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## **Cephalon Sues US Government To Block Sales Of Generic Fentanyl Buccal.**

Bloomberg News (3/16, Schoenberg) reports that Cephalon "sued the US government today in federal court in Washington seeking to revoke the Food and Drug Administration's approval" of a generic version of Fentora (fentanyl buccal) "made by Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc. (WPI), saying the product contains 'a novel salt form' never approved by the agency." Cephalon said in its complaint, "Barring an injunction, FDA's actions will usher into the marketplace a generic drug of untested safety and efficacy."

## **Number Of Oxycodone Prescriptions Have Doubled In New York City In Three Years.**

The Wall Street Journal (3/16, Saul) reports that Special Prosecutor Bridget Brennan told the New York City Council's Public Safety Committee that last year, more than one million prescriptions for oxycodone were filled in the five boroughs. In 2007, only half a million were filled. The Journal quotes Brennan as saying, "The public flat out needs to be better informed about how widespread the problem is and how dangerously addictive these substances are."

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