

# THE TEAM

*Working with the Right Litigation Team*

## OUR LITIGATION TEAM HAS:

- / Successfully obtained compensation for thousands of asbestos victims through settlement or trial.
- / Unique knowledge of the benefits and resources available for asbestos disease sufferers after the case is resolved to assist our clients with future planning.
- / The most comprehensive database of correspondence and historical information on mesothelioma and asbestos litigation in the nation—a significant resource in assisting our team in identifying the source of exposure.

## COHEN, PLACITELLA & ROTH WILL:

- / Listen to what our clients remember about working life and identify any potential contact with asbestos.
- / Investigate the companies that exposed our client to asbestos and determine their ability to pay any compensation themselves or through their insurance.
- / Explore whether the company that exposed our client to asbestos violated laws or regulations or failed to fulfill its duty to keep employees and their families safe, at work or at home.
- / Enlist world-renowned experts to prove the connection between our client's illness and asbestos.
- / Seek compensation for all harms of losses, including:
  - Lost wages
  - Medical expenses
  - Pain and suffering
  - Loss of the quality of life
  - Loss of services

## A SAMPLING

### *Our Involvement in Mesothelioma and Asbestos Litigation*

- Served as trial counsel in the largest consolidated asbestos trial in New York City history, as well as obtained the largest punitive damage verdict against an asbestos company in New Jersey's history.
- Served as members of steering committees for national, multi-district asbestos litigation charged with the responsibility of coordinating and drafting standard, court-approved written discovery, case management orders and case evaluation forms. We serve as leaders of the national asbestos litigation group, which is comprised of asbestos lawyers from every state.
- Represented clients with asbestos claims in federal and state courts throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, New Jersey and across the country.
- Substantial trial experience resulting in successful recoveries in personal injury and wrongful death trials involving claims of disputed asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma.
- Extensive experience as lead counsel at hundreds of plaintiff depositions, as well as depositions of experts such as industrial hygienists, pulmonologists, radiologists, pathologists and oncologists.
- We have represented clients who were exposed to hundreds of different asbestos products including: construction products, consumer products, high temperature thermal insulation, joint compound, caulk, cement, gaskets, brake linings, stucco products, talc, pumps, roofing materials, laboratory equipment, floor covering and textiles.
- We have represented clients in many different industries including: the U.S. Navy, military, shipyards, residential and commercial construction, refineries, steel mills, appliance repair, automotive repair and tire manufacturing, power plants, and industrial factories.
- Our firm has experience representing workers from many unions in asbestos and mesothelioma litigation, including:
  - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union (IBEW)
  - Sheet Metal Workers' Union
  - International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Trades
  - The Boilermakers' Union
  - The United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Union
  - International Union of Operating Engineers
  - United Auto Workers
  - United Steel Workers—Pulp, Paper & Forestry Workers Division
  - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
  - International Chemical Workers Union

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# ASBESTOS AND MESOTHELIOMA LITIGATION

*Commitment. Purpose. Results.*

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COHEN, PLACITELLA & ROTH P.C. has a proven track record helping the victims of mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases.

Led by Christopher M. Placitella, Esq., one of the country's foremost legal authorities in cases involving mesothelioma, asbestos-related diseases, and mass torts, our lawyers have, over the last four decades, represented more than 5,000 asbestos victims and their families in state and federal courts seeking just compensation for their asbestos injuries.

#### ASBESTOS LITIGATION

Mesothelioma and asbestos cases are among the most challenging civil cases because asbestos-related illnesses have a long latency period. Someone exposed to asbestos in the 1960s may not experience symptoms or be diagnosed until decades later. By that time, companies that manufactured or sold asbestos products have gone out of business, merged with other companies, or have been bought out by other companies or large conglomerates, making it difficult to find the party currently liable for a previous company's exposure.

# ASBESTOS AND MESOTHELIOMA

## COMMITMENT

We have the resources, trial experience and commitment to manage, litigate and resolve even the most complex mesothelioma and asbestos cases. Since 2010, C/P/R has been rated by its peers as one of the top tier personal injury and mass tort litigation trial law firms in the country, according to the *U.S. News & World Report* - Best Lawyers® edition.

At C/P/R, we pride ourselves on our commitment to helping the victims of mesothelioma and their families, whether they were exposed to asbestos directly on the job site or through secondary exposure to asbestos fibers unknowingly brought into the home from the work place. As a result of our comprehensive experience, we are able to promptly investigate and identify the source of asbestos exposure and work with the world's foremost authorities and experts on behalf of our clients to get them the compensation they deserve.

ATTORNEY ADVERTISEMENT. Before making your choice of an attorney, you should give this matter careful thought. The selection of an attorney is an important decision. Because every case is different, the descriptions of awards and cases previously handled are not meant to be a guarantee of success.

## PURPOSE

Cohen, Placitella & Roth P.C. is **dedicated to unraveling the circumstances that caused our clients' suffering** as a result of asbestos exposure. Our team has the experience and resources to identify the responsible company or companies. We cut through legal "red tape" and obtain reliable information. C/P/R's preparation, willingness and ability to try these cases frequently enable us to negotiate favorable settlements on behalf of our clients.

Conspiracy amongst asbestos producers to withhold the truth about the dangers of asbestos fibers dates back many decades. Evidence that we have uncovered clearly proves that these companies had knowledge of the health hazards of asbestos as early as the 1930s and did nothing to mitigate the harm caused by their products. We have successfully used this evidence in many cases to obtain just compensation for our clients.

## RESULTS

In asbestos litigation, the source of the asbestos exposure is traced backward and each party involved in the distribution and subsequent exposure of that asbestos is potentially liable for compensation to the injured party. Our extensive experience and awareness of both the historical nuances, as well as the intricacies involved in each jurisdiction throughout the U.S., ranks us as **a top tier firm for asbestos litigation**. Our experience and reputation has earned us the respect and admiration of our peers. National plaintiffs' firms place their trust in us to refer their cases as we provide expertise in the area of mesothelioma and asbestos-related disease litigation. We have further served as co-counsel in many jurisdictions throughout the United States.

# THE FACTS

## Illnesses Caused by Asbestos

### / MESOTHELIOMA /

- A malignant tumor usually found in the lining of the lung but sometimes found in the abdomen or around the heart.
- The only known cause of mesothelioma is asbestos.
- It can take 15-60 years after you inhaled the asbestos for symptoms to develop.
- You can develop mesothelioma after very small amounts of exposure to asbestos.
- Every manufacturer, user and seller of asbestos products has a duty to warn and protect workers from asbestos exposure.

### / PLEURAL THICKENING /

- Thickening of the membrane lining the lung.
- Can cause restricted breathing.
- People with pleural thickening are usually only eligible for compensation if the pleural thickening has caused significant injury.

### / LUNG CANCER /

- There are several different types of lung cancer and they can have different causes.
- People who have been exposed to asbestos have a higher risk of developing lung cancer, especially if they have been smokers.
- People who have been diagnosed with lung cancer and have been exposed to asbestos in the past are entitled to make a claim for compensation.

### / ASBESTOSIS /

- Asbestosis is the scarring of the lungs caused by inhaling asbestos. It results in extreme breathlessness.
- Scarring of the lungs, or pulmonary fibrosis, can have several causes— asbestos is only one source of the problem.
- It can be difficult to prove a connection between asbestos and pulmonary fibrosis.
- People who suffer from asbestosis usually have had heavy exposure to asbestos over a relatively long period of time.

**To find out more** about our services or learn more about our practice, contact us at 888.375.7600.

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