not be reached for comment on Friday. A Banner Health representative also could not be reached.