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HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge decided Tuesday to dismiss Dow Chemical from a \$5.2 million breast implant verdict, scoring a critical victory for the half-owner of Dow Corning Corp.

In a one-page letter to lawyers, Judge Michael Schneider said he has "disregarded" jurors' Feb. 15 finding that Dow Chemical gave Dow Corning "substantial encouragement or assistance" in marketing the implants using inadequately tested materials.

Following a 10-week trial,

Dow Chemical only had been found liable on that one issue of five the jury had to consider.

"I think it vindicates the position that my client took which was that Dow Chemical was not a proper party in the silicone implant litigation," said Richard Josephson, attorney for Dow Chemical.

The initial verdict has been troubling to both sides because on one hand, jurors found no negligence or implant defect, but on the other, they found Dow Chemical should be made liable because they provided assistance in marketing a product that Dow Corning did not adequately test.

Schneider's decision now undercuts the hairline triumph trumpeted by plaintiffs lawyers

last month when jurors found Dow Chemical Co. liable for the first time in breast implant litigation.

Dow Corning will now bear the entire amount of the verdict won by retired Bellville nurse Gladys Laas and her husband.

"This confirms what we have been saying all along — that Dow Chemical did nothing wrong and caused no harm to the plaintiffs," said John Scriven, general counsel for Dow Chemical. "There is no basis upon which to hold us in the breast implant litigation."

The initial verdict has been confusing for both parties on both sides because jurors did not find either company negligent and found nothing for El Paso cardiologist and co-plaintiff,

Jennifer Ladner.

Rick Laminack, attorney for Laas, said he was still pleased that the finding against Dow Corning was to stand.

"The judges decided to award the largest actual damages against Dow Corning in breast implant case in history," Laminack said. "That's very significant."

"Apparently the judge was troubled by some failure to answer yes to some issues involving Dow Corning that appeared to be inconsistent to the Dow Chemical issue."

Dow Chemical of Midland, Mich., and Corning Inc. of Corning, N.Y., each own 50 percent of Dow Corning, which made silicone breast implants from 1964-1992.

COUSELINE

Listening, defining alternatives keys to solving problems

Compiled By Dr. Andrew Smith
 STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE

When helping a friend with a personal problem, the key is listening.

Listening means focusing attention on the thoughts, words and feelings of another. Listening involves considering another person's concerns from his or her point of view.

Often we are tempted to give advice. We give advice with a sincere desire to make the person feel better. Yet advice can be useless, especially when it is given before the other person has the opportunity to talk about the problem and express his or her feelings.

Listening often seems passive, as if we are not doing anything. Yet there are ways of listening which can seem more active.

By looking directly at people, they can experience your careful and attentive listening. You can make comments summarizing what the other person has said, communicating that you are listening and understanding.

You can ask questions to help clarify statements. You can move physically closer to express comfort, support and empathy. If the person rejects what you have to say, you may want to ask yourself if you are listening carefully.

The second most important part of helping is creating an atmosphere where the other person can express feelings of sadness, anger or despair.

Often we are tempted to cut off feelings by making reassuring statements that everything will be all right. As we experi-

ence the discomfort of those we care about, our first reaction is to do or say something to help them feel better. Nevertheless, the other person needs to express these feelings and have them accepted.

At times, sitting quietly with others as they cry is all that is needed. Your understanding and support is often more important than words.

One way to help people be more aware of their feelings is to ask, "How did you feel when such and such happened?"

The third important aspect of helping is defining alternatives and carefully considering the consequences of each.

There are usually several options in any situation, although some may seem unacceptable.

For example, the person who failed an exam has several options: tutoring, developing new study habits, rearranging schedules, creating more study time, talking with the professor, changing majors, dropping out of school and several others.

Some of these may be unrealistic options if they conflict with other goals.

The final step is determining a specific plan.

Although we can help define the alternatives and clarify the consequences, the final decision needs to remain with the other person. At times it is tempting to encourage a particular solution.

Unless the other person can commit to a specific plan, nothing is likely to happen and the problem will remain unresolved.

Listening, encouraging the expression of feelings, defining alternatives and developing a plan are not always necessary or appropriate. Sometimes people do not need solutions, just someone to listen.

Often we hope a person will feel better talking with us. It's almost as if helpful is synonymous with feeling better.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case, especially when a person is suffering the loss of a significant relationship. Usually the grace period lasts four to six weeks after the case of death, that time is much longer.

One way to help the person grieving is to communicate the appropriateness of the situation. As we give support and understanding over a period of time, the other person is able to establish new meaningful relationships.

You may find yourself helping a friend who cannot define specific concerns, cannot carry out any defined option, constantly comes to you about the same problem, continues to be upset without trying to solve the problem.

You might want to say, "We have been talking about this same problem for the last month and nothing seems to be changing for you, but I'm at a loss as to what to do now that I can't help you."

In such a case, you probably need to suggest professional counseling.

If you are a currently enrolled Texas A&M student and would like to talk to someone about helping a friend, contact the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall or call 845-4427.

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