

Conflicts of Interest

Representatives Matt Ritter and Liz Linehan have been spear-heading a rather bizarre, “emergency” push to drastically change current Connecticut vaccine law by removing the Religious Exemption.

Matt Ritter is a partner at Shipman Goodman, which has Pharma giant Boehringer Ingelheim as a client, defending it against numerous lawsuits related to one of its drugs. <https://www.law.com/ctlawtribune/2018/10/08/covington-shipman-goodwin-prevail-in-another-defense-of-pradaxa/>

A partner who can bring in and/or keep a client like that - the “Holy Grail” of clients for a law firm - can write his own ticket at the firm.

Boehringer Ingelheim is moving into Human Vaccines
<https://www.prweb.com/releases/2016/11/prweb13861798.>

<https://drug-dev.com/the-human-vaccines-project-boehringer-ingelheim-partner-to-accelerate-the-development-of-cancer-vaccines-immunotherapies/>

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03164772?term=Boehringer+Ingelheim&cond=vaccine&rank=4>

Moreover, Ritter’s father is lobbyist for firm that represents Boehringer Ingelheim.
<http://www.brownrudnick.com/people/thomas-d-ritter/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.ibtimes.com/political-capital/why-are-drug-prices-going-democratic-power-players-help-pharmaceutical-industry%3famp=1>

Rep. Liz Lenihan also has a direct connection to Boehringer Ingelheim - her husband is a SCIENTIST at Boehringer Ingelheim.
<http://linkedin.com/in/brian-linehan-b504509>

These 2 Reps have been irrationally pushing for a drastic change to current CT law - removing the seldom used “Religious Exemption” for vaccine compliance - and they both financially benefit from a Vaccine-maker directly themselves and/or through their families.