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We stand for our clients.



A Letter to You

We understand this is an incredibly difficult time for you and your family. It is our goal to do whatever we can to put you at ease. Our first step is to give you as much information as possible so you can make informed, confident decisions throughout this process.

Simmons Hanly Conroy was founded to help people affected by asbestos-related illnesses. We are dedicated to supporting you through this challenging time and to helping you regain stability lost due to someone else's negligence.

Above all, I want you to know that we are on your side. We are here to help, and we will aggressively fight for your rights against the companies that harmed you. When you select Simmons Hanly Conroy to represent you and your family, we leverage our full experience, knowledge, resources and commitment on your behalf.

We invite you to learn more about our leadership, our results, our commitment to a cure, and what to expect if you choose to file an asbestos lawsuit. Please contact us with your questions at any time.

Sincerely,

John Simmons
Chairman, Simmons Hanly Conroy

“Looking back in the light of present knowledge, it is impossible not to feel that opportunities for discovery and prevention of asbestos diseases were badly missed.

All workmen should be told something of the danger of the material with which they come into contact and not left to find it out for themselves -- sometimes at the cost of their lives.”

Thomas Legge
Ex Chief Medical Inspector of Factories
in Industrial Maladies, 1934 London
Oxford University Press

A roll of white asbestos material is shown in a clear plastic bag. The bag has a white label with a red border and the word "DANGER" in a red oval. Below that, the word "ASBESTOS" is printed in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, it says "CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD", "KEEP OUT", "AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY", and "RESPIRATORS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ARE REQUIRED IN THIS AREA". The roll is partially unrolled, showing the white material.

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As early as the 1930s, companies knew about the dangers of asbestos.

They remained silent.



FILING AN ASBESTOS LAWSUIT

Holding corporate wrongdoers accountable helps protect future generations

At Simmons Hanly Conroy, we understand that filing an asbestos lawsuit is not a simple process, even under the best of conditions. While no amount of compensation can buy you a medical miracle, a lawsuit can help you afford the mesothelioma treatments you need and help eliminate the worry that medical costs are draining your family budget.

Our asbestos attorneys work within a small group we call a Trial Team. This ensures you will work with the same, small group of people on your case. This structure allows us to manage individual cases with a high level of personal attention while leveraging significant resources needed to bring corporate wrongdoers to justice.

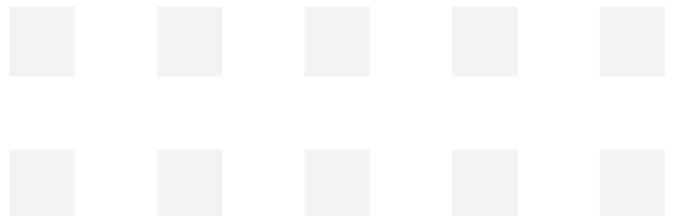
WHAT TO EXPECT

Filing an asbestos lawsuit can hold offending companies and organizations accountable. The dangers of asbestos have been known for over a century by both manufacturing and insurance companies. It is well documented

that these companies knew decades ago that mesothelioma and lung cancer were directly related to the inhalation of asbestos fibers. Forcing them to compensate families will help them learn they can no longer put profits over people.

In 1973, an industry expert predicted that 25,000 employees would die of asbestos-related diseases but luckily for them, “very few people had been paying attention,” even despite the recent negative press. In 1977, the insurance industry unanimously decided against admitting liability regarding asbestosis. Other such events occurred into the 1980s and 1990s.

Even now, despite widespread belief to the contrary, asbestos is still not banned and remains legal well into the 21st century.



WHO WE ARE

Simmons Hanly Conroy is a leading national law firm in the fight against mesothelioma and other cases of corporate wrongdoing. Our attorneys have decades of experience in asbestos litigation and have represented thousands of individuals and families throughout the country.

Simmons Hanly Conroy stands on a strong foundation of values and a track record of success. With centuries of cumulative service to our clients and our communities, we have a dedicated staff of 250 people who are ready to give you the attention and respect you deserve.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe victims of mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases deserve a voice in the American legal system. Through no fault of your own, you or someone you love has been harmed, and we are committed to helping you stand up for your rights.

We are passionate about improving the lives of people diagnosed with mesothelioma and asbestos-related illnesses – and their families – by fighting for their interests and supporting the search for better treatment options and a cure. This is our common cause.

HOW WE WORK

We will work hard for you, representing you and your family on a contingency basis and investing in your right to take legal action – at no cost to you.

The law does limit the amount of time you have to file a lawsuit after diagnosis. Acting quickly is important. Please contact us as soon as possible so you have more time to make the best decision regarding your potential case.



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LEADERS IN LITIGATION

With nearly 80 attorneys in offices across the United States, the firm brings centuries of experience to bear against companies who harmed American workers and families through asbestos exposure.

Our attorneys' focused practices have instilled in them a detailed understanding of the complex issues surrounding asbestos exposure and its related diseases like mesothelioma. These cases are more complex than other toxic tort cases, so our level of experience is a critical component in our ability to get you the results you deserve.

We have helped thousands of people across the country recover millions in verdicts and settlements. Our dedication to customer service, our national resources and our centuries of legal experience are what drives our results.

With the attorneys and staff of Simmons Hanly Conroy on your side, you can rest easy knowing that tremendous experience and knowledge, combined with resources and commitment, are hard at work for you.

We are resolute and unwavering in our stance against corporate wrongdoers.





MICHAEL ANGELIDES, Managing Shareholder

Mike Angelides is the managing shareholder of Simmons Hanly Conroy. Over the last decade, Mike has helped recover millions of dollars on behalf of hundreds of clients suffering from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related cancers. He has extensive experience litigating personal injury and commercial cases in both federal and state courts.

Mike's work has been spotlighted in several prominent national publications. In addition, he has been an invited speaker at asbestos conferences sponsored by two of the leading asbestos legal organizations, Mealey's and PALS.



PERRY BROWDER, Chair of Asbestos Department

Shareholder Perry Browder leads the firm's asbestos department. A veteran of more than 200 mesothelioma cases, he has dedicated his career to providing financial security for people diagnosed with mesothelioma and their families.

Perry has played a key role in some of the largest asbestos verdicts and settlements in the country, including a \$250 million verdict against U.S. Steel. He is also active on the Illinois Bar Foundation's board and supports charitable legal work for low-income families.



TED GIANARIS, Chair of Discovery Department

Shareholder Ted Gianaris dedicates his practice to helping people with personal injuries and insidious diseases caused by corporate and big-business wrongdoing.

Ted leads a team of asbestos attorneys dedicated to discovering and exposing what big business knew about and did about the dangers of chemicals and asbestos. Ted has presented this information at trial on behalf of workers and their families. In one 2002 case, he won a \$5.1 million jury verdict for a mesothelioma victim who was exposed as a child through her father's work clothes.



CHRIS GUINN, Asbestos Shareholder

Shareholder Chris Guinn has dedicated his practice to representing victims of mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases since 2004. A veteran of hundreds of cases, he has spent years traveling around the country to meet with individuals and their families harmed by asbestos.

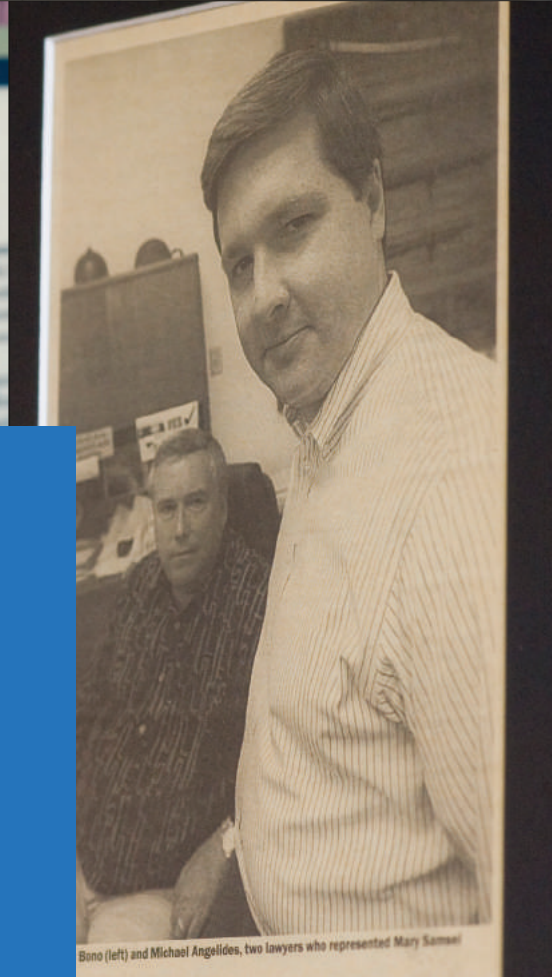
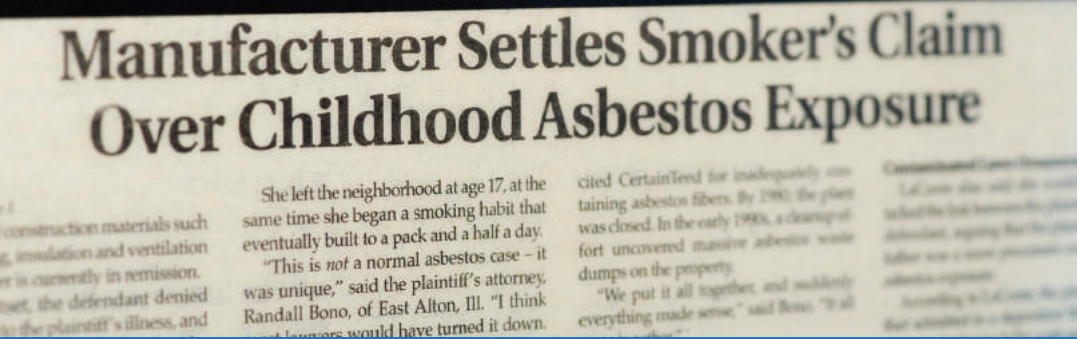
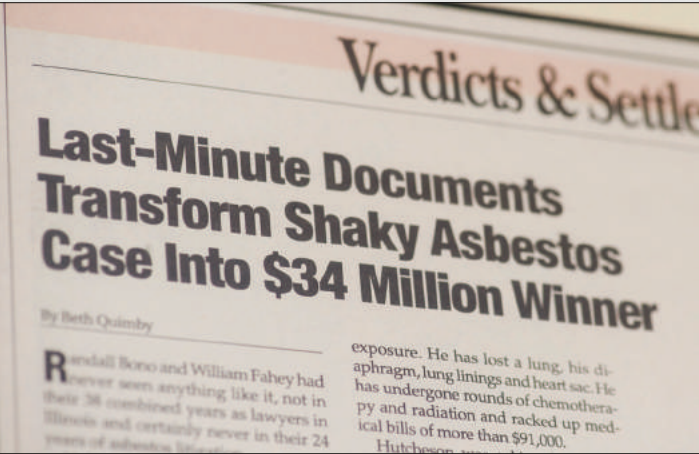
Prior to law school, Chris served in the U.S. Air Force where he worked as a Spanish linguist. In addition, he grew up in a union family. As a result, he understands firsthand the increased risk union members and veterans face from asbestos exposure.





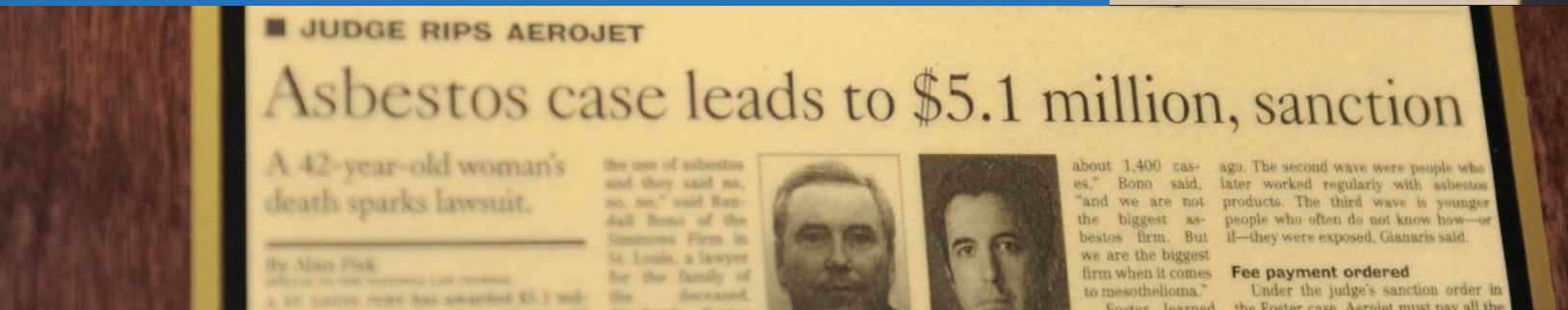
DEB PETERSON
Her column begins today
and will run every Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday, **B2**

U.S. Steel settles \$250 million asbestos verdict



Bono (left) and Michael Angelides, two lawyers who represented Mary Sammel

Over **\$6 BILLION**
in verdicts & settlements recovered
on behalf of asbestos clients.



THE RESULTS YOU DESERVE

Since 1999, Simmons Hanly Conroy has recovered more than \$6 billion in verdicts and settlements for thousands of families throughout the country. The deep commitment we have to our clients has helped us recover some of the largest asbestos verdicts and settlements in the country.

\$250 MILLION AWARDED TO INDIANA STEELWORKER

Indiana steelworker Roby Whittington was a loyal employee of U.S. Steel for 30 years. Because of the company's gross negligence, a jury awarded him a \$250 million verdict for his mesothelioma diagnosis. It is the largest verdict for a single plaintiff in the history of asbestos litigation.

\$60 MILLION VERDICT SECURED FOR FAMILY OF ITALIAN IMMIGRANT

A New York Supreme Court jury awarded \$60 million to the family of an Italian immigrant who contracted pleural mesothelioma after being exposed to asbestos dust and asbestos-containing products while working as a laborer in New York decades ago.

\$34.1 MILLION VERDICT ROCKS SHELL OIL

An Illinois jury awarded \$34.1 million to a roofing worker who contracted an asbestos-related cancer from working at an Illinois refinery decades ago.

OTHER AWARDS SECURED FOR SIMMONS HANLY CONROY CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- **\$4.9 million settlement for a Montana man and his family**
- **Engineer from Missouri receives \$3.9 million settlement**
- **Minnesota auto mechanic wins \$3.7 million settlement**
- **HVAC worker from North Carolina receives \$3.6 million settlement**
- **\$3 million verdict secured for New York maintenance worker**
- **Nevada shipyard worker receives \$2.9 million settlement**
- **Wisconsin Navy veteran receives \$2.9 million settlement**
- **\$2.3 million settlement for California shipyard worker**

See more results at www.simmonsfirm.com/verdicts.html



We stand for our clients.

PUT EXPERIENCE & RESOURCES ON YOUR SIDE

With nearly 80 attorneys and 170 support staff located in six offices throughout the country, Simmons Hanly Conroy has the experience and the resources necessary to hold larger corporations and businesses accountable for their wrongdoing.

Our experience and success has put us in touch with some of the world's best physicians and experts. These key contacts ensure you'll have access both to top-notch legal representation and expert witnesses. At the same time, your dedicated trial team will handle all aspects of your case and investigate all possible sources of recovery, including employers and manufacturers. In addition, we have an entire department dedicated to recovering compensation from companies who have filed for bankruptcy.

OUR RESOURCES

- In-house Medical Department led by two registered nurses
- 16 full-time case investigators, including former police officers
- Professional technical support for document management and trial preparation
- Research and Discovery Department comprised of veteran attorneys and PhD researchers
- Robust national network of medical and safety experts
- Warehouse of evidence, including corporate documentation and physical industrial parts and materials

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

Simmons Hanly Conroy knows navigating both the legal and medical worlds at such a difficult time can be overwhelming. Director of Medical Relations Amy Fair, who has been with the firm for nearly 20 years, fills a unique role to help guide clients through the often confusing and scary steps following an asbestos-related cancer diagnosis.

Prior to her work at the firm, Amy spent 10 years focused on home-health care as a Registered Nurse. Now assisted by 14 medical assistants and a Licensed Practical Nurse, some of the unique benefits of having Amy and her medical team on your side include:



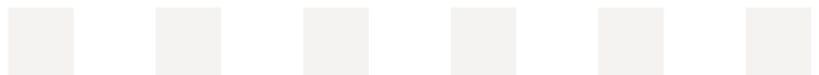
Amy Fair, Director of Medical Relations

- Answers to medical questions about your diagnosis and treatment
- Assistance with referral sources to mesothelioma specialists
- Guidance with nutrition and side effects from chemotherapy
- Help with securing lodging and travel arrangements when seeing specialists
- Preparation of all asbestos-related medical documents and interpretation of records and charts to help strengthen your case
- Communicate medical updates to attorneys to keep them abreast on developments
- Resources for support groups for you and your family
- Securing non-skilled medical care, including sitting services

“When I began work at Simmons, I quickly realized how very rare and complex mesothelioma is, not only for the patient, but for their entire family. Answering patient questions, explaining options, and sometimes just listening to a patient and their loved one is the number one reason I’m here. It’s my privilege to help empower those diagnosed to move forward when they are ready to seek appropriate treatment and help them every step of the way.” — Amy Fair

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A HISTORY OF BANKRUPTCY IN THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY

Since the early 1980s, several leading manufacturers and installers of asbestos-containing products have filed for bankruptcy, most notably companies such as Johns-Manville (filed 1982), Owens Corning (filed 2000), and W.R. Grace (filed 2001).

When a company files bankruptcy, according to federal law, any then-pending or future lawsuits against it are suspended during the length of the bankruptcy case. Typically, when an asbestos defendant files bankruptcy, the company attempts to gain bankruptcy court approval of a reorganization plan that will transfer all current and future asbestos lawsuits against it to a settlement trust.

The trust will be funded with some combination of cash, available insurance and stock of the (reorganized) company. The trust will use these assets to settle and pay claims from asbestos victims that otherwise would have been brought against the company as lawsuits in courts around the country.

What You Need to Know

Since many of the companies that filed bankruptcy were leaders in the asbestos industry, if you have an asbestos-related injury, it is possible you may have one or more claims against existing or future trusts.

Your trust claims are handled separately from your lawsuit against solvent (non-bankrupt) defendants because federal law prohibits asbestos-related lawsuits against the reorganized company or the trust.

- Many asbestos companies have filed for bankruptcy and reorganized.
- Trusts have been set up for people harmed by asbestos exposure.
- You might have multiple bankruptcy claims, depending on your case.
- We have a dedicated bankruptcy department, led by senior attorneys.
- Your attorney will develop a legal strategy that includes bankruptcy claims and all sources of recovery.

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ASBESTOS BANKRUPTCY TRUSTS

Many people with asbestos-related diseases receive monetary compensation through asbestos trust funds. Asbestos bankruptcy trusts are separate, autonomous entities from the companies that originally used asbestos. Once a company's trust is established by the federal

bankruptcy court, individuals harmed by that company's asbestos products can no longer file asbestos lawsuits against the company. Instead, only administrative claims can be submitted to the corresponding trust. This is called filing an asbestos bankruptcy claim.

OUR APPROACH TO ASBESTOS BANKRUPTCY

Simmons Hanly Conroy's Asbestos Bankruptcy Department is led by Shareholders Perry Browder, Chris Guinn and Matt Petersen. Their highly skilled legal team focuses solely on investigating and filing asbestos bankruptcy claims for firm clients.

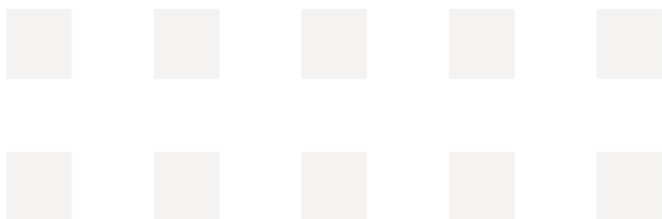
We do not refer out your bankruptcy claims to other firms because we believe it is in our clients' best interests to ensure both solvent and bankruptcy claims are handled by the same law firm.

Filing an asbestos bankruptcy claim typically moves more quickly through the legal system. It does not require you to give a deposition or go through a public trial in court. If you were exposed to multiple asbestos-containing products, you may qualify for compensation from multiple trusts.

Asbestos Bankruptcy Case Study

A 75-year-old Navy Veteran from the Midwest was employed for 14 years as a pipeline inspector in the oil industry. He was diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma and wants to seek justice from the companies that knowingly exposed him to asbestos decades ago.

He receives a total of \$2.4 Million from asbestos bankruptcy claims. His legal team also filed additional lawsuits against multiple solvent companies in the ship building industry for his Navy exposures. The additional lawsuits bring his total compensation to more than \$3 Million. The settlements allow him to afford treatment with a mesothelioma specialist at Vanderbilt University not covered by his medical insurance. In addition, he still has enough to establish his own trust to take care of his family after his passing.



FAQ ABOUT FILING AN ASBESTOS LAWSUIT

Simmons Hanly Conroy will work with you to evaluate your case for free. This legal consultation includes a one-on-one meeting with you in your home, an expert review of your medical records to confirm diagnosis, and an initial investigative report on your asbestos exposure history. Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the process of hiring an asbestos attorney.

“What happens next, after I contact you?”

The minute you contact us, we will begin examining your asbestos claim at no cost to you or your family. An investigator or attorney will call or visit you to learn more about you, your family and work history. After we have sufficient information, we decide if we can recommend filing a lawsuit. This is of no financial cost to you. Nor does it obligate you to hire us.

“How much will it cost for you to represent me?”

Nothing. There is no financial risk on your part in filing a lawsuit. Simmons Hanly Conroy takes clients on a “contingency” basis. This means that we will only collect a fee if and when you collect a settlement.

“Will my family and I have to travel?”

Most likely not. Our attorneys and investigators will travel to meet with you at a location of your choosing. Though we cannot guarantee that you will not have to travel at some point during your case, it is unlikely you will need to leave the area where you live.

“Will I have to testify at trial?”

It depends. We prepare every case as if we are going to trial. However, some cases settle out of court without going through a trial. In the event that a trial does occur, our attorneys are trained to make this process as easy on you and your family as possible.

Who can file an asbestos lawsuit?

Mesothelioma victims or immediate family members on their behalf may be eligible to receive compensation from the manufacturers of dangerous asbestos products that caused the disease. Even if your loved one is deceased, as a family member, you may be able to file a claim.

“Will my case be part of a class action?”

No. Class action lawsuits are reserved for scenarios in which a group of individuals are injured in substantially the same manner. Since asbestos-related diseases manifest themselves differently in each affected individual, it is our belief that such claims are not proper for class actions. We handle each case on an individual basis so that you receive the settlement that you deserve.

“Why should I hire you instead of a firm closer to my home?”

Simmons Hanly Conroy is nationwide with six offices from coast to coast and throughout the Midwest. We have represented individuals and families affected by mesothelioma and asbestos from all across the country, recovering compensation on their behalf in multiple jurisdictions. We regularly travel to our clients, no matter where they are, so they do not have to leave their home town during the investigation process.

“How long can I wait to make a decision to file a lawsuit?”

While each case is unique, the law imposes time limits on how long you can wait to file a lung cancer or asbestos-related disease lawsuit. Once these deadlines pass, it's too late to file. These are called “statutes of limitations.” In other words, you have only a certain amount of time after a diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease is made to file an asbestos claim. Because of this, we advise you to contact us as soon as possible so we can evaluate your case for you.

“Why is it important to hire a firm that focuses on mesothelioma and asbestos law?”

Mesothelioma and lung cancer caused by asbestos exposure is a very specialized area of law. It's a rare cancer and only a few medical experts specialize in its treatment. To ensure the best care, most people prefer to see the doctor who is a mesothelioma specialist. It is the same for filing a mesothelioma lawsuit. To ensure the best legal care, it's imperative to choose an attorney who has an established track record of success in mesothelioma and asbestos litigation.

As a nationwide firm with multiple offices throughout the country, Simmons Hanly Conroy has helped thousands of individuals and families from across the country with their mesothelioma cases and recovered millions of dollars in compensation on their behalf in multiple state and federal jurisdictions.

“How much is my potential case worth?”

At this point, it is impossible to tell. Individual results vary depending on your unique circumstances and our past results are not a guarantee of any future results related to your

potential case. A list of our previous verdicts and settlements is provided in this booklet. Call us today to speak with someone about your potential case.

How do you find out how I was exposed to asbestos?

Based on your work history and the historical data collected by our mesothelioma lawyers, we are often able to link asbestos exposure to one or more asbestos containing products. Our attorneys thoroughly investigate and isolate the companies that produced these dangerous products.

Will this impact my VA benefits?

Filing an asbestos claim does not impact your VA benefits. As a veteran, you may still seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to filing a mesothelioma lawsuit against the product manufacturer responsible for asbestos exposure, veterans diagnosed with mesothelioma can seek disability compensation and healthcare coverage through the VA, for their service-related exposure.

With nearly 80 attorneys located in offices coast to coast, we travel to our clients, so they don't have to.



UNDERSTANDING ASBESTOS

From the Industrial Revolution through the 1980s, many companies used asbestos in manufacturing without significant regulation.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring, fibrous mineral which is easily separated into thin, microscopic threads. These fibers are strong, flexible, heat-resistant and do not conduct electricity. For nearly five thousand years, people have recognized the desirable properties of asbestos. Unfortunately, for nearly as

long, its dangers have also been evident.

The very nature of the mineral's thin fibers and the ease with which they are released into the air is the root of its danger. When these fibers are inhaled during an individual's exposure to asbestos, they can become lodged in the lungs and, over time, cause serious, asbestos-related illnesses.

The first case of disease linked to asbestos was diagnosed in 1924 in the United Kingdom. Throughout the '30s and '40s, the use of asbestos continued to expand, particularly in industrial settings.

It wasn't until the 1970s that asbestos was officially regulated in the United States.

WHO IS AT RISK?

At hundreds of job sites across the United States, thousands of workers often encountered asbestos, jeopardizing their health and even their lives on a daily basis. Family members could also be exposed when loved ones brought the dust home on their clothes. This is called second-hand or take-home exposure. Those who worked in the following professions could be at risk.

- auto mechanics
- aircraft mechanics
- boilermakers
- carpenters
- cement workers
- construction workers
- electricians
- firefighters
- insulators
- iron workers
- machinists
- oil refinery workers
- paper mill workers
- pipefitters
- power plant workers
- maintenance workers
- metal workers
- miners
- railroad workers
- sheet metal workers
- shipbuilders
- ship scrappers
- steelworkers
- tile setters
- U.S. military
- welders
- and more...

THE FACTS

Over **3,000**

Americans are diagnosed
with **mesothelioma** every year.



Mesothelioma is 100 percent caused by asbestos exposure.

Worldwide, 1 in 3 deaths from occupational exposure is attributed to asbestos exposure.

Workers exposed to asbestos for a year or less have an increased risk of developing cancer.

Since the early 1940s, millions of American workers have been exposed to asbestos.

Overall evidence suggests there is no safe level of asbestos exposure.

Asbestos is still not completely banned in the United States.



DISEASES LINKED TO ASBESTOS

Most asbestos-related illnesses have a long latency period. This means that the illnesses may not surface for as long as 10 to 50 years after asbestos exposure. The four most common diseases linked to asbestos exposure are mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis and pleural plaques.

Mesothelioma

Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer that most often occurs in the thin membrane lining of the lungs, chest and abdomen. Each year, approximately 3,000 Americans are diagnosed with mesothelioma.

Lung Cancer

Lung cancer causes the largest number of asbestos-related deaths. The occurrence of lung cancer in people who are or were directly involved in the mining, milling, manufacturing and use of asbestos and

related products is significantly higher compared to the general population.

Asbestosis

Asbestosis is a chronic, non-cancerous respiratory disease. Asbestos fibers become lodged in the lungs and aggravate lung tissues, causing them to scar. The disease may cause cardiac failure in its advanced stages. Those suffering from asbestos-related cancers may also have asbestosis; however, asbestosis does not develop into cancer.

Pleural Plaques

Pleural plaques are bilateral areas of fibrosis present on the inner surface of the rib cage and the diaphragm that are often partly calcified. Pleural plaques by themselves are benign and cannot change into cancer. About one-third to half of those exposed to asbestos will likely develop calcified pleural plaques, though not all asbestos-exposed workers develop pleural plaques.

MESOTHELIOMA SYMPTOMS

Mesothelioma symptoms can take up to 30 to 40 years to appear – long after exposure to asbestos has occurred, making a mesothelioma diagnosis very difficult to pinpoint. Nearly all diagnosed mesothelioma cases can be linked to asbestos, which can lodge in the lining of the lungs and abdomen.

Symptoms of Pleural and Peritoneal Mesothelioma May Include:

- A mass in the abdomen
- Abdominal swelling
- Anemia
- Ascites (abnormal build up of fluid in the abdomen)
- Bowel obstruction
- Chest pain
- Chills and fever
- Decreased appetite, weight loss
- Fatigue
- Hoarseness
- Lower back pain
- Persistent cough
- Pleural effusion (fluid surrounding the lung)
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing

NAVIGATING A DIAGNOSIS

It is often difficult to diagnose mesothelioma since its symptoms are often similar to those of other, less serious conditions.

Your doctor's first step will likely be to collect a full medical and asbestos exposure history, along with a thorough physical examination. This might include a chest X-ray, which, if mesothelioma is present, will reveal thickening of the mesothelium or pleura.

As a follow-up, your doctor may order a CT scan or MRI, which will identify any abnormal fluid buildup around your organs. In the case of pleural mesothelioma, the most common form of the disease, your doctor will scan your lungs. If your physician detects a large amount of fluid, he or she may drain it so he can examine the

cells to see if they are malignant, or cancerous. If the cells are malignant, your doctor will likely order a biopsy to confirm the mesothelioma diagnosis. This involves removing some tissue from the tumor so a pathologist can look at it under a microscope.

For cancer of the abdomen, your doctor may instead perform a laparoscopy, which involves making a small opening in your abdomen and inserting a laparoscope to take tissue samples. These samples will enable your doctor to determine if your symptoms are related to mesothelioma.

We encourage you to consult your physician or the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation for questions regarding your mesothelioma diagnosis.





JOINING FORCES. FINDING A CURE.

*Simmons Hanly Conroy has donated over **\$20 million** to cancer research and support.*

\$10.2 Million

Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Springfield

\$8 Million

Mesothelioma research institutions via the Simmons Mesothelioma Foundation

\$3 Million

to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation and the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Simmons Hanly Conroy has pledged more than \$20 million to cancer research and is a top supporter of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, with over \$2 million in cumulative donations. The firm also supports the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, as well as cancer research centers throughout the country.

In addition, through our support of the Simmons Mesothelioma Foundation, we're helping to advance cutting-edge research across the country. It is our hope that someday we won't have any more clients with mesothelioma or asbestos-related cancer because doctors will have found a cure for these rare and preventable diseases.

Until that day arrives, we will continue to provide our clients with passionate legal representation. We will also continue to support mesothelioma doctors and advocacy organizations in their work to find better treatment options and a cure.

SIMMONS MESOTHELIOMA FOUNDATION DONATES \$8 MILLION TO RESEARCH PROGRAMS

The Simmons Mesothelioma Foundation has identified and partnered with mesothelioma researchers, treatment specialists, advocates and philanthropic organizations in the ongoing fight against mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases.

Our partners include expert oncologists, researchers, surgeons, pulmonologists, advocates, hospitals, universities, philanthropic organizations and others who have tirelessly devoted their careers to the fight against mesothelioma.

Starting with an allocation of more than \$2 million in 2010, the Simmons Mesothelioma Foundation has since donated over \$8 million to support the following research partners:



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The Perlmutter Cancer Center

New York University Langone Medical Center & the NYU Cancer Institute

Mesothelioma Program at the University of Chicago Medicine

University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center

Columbia Medical Center Mesothelioma Program

Columbia University Medical Center

Mesothelioma and Pleural Disease Program

University of Pennsylvania

Mesothelioma Specialty Cancer Care Center

University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

University of California – San Francisco





Firm Chief Operating Officer Todd Adamitis, left, and Chairman John Simmons, right, present the 2016 Alton Miles for Meso check to ADAO representative Jordan Zevon and ADAO Co-founder Linda Reinstein.

DEDICATED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

JOHN SIMMONS, SIMMONS HANLY CONROY DONATES \$10M TO BUILD COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

The Simmons Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University (SIU) serves people from Illinois and around the country by addressing their present and future cancer care needs through a comprehensive approach of education, research and patient services. It is an effort made possible by the shareholders at Simmons Hanly Conroy who made a record \$10.2 million total donation comprised of annual gifts and a multi-year pledge to help fund the development.



Simmons Hanly Conroy employees attend the ribbon cutting for the Simmons Cancer Institute on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Springfield.

SIMMONS HANLY CONROY SUPPORTS BOTH THE MESOTHELIOMA APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION, AND THE ASBESTOS DISEASE AWARENESS ORGANIZATION



The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization was founded in 2004 by Linda Reinstein and Doug Larkin after their loved ones were diagnosed with mesothelioma. The non-profit seeks to achieve a national ban on asbestos and raise awareness of asbestos-related diseases through education, advocacy and community.

Simmons Hanly Conroy Shareholder Perry J. Browder receives the firm's 2017 sponsorship award from ADAO President Linda Reinstein (left) and ADAO Science Advisory Board member Dr. Celeste Monoforton (right) of George Washington University during the 13th Annual International ADAO Conference. The firm is the longest consecutive supporter of ADAO and has donated approximately \$1 Million to support its efforts to secure a U.S. ban on asbestos.

“The partnership that exists between ADAO and Simmons Hanly Conroy is an important one. They are well known for their dedication to those fighting asbestos-related diseases. We are grateful for their unwavering and continued generosity, which allows us to further our mission.”

- Linda Reinstein, ADAO president
In 2018 press release regarding the 14th Annual ADAO Conference



The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation unites doctors, researchers, patients, families and legal advocates in a collaborative effort to advance mesothelioma research and awareness. To date, the foundation has funded more than \$10 million in mesothelioma research through its peer-reviewed grants program. Simmons Hanly Conroy is the foundation's largest cumulative donor with close to \$3 million contributed to its programming since the non-profit started in 2000.

Since 2009, Simmons Hanly Conroy has sponsored Miles for Meso 5K races across the country every year to raise awareness for mesothelioma, as well as funds to be used for vital research. To date, Miles for Meso races across eight states have raised a combined \$500,000 for the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation. One of these races, the Bruce A. Waite Memorial 5K, has raised more than \$50,000 for the Foundation since it was first held in 2012. Race Director Jill Waite, middle, stops for a picture with the 2016 race's Top Attitude and Overall Top Male Finisher award winners.



Simmons Hanly Conroy clients Julie and Mary Jane celebrate finishing in the top three places of their Age Groups in the 2011 Alton Miles for Meso 5K race. Julie, of St. Louis, and Mary Jane, of Ohio, were diagnosed with peritoneal mesothelioma.

As of 2018, they are both 10+ year survivors.

TAKING THE FIGHT TO THE STREETS



The Simmons Mesothelioma Foundation helps raise awareness of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases through its sponsorship of 5K fundraiser races called Miles for Meso.

The first Miles for Meso race took place in 2009 in Illinois and raised \$25,000 for mesothelioma research. Since then, Miles for Meso has helped build awareness by uniting communities across the country that have shown support for patients and their families by hosting their own Miles for Meso fundraisers. Races have been held in Missouri, Illinois, Washington, Virginia, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Florida.

The Miles for Meso races provide significant support of research for better treatment options and, someday, a cure for this rare cancer. Since 2009, Miles for Meso races across the country have raised more than \$650,000 for research and awareness. All funds raised are donated to mesothelioma researchers, hospitals and advocacy groups.

To find a race near you, visit milesformeso.org.



“We know that helping others is the best way, probably the only way, to achieve a better future for ourselves.”

~ HARRY S. TRUMAN



“You might wonder why you would want to sue these companies. All I can say is get mad. They knew. You need it for your treatments, you need it for your transportation. For the rest of our lives, we’re going to be undergoing treatment, and insurance doesn’t cover everything. You need the compensation and Simmons Hanly Conroy can help.”

- Mary Jane, Simmons Hanly Conroy client, 10-year meso survivor in Ohio



“You know, I’ve never filed a lawsuit in my life, but it’s been a good experience being associated with Simmons Hanly Conroy. The Simmons people make you feel like you’re someone and that you do matter. Sometimes you get the wrong interpretation with lawyers, but at Simmons, they are good people who are just trying to help.”

- Bob, of Idaho, meso warrior and Simmons Hanly Conroy client



“If it had not been for Simmons Hanly Conroy, we would not have known what to do. After we filed the lawsuit, it put me in a better position to better fight mesothelioma. These companies knew asbestos would affect someone, but they went ahead and used it for their own gain.”

- LaTanyta, Simmons Hanly Conroy client, wife of Michigan meso victim



“Simmons Hanly Conroy fought for us, and beside us, during the darkest time in our lives. They brought hope to my Dad, who found peace in the knowledge that after he left us, Mom and I would not be truly alone. ...I cannot imagine this journey without their encouragement and patience. Thank you for your integrity and empathy.”

- Jill & Nancy Waite, Simmons Hanly Conroy clients, daughter and wife of Ohio meso victim

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“We didn’t even think about a lawsuit until months into our journey. Our first priority was getting Craig well. I was a stay at home mom...So when Craig got sick, it was a huge concern about what I was going to do if something did happen and the doctors were right about him only living six months. After talking with Craig about filing a lawsuit, he was hesitant, but when I explained my concerns about (our daughter) and sending her to college, our future, if something should happen to him, I think he realized that this was something we should look into.”

- Shelly Kozicki, wife of mesothelioma victim, about why the family decided to file a mesothelioma lawsuit with Simmons Hanly Conroy.



“You have to make a decision, and you have to trust each other, and that’s the only way things can work. We trusted Simmons and Randy and it came to a finale without going to trial, which was very important to us.”

- Betty Nelson, Simmons Hanly Conroy client, wife of mesothelioma victim in Iowa



“Miles for Meso means hope. It means hope that at some point all the fundraising and all the awareness is going to result in effective treatments of the disease and hopefully someday a cure.”

- Joyce, Simmons Hanly Conroy client, wife of meso victim in Missouri

Simmons Hanly Conroy has helped thousands of families across the country impacted by mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases.

Now, let us help you.





We come to you.

The attorneys at Simmons Hanly Conroy are dedicated to making every step of this process easier for you. We understand travel may be difficult. With offices nationwide, our attorneys and investigators are able to help you from the comfort of your home.

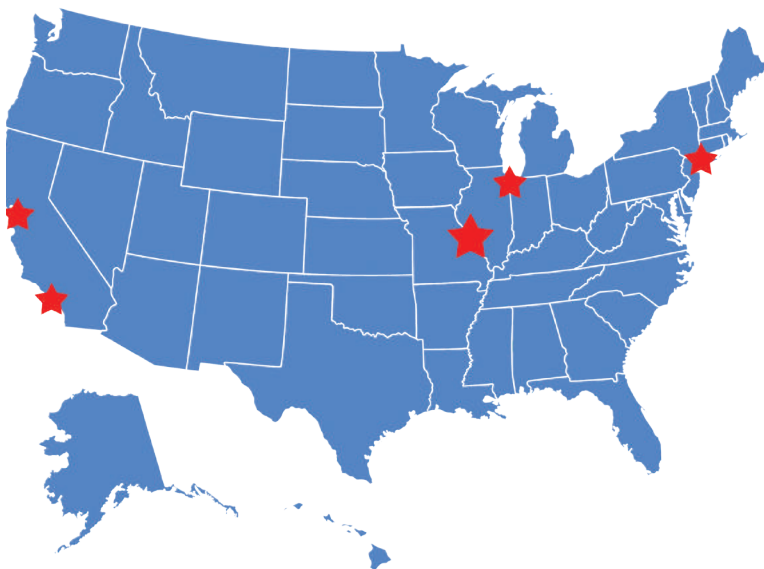
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when you choose us to represent you, you have chosen someone who has the staying power to help you through the process.

Please understand that recovery results vary per client. Every case is unique, and the recovery amounts in each case reflect the specific facts of that particular case. So, there is no guarantee of future results.

We hope that the information we provided is helpful to you. However, we do not encourage you to make a decision based solely on this material. The best attorney for you is one who you can talk to, one who takes the time to make you feel important and one who inspires confidence. Only you and your family can make this very important decision.



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