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Ohio: 'Control' determines whether Amazon is subject to strict liability

James Rotondo and Andrew Ammirati co-authored the article, "Ohio: 'Control' determines whether Amazon is subject to strict liability," for *Westlaw Today*. The article discusses the recent *Stiner v. Amazon.com* decision in Ohio and how it compares to the August *Bolger v. Amazon.com* ruling in California, which they covered in "[May Amazon be held liable in strict products liability?](#)"

In *Stiner v. Amazon.com Inc.*, No. 2019-0488, the court concluded that Amazon was not a "supplier" within the meaning of Ohio's products liability statutes, and therefore could not be held strictly liable. The appellant, Dennis Stiner, brought suit on behalf of his 18-year-old son, Logan Stiner, who died after ingestion of a fatal dose of caffeine powder obtained from a friend, who previously conducted a search for "pre-workout" on Amazon's website. The product was sold from a third-party vendor, which posted the product on Amazon's website.

Stiner brought claims under the Ohio Products Liability Act, which subjects suppliers to product liability in certain circumstances.

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