

MALIGNANT MESOTHELIOMA

& Your Legal Options



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What is Mesothelioma?

In the United States, there are approximately 3,000 new cases of mesothelioma diagnosed each year. Mesothelioma is an aggressive and rare form of cancer that can attack the lining of the lungs, heart, and/or abdomen. Caused primarily by ongoing and continuous exposure to asbestos, the disease is mainly diagnosed in older individuals who worked or regularly came in contact with asbestos in an industrial setting such as in a factory or ship.

If you or a loved one was exposed to asbestos and developed mesothelioma or any other type of asbestos-related disease as a result, you may have legal rights. At Stern Law, PLLC, our team of seasoned asbestos exposure attorneys provide compassionate yet zealous advocacy for those who have been injured due to asbestos. To learn more about your legal options, call (844) 808-7529 now to schedule your free consultation. We look forward to fighting for your right to receive the compensation you deserve for your injuries.

What is Asbestos & Where Was it Primarily Used?

Touted for its heat and fire resistant properties, asbestos is a group of minerals that form as a bundle of fibers. There are two main types of asbestos - chrysotile and amphibole asbestos. Chrysotile asbestos, also referred to as “white asbestos,” is the most common spiral shaped form of asbestos used in industrial settings. Conversely, amphibole asbestos contains straight and needle-like fibers, and was less used due to its brittle and inflexible nature.

Mined and used commercially in the United States since the late 1800s, asbestos has been incorporated into a variety of different products and applications, including, without limitation, insulation, roofing, sound absorption, fireproofing, brake and clutch pads, caulk, gaskets, boilers, hairdryers, ceiling and floor tiles, paints, coatings, adhesives, and plastics.

Factors that Increase the Risk of Developing Mesothelioma

There are several factors that increase one's risk of developing mesothelioma or some other type of asbestos-related condition, such as:

- **Dose** – this represents the amount that an individual was exposed to asbestos.
- **Duration** – this is the amount of time that the individual was exposed to asbestos.
- **The size, shape, and type of asbestos fiber** – while each type of asbestos is hazardous, some fibers are associated with certain health risks. For instance, chrysotile asbestos is more likely to cause mesothelioma than other types of asbestos because it tends to remain in the lungs for a longer time period.
- **The exposure source** – people who are regularly exposed to airborne asbestos in an industrial facility may have a greater chance of developing mesothelioma than those who handled contained and non-airborne asbestos.
- **The individual's health status & lifestyle** – if a person is a heavy smoker and/or has a pre-existing lung disease, these may increase one's risk of developing mesothelioma.

Asbestos and Mesothelioma

Asbestos has been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a known human carcinogen. People were primarily exposed to asbestos in the workplace, but also in their communities and homes. If certain asbestos-containing products are disturbed, tiny fibers can be released into the air, resulting in accidental inhalation and/or ingestion. This can lead to fibers becoming trapped in the lungs and/or migrating to other parts of the body, including the heart and abdominal wall. Over time (the latency period is typically between 10 and 50 years after exposure), fibers can accumulate, form scar tissue, and lead to malignant melanoma, which forms life-threatening tumors.

Types of Mesothelioma

There are three types of mesothelioma: pleural mesothelioma, peritoneal mesothelioma, and pericardial mesothelioma, all of which are further described as follows:

- **Pleural mesothelioma** – pleural mesothelioma is the most common of the three types of the disease with nearly 2,500 new cases diagnosed per year. Specifically, pleural mesothelioma attacks the lining, or pleura, of the lungs, and accounts for roughly 80% of all mesothelioma cases. When an individual has been heavily exposed to asbestos over a long time period (i.e., has inhaled asbestos leading to asbestos fibers becoming embedded in the pleura), it can lead to chronic inflammation, scar tissue, and may ultimately cause tumors to form in the lungs. Symptoms of pleural mesothelioma include chest or lower back pain, a persistent cough, coughing up blood, trouble swallowing, shortness of breath, fluid buildup around the lungs, hoarseness, difficulty talking, and blood clots.
- **Peritoneal mesothelioma** – peritoneal mesothelioma is a rarer form of cancer, with about 500 new cases diagnosed per year in the United States. This type of mesothelioma affects the abdominal lining, or peritoneum, and accounts for approximately 20% of all mesothelioma cases. Due to its location, peritoneal mesothelioma is sometimes referred to as abdominal mesothelioma. Researchers believe that after continuous and ongoing exposure to asbestos, the fibers first enter the lungs and then travel to the abdominal cavity via the lymphatic system. Further theories posit that peritoneal mesothelioma can also develop in the event that asbestos is accidentally ingested due to regularly working with the substance. Symptoms of this disease include abdominal pain, abdominal swelling, difficulty breathing, loss of appetite and/or weight loss, weakness, fever, anemia, nausea and vomiting.
- **Pericardial mesothelioma** – the least common type of mesothelioma, this disease develops in the lining, or pericardium, of the heart, and accounts for less than 50 cases diagnosed per year in the United States. Unlike pleural and peritoneal mesothelioma, it is unclear as to how asbestos fibers reach the pericardium. Often mimicking other diseases, pericardial mesothelioma causes the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, heart murmurs, fatigue, fluid buildup around the heart, swelling of the extremities, heart arrhythmias, a more prominent jugular vein, and accentuated variance in the pulse during respiration.

For all of the above forms of mesothelioma, symptoms of the disease can start anywhere between 10 and 50 years after exposure to asbestos and depends upon several factors, including the type and level of one's exposure.

Prognosis

One's prognosis typically depends on a number of different factors including:

- **The stage of the cancer at the time of diagnosis** – undoubtedly, those who are diagnosed early have the greatest chances of survival, as they have more treatment options and a better outlook.
- **The specific type of mesothelioma** – as noted above, mesothelioma can affect the lungs, abdominal wall and heart. Depending on the specific location of mesothelioma in addition to the cells involved (whether epithelioid, sarcomatoid, and biphasic), these altogether affect a person's prognosis. Typically, those who are diagnosed with peritoneal mesothelioma have a more favorable prognosis than those suffering from pleural or pericardial mesothelioma.
- **The person's age and overall health** – for those who are younger and have been diagnosed with mesothelioma, having a healthy lifestyle gives you a greater chance of success than those who are older and in poor health.

While mesothelioma patients typically live only one to two years after being diagnosed, recent research and advancements in medicine have led to progress in terms of earlier detection, diagnosis, and a variety of different treatment options. Although mesothelioma can be a challenging diagnosis, there is hope. Don't fight cancer alone and without the compensation you deserve for your injuries. Contact Stern Law, PLLC to receive the skilled and compassionate legal representation you need.

How is Mesothelioma Diagnosed?

As noted, detecting mesothelioma can be challenged due to the fact that it often mimics other, more common ailments. In general, mesothelioma can be diagnosed as follows:

- **Imaging** – imaging studies provide critical information that can help make or rule out the diagnosis of mesothelioma. These include X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and PET scans.
- **Blood tests** – there are three mesothelioma biomarkers (mesomark, osteopontin, and Fibulin-3) that may be detected by a simple blood test. While blood tests are not the only method for diagnosing mesothelioma, they can provide useful information and may be part of the mesothelioma diagnostic workup.
- **Biopsies** – a biopsy is the single most reliable method for detecting mesothelioma. There are several different types of biopsies that depend upon the suspected location of the cancer. Your healthcare professional will be able to determine which type of biopsy is necessary depending on where he or she feels the disease may be located.

What are My Treatment Options?

Once you are diagnosed with mesothelioma and it is established where the disease is located within your body, your doctor can develop a plan of treatment specifically tailored to address your condition. Overall, your treatment options depend upon how advanced your condition is, as the sooner you detect mesothelioma and start treatment, the greater your chances of success. Accordingly, the following is a list of the most common treatment options for mesothelioma:

- Surgery – surgery can be a life-saving treatment option, as there are a variety of different surgical techniques that can be life extending or, in some cases, curative. Moreover, surgery can also be used for pain relief or for diagnostic purposes. In any of these instances, recovery can last several weeks and may be combined with other treatment options.
- Chemotherapy – chemotherapy is a treatment option for mesothelioma victims of all stages. Meaning, for those in the earlier stages, or for individuals with advanced forms of the disease, chemotherapy can be an effective treatment. Chemotherapy is often combined with other forms of treatment to give someone the most fighting chances of survival.
- Radiation – radiation therapy can be used before or after surgery to help shrink the size of tumors and kill any remaining cancer cells in the body. Like other treatment options, radiation is often combined with additional techniques to help enhance one's chances of survival.
- Multimodal treatment – multimodal treatment involves aggressive surgical options combined with other methods such as chemotherapy and radiation, which often increase the life expectancy of mesothelioma victims.
- Clinical trials – these offer patients access to new and emerging forms of treatment such as immunotherapy, gene therapy, and photodynamic therapy.

Mesothelioma Exposure Pathways

While asbestos is the proven cause of the disease, there are several paths of exposure that lead to a mesothelioma diagnosis. These are as follows:

- **Occupational exposure** – the most common form of exposure, occupational exposure relates to those working in industrial settings who came into contact with asbestos-containing materials. Occupations such as shipyard workers, those who worked for the military, constructions workers, chemical and power plant workers, insulators, boiler room workers and auto mechanics are associated with the most prevalent occurrences of asbestos exposure.
- **Secondhand exposure** – secondhand exposure refers to a type of exposure wherein those working with asbestos would inadvertently expose people in their home. For example, many wives of men who worked with asbestos have contracted mesothelioma due to laundering their spouse's work clothes that were covered with asbestos.
- **Environmental exposure** – asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral. As such, those who reside near large deposits of asbestos (such as mines) can be exposed through water run-off and mining activities. While rare, this can be a deadly form of exposure.

High Risk Job Sites, Jobs, & Products – Asbestos Exposure Pathways

Exposure can occur in many different ways and in a variety of settings, with certain jobs, products and worksites that are associated with a particularly high risk of exposure. These are as follows:

- High Risk Job Sites – while asbestos exposure could have occurred at a verity of different types of job sites, those that used the mineral in products and facilities were most at risk for exposure. These are:
 - Military sites – many veterans were exposed to asbestos while in the military, particularly on battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, submarines, destroyers, and frigates.
 - Industrial facilities – places such as shipyards, power plants, metal works shops, chemical plants, construction sites, and oil refineries were often associated with the use of asbestos.
- Occupations associated with the heavy use of asbestos – unfortunately, military and non-military workers of all trades may have been exposed to asbestos on the jobsite. Those most at risk were drywall tapers, electricians, firefights, car mechanics, boiler room workers, and construction workers.
- Common asbestos-containing products – thousands of products were manufactured using asbestos, as the material was touted for its fire and heat resistant properties. The most common products where asbestos could be found was insulation, drywall, floor and ceiling tiles, caulk, cement, paint, and pipe gaskets.

Mesothelioma Victims Have Legal Rights

When you are diagnosed with mesothelioma, you need to work with your doctor to develop a treatment plan and start care immediately to increase your chances of survival. Once you have taken these critical steps, you should then speak with an experienced asbestos exposure attorney. At Stern Law, PLLC, one of our skilled asbestos exposure attorneys will review your case, determine your sources of exposure, and if you have a viable case, provide you with a list of legal rights and options, which may include, for example, the following:

Filing a Lawsuit

If filing a lawsuit is the right option for you (or if qualifying surviving family members feel that a wrongful death suit is warranted), your attorney will assist you throughout each part of the litigation process. While every case is different and there is no guarantee as to their outcome, there are a number of steps involved in pursuing litigation, which means that the process may take a longer time than simply settling or filing a trust fund claim. Moreover, litigation involves a certain amount of risk, as the outcome of the case depends upon a judge and jury, which could be swayed at any time. For the most part, mesothelioma litigation involves the following:

- Preparation – your attorney will compile important information related to your sources of asbestos exposure and illness, and determine who is responsible for having caused your condition. This may mean that you file a number of different claims against a number of responsible parties.
- Filing – once your case is prepared, your attorney will file a written complaint with the court of your jurisdiction. Keep in mind that each state has certain requirements about the timing of filing a lawsuit (known as the statute of limitations), and this is something your attorney will explain to you when you meet in your initial consultation. Moreover, it may take some time to determine all of the responsible parties involved in your case before a complaint can be filed.
- Responses – each defendant in your case will receive a copy of your complaint and have a chance to file a response. Be prepared for each defendant to deny responsibility for causing your condition and to vigorously defend themselves. Don't worry, as this is normal and a common practice. Your attorney will handle this fully by responding to each defendant in a calculated and strategic manner.
- Discovery – during this time, attorneys on both sides of the case will gather additional information about your claim. This may include drafting and responding to depositions, interrogatories (written questions) and requesting/producing certain documents. Your attorney will be by your side guiding and advising you during this process.
- Settlement – as described more fully below, a settlement may be offered by the defendant(s) to resolve the case without having to go to trial. If you decline the settlement about offered as being too low or inappropriate, it is quite possible that the defendant(s) will offer you a settlement amount again during the trial phase of your case. Your attorney will be well positioned to negotiate a proper settlement amount on your behalf.

- Trial – this process depends upon where you choose to file your case. Oftentimes, it is not necessary for you to have to appear in court. If you prevail and the defendant(s) does/do not appeal, you will likely start receiving payments within a few months following the trial.
- Appeal – If you win your trial but the defendant(s) appeal(s), there is a limited window of time with which to file same, usually between 30 and 180 days. This will delay your right to receive payments. If the appeal is granted and the defendant(s) prevail(s), you will likely receive little to no money.

Settling Your Case

As noted above, you have to file a claim against a responsible party or multiple responsible parties before you can reach a settlement. Some defendants wishing to avoid litigation altogether choose to offer a settlement at the beginning of one's case, which means that you will not have to go to court. If the amount is sufficient in light of your individual set of circumstances, accepting the offer may save time and money, especially for those who have a life expectancy of two years or less as a result of their asbestos-related illness. An experienced attorney will review with you the strengths of your case and help you to determine whether settling your case, filing a trust fund claim, or seeking a verdict is more appropriate.

Filing a Claim for Trust Funds

Over seventy former asbestos companies have filed for bankruptcy in order to avoid further lawsuits. However, the U.S. government required these corporations to create trust funds with a sufficient amount of money to pay out current and future legal claims to those injured by asbestos. Filing a trust fund claim may be the quickest way to receive money, which is especially helpful to those who are at an advanced stage of illness however, it may be less money than if you file a lawsuit or seek a legal settlement. Your attorney can review with you whether filing a trust fund claim is right for you.

Filing for Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits

While veterans cannot sue the military/U.S. government for having been exposed to asbestos and becoming ill as a result, they can pursue a claim against asbestos and product manufacturers by choosing any one of the above options. Additionally, military veterans can apply for benefits with the VA such as health care and disability. Surviving spouses and children of deceased veterans who died as a result of an asbestos-exposure related illness can also apply for a Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefit, which is paid out on a monthly basis.

Asbestos Bankruptcy Trusts

Since Johns Manville filed for bankruptcy in 1988 and established a settlement trust, more than 60 companies have followed suit. Under federal law, once a company files for bankruptcy, it cannot be sued in civil court. This circumstance both reduces the potential pool of companies a mesothelioma victim can sue and raises numerous procedural and evidentiary hurdles. This protection does not absolutely bar recovery from the bankrupt company, however.

Before an asbestos company can emerge from bankruptcy and, if still viable, resume operations, the bankruptcy courts mandate that company create, fund and manage a trust fund capable of fully compensating individuals who were exposed to its products and who develop an asbestos-related disease. Presently, more than 60 asbestos companies filed for bankruptcy. Pursuant to the court mandate, they have collectively set aside in their Plans nearly \$40 billion in trust fund assets to compensate asbestos victims.

Recovering from an Asbestos Bankruptcy Trust

Filing a claim against one or more of the asbestos bankruptcy trusts is a reliable, dependable alternative to filing a lawsuit. To recover from a trust fund, a claimant must submit a verified claim form to the Plan's Trustee with documentation supporting three fundamental facts, specifically: (i) affirmation from a doctor of his or her diagnosis of mesothelioma; (ii) evidence of site exposure to the bankrupt's product; and (iii) a qualified expert opinion that the exposure to the bankrupt's product contributed to the claimant's development of mesothelioma. Claims that do not provide adequate support for one or more of these elements will be rejected.

The Amount of a Recovery from an Asbestos Bankruptcy Trust

The compensation the Trustee awards a claimant depends upon the severity of the illness and how many future claims the Trustee expects to be filed against the fund. The Trustee makes those decisions based on the validity of the claim and the medical evidence of severity. Typically, the Trustee relies on a matrix or schedule set out in the Plan. Attorneys for claimants often communicate with Trustees regarding an appropriate amount of compensation for their clients. If the Trustee has concerns about whether the trust has sufficient funds to cover future claims, he may award only a percentage of the scheduled amount, and reserve the balance for future distribution as the time for processing claims winds down.

There is no restriction on the number of trust funds against which a claimant can file claims. The only limitation is that the claimant can only submit and recover from any fund if he proffers evidence that satisfies each of the three fundamental elements.

The claimant can use funds to covering medical bills and his costs of living and to secure the future for his family. While this compensation may not reverse the course of this terrible disease, it can relieve much of the anxiety. All claims are processed in order of receipt so time is of the essence.

Questions for Your Asbestos Attorney

Asbestos related laws and litigation can be complex, requiring the assistance of a qualified mesothelioma lawyer. While meeting with an attorney is highly recommended in order to learn more about your options in light of your individual case, it is also critical to be as educated as possible when seeking legal action. As such, we have compiled a list of questions most often asked of our attorneys in order to prepare you for when you meet with your attorney. Note that the following is not a substitute for legal advice. For specific questions or concerns, it is recommended that you contact Stern Law, PLLC today to speak with one of our compassionate asbestos exposure lawyers.

1) When should I hire an attorney?

While hiring an attorney is not mandatory, it is highly recommended since the time for filing a legal action is limited. Moreover, it can take time to research the details that are necessary to build an effective case on your behalf. Therefore, we recommend that once you have secured medical treatment, that you contact Stern Law, PLLC right away to get your case started.

2) I lost my spouse to mesothelioma a while ago. Can I still file a lawsuit?

This depends. As noted above, there are time limitations (also called the statute of limitations) that dictate how long you have to file a legal claim. While each state is different, the statute of limitations for mesothelioma cases can range from one to six years, depending upon where you choose to submit your claim. Additionally, some states impose different deadlines for certain personal injury claims, including wrongful death actions. Even if the statute of limitations has passed on your case, you may still have enough time to receive financial restitution through asbestos trust funds, Veteran's Administration benefits, if you were in the military, or workers' compensation benefits. To better understand all of your options, don't wait - contact Stern Law, PLLC immediately to learn more.

3) I am not sure how or where I was exposed to asbestos. Do I still have a viable claim?

While it depends, most often a seasoned mesothelioma attorney can help you to review your personal history to determine a likely source of your exposure. He or she will definitely ask you such questions as to where you lived, worked, attended school, and/or travelled, whether you served in the military, and other related inquiries.

4) What if I have never worked for an asbestos company but I was still diagnosed with mesothelioma?

Exposure to asbestos can occur at many different places, including at home, school, a mining or manufacturing facility, or via natural occurring asbestos deposits in the environment. The only known cause of mesothelioma is asbestos exposure, and if you were diagnosed with this disease, there must have been some type of asbestos exposure pathway that occurred in your lifetime. A lawyer in experience in these types of cases can help you to determine when and where you were diagnosed, increasing your chances of being compensated for the harm you sustained.

- 5) The company that caused my mesothelioma is now bankrupt. Do I still have a chance to be compensated for my illness?

The answer is, it depends, however, the good news is that the U.S. bankruptcy courts now require certain companies to set up asbestos bankruptcy trust funds to compensate individuals for getting mesothelioma. The purpose of these “asbestos trusts” is to pay both current and future claims that are brought against these companies. Currently, there are about sixty funds that have been established to pay on claims for mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses. Importantly, each trust has its own set of requirements for an individual to receive compensation, which is why it is critical to hire an attorney experienced in negotiating with these trusts. Contact a qualified attorney at Stern Law, PLLC to determine whether filing a claim with an asbestos trust is the best course of action in your case.

- 6) Should I settle my case? Or, should I go to trial?

Making this determination depends on your individual set of circumstances. For instance, in a case where a person was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma and the disease has not progressed to advanced stages, he or she may have more time to pursue a lawsuit than others who are in Stages III or IV of the disease. However, lawsuits can be risky, as there is no guarantee of success given the fact that the case is determined by a judge and jury. Settling may also be a viable option however, defendants often propose low monetary amounts hoping they can make the case go away. Accepting such settlement without speaking with an attorney is not recommended, as a qualified lawyer can help you to negotiate for the fullest amount of compensation possible. Whether you should settle, go to trial, or even pursue trust fund money is something you should discuss with your attorney, and he or she can help you to make the best decisions possible in your case.

Free Medical Legal Review

Mesothelioma is a rare and virulent form of cancer that attacks the lining of the lung, abdomen, heart or testicles. Mesothelioma is caused by breathing microscopic asbestos fibers. It can take between 15 and 50 years to develop after exposure. Although manufacturers and sellers of asbestos-containing products knew about the risk of developing mesothelioma and other asbestos-related conditions from exposure to their products, they failed to provide adequate warnings to those who used or worked around them. Mesothelioma is almost always fatal. There is no certain cure. By the time a doctor diagnoses it, the cancer has typically reached an advanced stage.

You May Be Entitled To Substantial Compensation

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with mesothelioma, you are an emotional wreck, confused, frightened, adrift. You face mounting medical bills, a dwindling bank account and wonder how you will possibly manage. You may be entitled to substantial compensation for your pain and suffering, lost wages and medical expenses. Hiring an experienced, caring mesothelioma lawyer is one of the most important step you can take to manage these problems and recover for your losses.

Hire An Experienced Mesothelioma Attorney

If this is the first time that you have needed to hire an attorney, you should know that not every attorney has the necessary skills to handle an asbestos or mesothelioma case. This area of practice is extremely complex and requires a thorough understanding of the asbestos industry, exposure to asbestos, and how asbestos causes serious injury. Only those who possess the right tools and experience can help you deal with the complexities of your case and win fair compensation for your asbestos-related illness. The lawyers at Stern Law, PLLC are aggressive, compassionate advocates for our clients. We are here to serve your needs.

Free, No-Cost Consultation

There is no cost to speak with us. During your free legal consultation, we'll answer your questions and provide clear advice on the next steps to take. In addition to a free consultation, Stern Law, PLLC works on your case a contingency-fee basis. We only get paid if you or your family receives compensation. We'll explain your rights, tell you your options and evaluate your case free of charge.

Contact Stern Law, PLLC Today

At Stern Law, PLLC we appreciate how difficult a diagnosis of mesothelioma can be. Everything we do is intended to improve the lives of our clients and to ensure that their rights are protected. Our lawyers offer a high level of service and emotional support that you cannot find anywhere else. For decades, we have successfully represented other mesothelioma victims and want to help you as you deal with this devastating cancer. To schedule a free consultation, contact us at (844) 808-7529 to learn more about available legal rights and options. We are ready to make a difference, so don't wait-pick up the phone and call us.

Why Hire Stern Law, PLLC?

Hiring a lawyer is serious business. There are many attorneys and law firms competing to represent victims of mesothelioma or other asbestos related diseases. For something as important as a mesothelioma case, your attorney should not only be skilled, he or she should also be compassionate and able to appreciate the complexities that mesothelioma presents in your life. In essence, the best lawyers are those who are not only seasoned at what they do, but are also caring, dedicated and empathetic. Their ability to understand and appreciate the unique facts of your situation will have a dramatic impact in the outcome of whatever legal course you choose to take. It is, therefore, critical that you make your choice of which attorney to engage carefully.

Proven Asbestos Related Disease and Mesothelioma Attorneys

If this is the first time that you have needed to hire an attorney, you should know that not every attorney has the necessary skills to handle a case involving mesothelioma or any other asbestos related disease. This area of practice is extremely complex and requires a thorough understanding of the asbestos industry, exposure to asbestos, how asbestos causes serious injury, and how it has affected you and your family. A qualified mesothelioma attorney must possess the necessary skill to investigate and identify who is at fault for causing your cancer and whether those entities can be sued. Mesothelioma attorneys must also possess the necessary training to understand and appreciate complex medical issues and available mesothelioma treatments. Most of all he must possess the necessary courtroom skills to tell your story to a jury of your peers, or to a trustee of an asbestos bankruptcy trust and to persuade them that you are entitled to substantial compensation. Only those attorneys who possess the right tools and experience can help you deal with the complexities of a mesothelioma case and win fair compensation.

Tradition of Service and History of Success

Nothing about the lawyers at Stern Law, PLLC is average. Our attorneys represent clients throughout the U.S. who suffer from mesothelioma or other asbestos-related diseases. Victims include men who worked in factories, steel mills, power plants, construction sites, shipyards, automobile and brake garages, train yards, and many other places where individuals were exposed to asbestos. We have also represented individuals who have developed mesothelioma from asbestos fibers brought home on the clothing or in the cars of family members exposed to asbestos. Our **attorneys** have the experience and skills necessary to hold asbestos manufacturers, distributors and installers liable for causing your mesothelioma.

Our practice is founded on a tradition of service and a proven history of success. For more than 30 years, we have been providing compassionate legal support to victims of mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases. We have consistently delivered successful results. By aggressively pursuing our clients' claims, our firm has recovered numerous large settlements and recoveries.

Mesothelioma victims face a grim future. Few treatment options have proven effective in reversing the course of this devastating cancer. Time is of the essence to you and your family. As your attorneys, we will undertake every avenue the law affords victims to ensure that their loved ones are taken care of. Your most basic right is the opportunity to hold those entities

who are responsible for causing your cancer accountable and to obtain substantial compensation for your losses. Our job is to confirm that you have a claim, to research and identify the parties responsible, and to commence and aggressively pursue legal action against them. There are several directions you can take to do so, including filing a lawsuit, filing claims with various asbestos bankruptcy trust funds and filing a claim with the Veterans' Administration if you were exposed while serving on active duty in the military. We will work with you in deciding what is best for you and your family and then work hard on your behalf until you and your family members are justly compensated.

Contact Stern Law, PLLC Today

At Stern Law, PLLC we appreciate how difficult a diagnosis of mesothelioma can be. Everything we do is intended to improve the lives of our clients and to ensure that their rights are protected. Our lawyers offer a high level of service and emotional support that you cannot find anywhere else. For decades, we have successfully represented other mesothelioma victims and want to help you as you deal with this disease. To schedule a free consultation, contact us at (844) 808-7529 to learn more about available legal rights and options. You and your loved ones may be entitled to significant compensation. We are ready to make a difference, so don't wait-pick up the phone and call us.

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