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David Logan recently spoke to Bloomberg News about comparisons between the tobacco lawsuits of the past and the opioid lawsuits of today.

From BLOOMBERG NEWS: "[Big Pharma's Tobacco Moment as Star Lawyers Push Opioid Suits](#)" by Jef Feeley and Jared S. Hopkins

August 15, 2017: Big Pharma is having a Big Tobacco moment as litigation over opioids attract star lawyers and a growing list of states and local governments seeking their own multibillion-dollar payout to deal with costs of a burgeoning drug epidemic.

On Tuesday, South Carolina became the sixth state to sue opioid makers alleging they have created a public health crisis.

The suit filed by Joe Rice, a plaintiff lawyer who helped negotiate a \$246 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in 1998, suggests states are laying the groundwork to force a resolution that provides billions of dollars to cover the costs of an epidemic blamed for 62 deaths per day.

"The more states they have signed up, the bigger their hammer when it comes time to decide who should be on the settlement negotiating committee," said **David Logan, a Roger Williams University law professor** who teaches mass-tort case...

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