

Attorney praises Carlin for help

Staff reports

A Topeka attorney has credited State Rep. **Sydney Carlin** of Manhattan with helping him secure the largest criminal fine in U.S. history. The case resulted in \$6.5 million being awarded to the state.

Robert Collins helped push one of six cases against Pfizer Inc., resulting in a recent agreement with the Justice Department by which Pfizer will pay \$2.3 billion in fines for marketing numerous drugs off-label, and for misbranding one drug with intent to defraud.

Collins said he worked with **Carlin** to draft and enact false claims laws designed to protect Kansas accounts.

"I am particularly proud of the efforts of Robert Collins and the results of my efforts to get this legislation through," said **Carlin**, whose legislative district includes much of Manhattan.

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