

## Judge ponders removal of lawyers behind glyphosate class action suit for possible illegal media release of classified documents

A federal judge [heard] arguments [on August 24] at a federal court in San Francisco over whether the lead attorneys representing farmers in their suit claiming glyphosate exposure gave them cancer should be sanctioned or replaced for releasing documents to the media that Monsanto had deemed classified. On Aug. 1, the New York Times and advocacy group U.S. Right to Know reported [on documents](#) that seemed to reveal that the company had influenced or ghost-written what were supposed to be independent reviews of the herbicide, which is sold under the Roundup brand. However, Monsanto says the documents were classified and shouldn't have been made public.

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The court proceedings...could also influence when the case goes to a key hearing in the suit aimed at assessing whether there's enough evidence that glyphosate exposure can cause cancer. In December, during a proceeding known as a Daubert hearing that is expected to last five days, Judge Vince Chhabria will review all the science in preparation for a potential trial. The burden will be on the farmers to prove they have data to back their cancer claims.

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