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Much of Lisa Girion's reporting -- on the hidden problem with OxyContin, the flawed science behind Tasers, the scheme for stripping sick patients of health coverage, the alleged complicity of oil companies in atrocities in Myanmar, and the periodic detection of asbestos in Baby Powder -- has been based on internal records produced in court proceedings sometimes under seal. Without the records, the stories might not have been told. Because they were, things changed -- sometimes a little, sometimes a lot. For example, the Los Angeles Times series exposing the industry-wide practice of dumping policyholders with costly illnesses prompted the nation's largest health insurers to restore coverage to thousands and informed the Affordable Care Act. And the Reuters report that J&J was aware for decades that a carcinogen lurked in Baby Powder triggered the biggest single-day selloff in company shares in more than 16 years and prompted federal prosecutors and public health agencies to launch investigations.