

# ASBESTOS LITIGATION

YOUR GUIDE TO THE LEGAL PROCESS



**SIMMONS HANLY CONROY**  
A NATIONAL LAW FIRM

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*We stand for our clients.*





## SIMMONS HANLY CONROY

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With more than 40 attorneys dedicated to asbestos litigation in offices across the United States, Simmons Hanly Conroy 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.

We have helped thousands of clients across the country recover billions in verdicts and settlements. Our dedication to client 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.

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# FILING AN ASBESTOS LAWSUIT

*Holding corporate wrongdoers accountable  
 helps protect future generations.*

“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**

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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 are organized into small groups we call Trial Teams. This ensures every client works with the same, dedicated group of people on their 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.

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 as early as the 1930s 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.

It all boils down to that. The companies who used asbestos knew about the dangers, yet they remained silent. Even today, they work hard to avoid admitting fault. Filing an asbestos lawsuit with Simmons Hanly Conroy will help make sure they are held accountable for their actions.

# PUT EXPERIENCE & RESOURCES ON YOUR SIDE

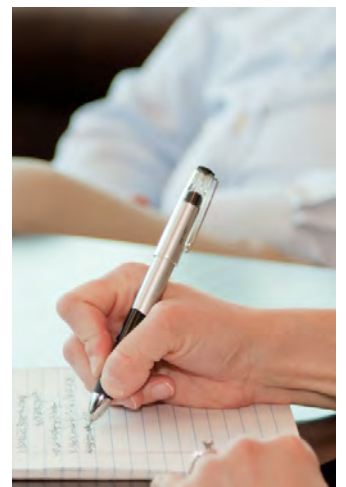
With over 40 asbestos attorneys and 160 professional and legal staff located in six offices throughout the country, Simmons Hanly Conroy has centuries of cumulative experience and the resources necessary to hold larger corporations and businesses accountable for their wrong-doing.

Our experience and success has put us in touch with some of the world's very best physicians and experts. These key contacts ensure you'll have access both to top-notch legal representation and to expert witnesses.

At the same time, your trial team will handle all aspects of your case, investigating all possible sources of recovery, including employers and manufacturers, using the below resources and more to ensure you get the results you deserve.

## OUR RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

- In-House Medical Department led by two registered nurses
- 16 full-time 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.







“When a victim of mesothelioma hires Simmons Hanly Conroy to represent them, they have an absolute army of people working on their case. They have a team of lawyers. They have a team of paralegals. They have a team of medical staff. They have all of these resources marshalled together to help them.”



**~ Mike Angelides**  
Managing Shareholder



## OUR TRACK RECORD OF RESULTS

*Since 1999, Simmons Hanly Conroy has secured over \$5 billion in verdicts & settlements.*

# \$250 million asbestos verdict

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.

### THE RESULTS YOU DESERVE

Simmons Hanly Conroy has represented thousands of clients throughout the country and recovered over \$5 billion in verdicts and settlements from mesothelioma cases on their behalf.

We work hard for our clients and are dedicated to getting them results. Founded in 1999, the firm quickly developed a reputation in handling cases of toxic exposure to asbestos after securing a \$250 million verdict on behalf of our client, Roby Whittington. The verdict still stands as the largest verdict for a single asbestos plaintiff.

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

### THE BEST RESULTS POSSIBLE

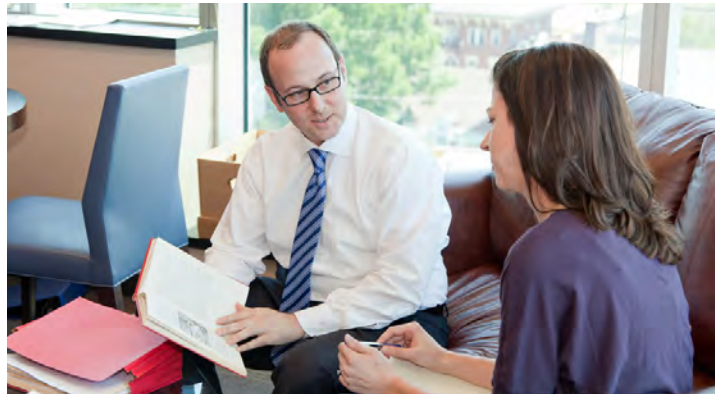
The firm's track record of securing results continues today. Two recent success stories involve a \$2.86 million verdict for a Delaware factory worker and a \$3 million verdict for a New York pipefitter. Other notable victories include a \$34 million verdict for a factory worker and thousands of multi-million-dollar settlements for families across the country.

You can rest assured, that if you choose Simmons Hanly Conroy as your mesothelioma law firm, our asbestos attorneys will work hard to secure the best results possible for you and your family.

**See more results at [www.simmonsfirm.com/verdicts.html](http://www.simmonsfirm.com/verdicts.html)**



# 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.

## **“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 represents clients on a “contingency” basis. This means that we will only collect a fee if and when you collect a settlement.

## **“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 long can I wait 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.

## **“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.

## **“Why should I hire you instead of a firm closer to 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.

## **“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 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 topic. 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 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.

# TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Contact us today for your free, no-obligation legal consultation.

We understand that the road ahead for you and your family can seem daunting. You do not have to travel it alone. We want to help. The next step, we believe, is to provide you with as much information related to your potential case as possible, so you can make informed, confident decisions throughout this complex process.

If you select us to represent you in your mesothelioma case, you will have a dedicated litigation team backed by the resources of a large firm who will work closely with you throughout the entire legal process.

Please understand that recovery results vary by client. Each case is unique, and the recovery amounts reflect the specific facts of each individual case. There is no guarantee of future results. However, we hope you will call us, get to know us and allow us to personally evaluate your potential mesothelioma claim. To schedule your free, no-obligation legal consultation, please contact us any time at the number below.

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## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*Simmons Hanly Conroy has helped thousands of families across the country impacted by mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases. Now, let us help you.*



“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, of Ohio,  
8 year meso survivor**



“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 victim**



“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, of Michigan,  
wife of 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, of Ohio,  
daughter & wife of meso  
victim**