

COVID Whistleblower: Brook Jackson and Her Lawsuit Against Pfizer

Brook Jackson knew things were wrong immediately after being hired in late 2020 by [Ventavia Research Group](#). Her job was to oversee its clinical trial of Pfizer's not-yet-approved COVID-19 vaccine. She repeatedly told company officials of the breaches in protocol and other actions that compromised the study, but her protests were ignored.

"I recognized fraud right away," Brook said. "The staff at the company were forging patient consent forms. They were enrolling their own employees and family members in the study and allowing them to choose to get the actual vaccine, not the placebo. When the trials were supposed to be blinded, the company I worked for unblinded them."

Blowing the Whistle

Just 18 days after starting her new job, Brook called the Food and Drug Administration to tell them about those incorrect actions leading to the study's unblinding. Hours later, while working from home that day, she was fired by Ventavia, ostensibly because she wasn't the "right fit."

"I've never been fired in my life," said Brook, who's been working in clinical research for 20 years.

At Ventavia, her job was to manage the daily operations of the Ventavia COVID-19 study, which involved 1,500 study participants. Right away, she found company officials were violating local, state, and federal laws and not putting patients' interests ahead of making money.

The gold standard for clinical trials is for there to be

blinding. This means participants do not know certain information about the trial—like whether they're receiving the real treatment or placebo—and this reduces bias and the placebo effect. Unblinding trials effectively renders them useless, Brook noted. Such breaches of protocol also compromise patient treatments and patient safety.

"If I'm your doctor and you're in a study and I know you got the vaccine and you call me and say you have COVID symptoms, they use having had the vax as a default to rule out the possibility of you having COVID," she said. "It injects a bias into the trial."

Pfizer's own protocol dictates that if there's a potential for unblinding, the company controlling the trials should pause them and contact Pfizer, Brook explains. "Instead of reporting the potential unblinding, [Ventavia officials] sent a text message to the directors in the company to have them locate the info and destroy evidence of unblinding. ... If Pfizer called Ventavia, we were told to tell Pfizer that all was fine and that we were just running behind schedule."

But Brook's findings regarding the trials so concerned her that in September 2020 she reported 14 findings she discovered in the Ventavia trials to the FDA.

"Six hours later my company called and fired me," she said, adding that she was surprised to be fired the way she was.

"For 18 days I was telling them everything they were doing wrong. I spent my entire career making sure that the data in clinical trials was backed by good data," Brook said.

The realization that her industry has been corrupted for a long time has been sobering for Brook. And she explains that over her life she has not been opposed to vaccines. "I'm not anti-vax," she said. "I'm typically someone who would get the vaccine."

“It’s been very difficult for me to be the age I am and realize what the past 20 years of my life have been. I feel lost, I feel betrayed,” she said.

Brook’s Lawsuit

In December 2020 when [Pfizer](#) was given the [emergency use authorization](#) for the vaccine by the U.S. government, Brook realized they’d used the Ventavia data she’d flagged as compromised. Now she’s [suing](#) for \$1.9 billion on behalf of those injured by the vaccine.

“I filed the lawsuit on behalf of the U.S. and its citizens because I know Pfizer used fraudulent data from those clinical trials to get the vaccine approved,” said Brook. “They shouldn’t have used the data from Ventavia to show the vaccine was effective or safe. Pfizer and the FDA ignored me in that they knew this fraudulent info was being used. They were in a rush to get this vaccine out and they wanted to be the first to market.”

Being from a military family, Brook has a deep love of her country. She believes integrity is important, and that’s why she couldn’t ignore the disregard for protocol, unblinding and dismissal of patients’ adverse COVID-19 vax reactions.

“I knew this vaccine would be used throughout the world, and I wanted it to be effective and work and help people. ... They weren’t even recording the adverse reactions that were being reported by patients. They were crapping all over procedures and protocols for a buck, and I couldn’t be quiet about that,” she said.

These days, we know the vaccines aren’t effective in preventing people from getting COVID and that the vax is causing [myocarditis](#) in men, she noted. “People who are being injured by the vaccine need to know how these trials were compromised,” she said.

The named parties in the lawsuit, including [ICON](#), Pfizer, and Ventavia, all made motions to dismiss. In October 2022, the government supported Pfizer in the lawsuit, with a statement of interest saying the case should be dismissed due to the totality of the evidence.

“They’re saying that because the trials I reported on were just 3% of the trials’ total 44,000 enrollees, that number is so small it’s insignificant,” Brook said. “Of that 44,000, only 170 patients developed COVID after getting the vax. And of that 170, they’re saying that 162 were in the placebo group, [so] eight were in the vaccinated group—that’s how they got 95% safe and effective.”

Part of the problem Brook faces in her lawsuit is not just the intransigence of government officials but also their stupidity. The Department of Justice doesn’t understand how clinical trials should be run, she noted.

“Of the 170 patients who tested positive for COVID in the Pfizer clinical trials, four of them were from Ventavia’s clinical trial sites. But 40 were from a site in Argentina that’s currently undergoing an international investigation for fraud in the trials there,” Brook said. “There’s no accountability—none.”

Brook believes the mRNA platform that was used to develop the COVID-19 vaccines is being wrongly portrayed as an acceptable way to develop medicines to treat various illnesses.

“So now, all of a sudden mRNA is a platform to bring these previously failed vaccines forward. ... It’s scary,” she said.

After being fired by Ventavia, it took Brook a year to find another job. But when people learned of her lawsuit, strange things started happening to her. She’d lose connectivity on her computer, hear crackling sounds while talking on the phone, had a box of crickets set on her doorstep, and got an already-opened letter from the Department of Justice in her

mailbox (the letter was a notice declining part of her lawsuit).

Heart-Wrenching and Uplifting Moments

At a roundtable discussion for vaccine-injured advocates in November 2021 organized by Senator [Ron Johnson](#), the testimonies transformed Brook.

“As I listened to the vaccine injured tell their stories, it changed me and my life forever in ways I can’t explain,” Brook said. “I am from a military family, and I still want to believe in my country. You have these codes and regulations, and they must be followed.”

Reading about or even hearing over the phone the heartbreaking stories of vaccine-injured people with debilitating neurological [symptoms](#), heart problems, and more is bound to make anyone empathize with those folks. It’s another thing entirely to see the vaccine injured give their testimonies in person.

One woman approached Brook at an event, and the meeting left an impression on Brook. “She wheeled over in her wheelchair, and I reached down to give her a hug, and she wanted to stand up and hug me,” Brook said. “And she asked me to never stop fighting for vaccine-injured people.”

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