



ANALYZING IXCHEL V. BIOGEN'S NEW RULES

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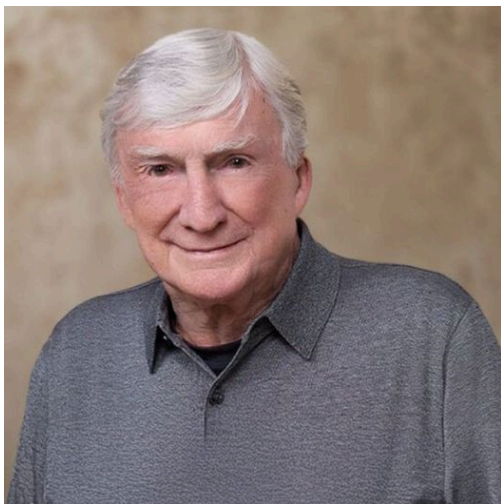
John "Jack" McLean, Of Counsel to the firm, and Patrick O'Shaughnessy, a Principal of Bartko Bunzel & Miller, have published an article in the San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journal analyzing two new pleading rules in *Ixchel Pharma, LLC v. Biogen, Inc.* Last week, the California Supreme Court established two new pleading rules in *Ixchel Pharma, LLC v. Biogen, Inc.*, 2020 DJ-DAR 8084 (Aug. 3, 2020). For claims of tortious interference with at-will contracts, plaintiffs now must plead facts showing the defendant's conduct was itself illegal, apart from the "interference." For claims that certain non-compete contracts between businesses violate Business and Professions Code Section 16600, plaintiffs must plead facts suggesting the contracts were anticompetitive under the "rule of reason" standard. [Read the PDF article](#) in its entirety.

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