

**SIMMONS HANLY CONROY**  
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# Asbestos Litigation

Your Guide to the Legal Process



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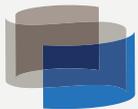
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“When a victim of mesothelioma hires Simmons Hanly Conroy to represent them, they have an absolute army of people working on their case. They have a team of lawyers. They have a team of paralegals. They have a team of medical staff. They have all of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

– **Larry Nassif**  
Managing Partner





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With more than 90 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 over \$9.7 Billion 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 250 attorneys, 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 including 4 registered nurses and 2 licensed practical nurse
- 11 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.



# OUR TRACK RECORD OF RESULTS

*Since 1999, Simmons Hanly Conroy has secured over \$9.7 Billion in verdicts & settlements for asbestos clients.*

## THE RESULTS YOU DESERVE

Our asbestos attorneys have represented thousands of clients and secured over \$9.7 Billion in verdicts and settlements for thousands of families throughout the country.

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.

## THE BEST RESULTS POSSIBLE

The firm's track record of securing results continues today. Over the past five years, the Asbestos Department has won nine verdicts totaling approximately \$96 Million in courts nationwide.

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.

### **\$250 Million Asbestos Verdict**

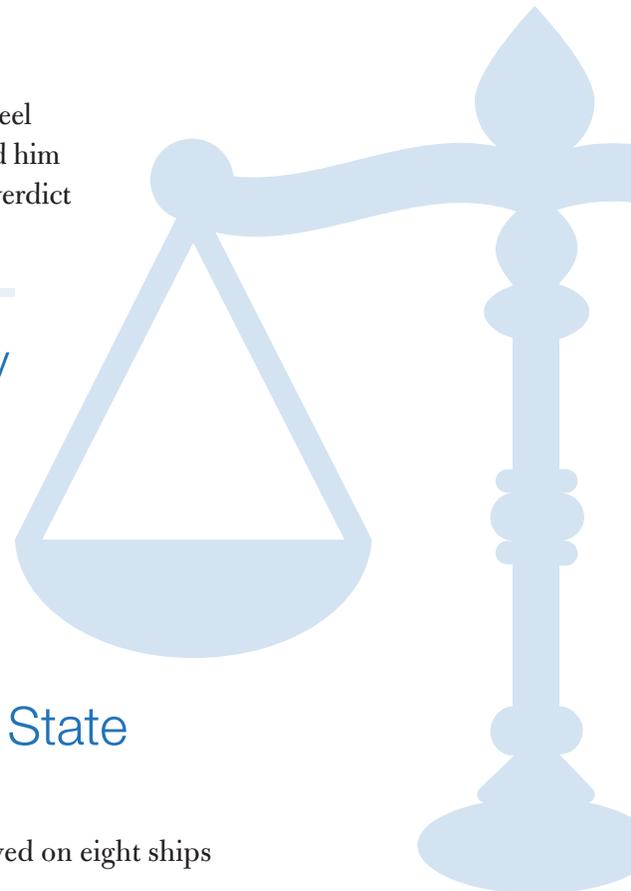
Indiana steelworker Roby Whittington was a loyal employee of U.S. Steel for 30 years. Because of the company's gross negligence, a jury awarded him a \$250 Million verdict for his mesothelioma diagnosis. It is the largest verdict for a single plaintiff in the history of asbestos litigation.

### **\$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.

### **\$40.1 Million Verdict for Washington State U.S. Navy Veteran**

A jury awarded \$40.1 Million to a Washington boiler tender who served on eight ships during his service in the U.S. Navy and contracted mesothelioma.

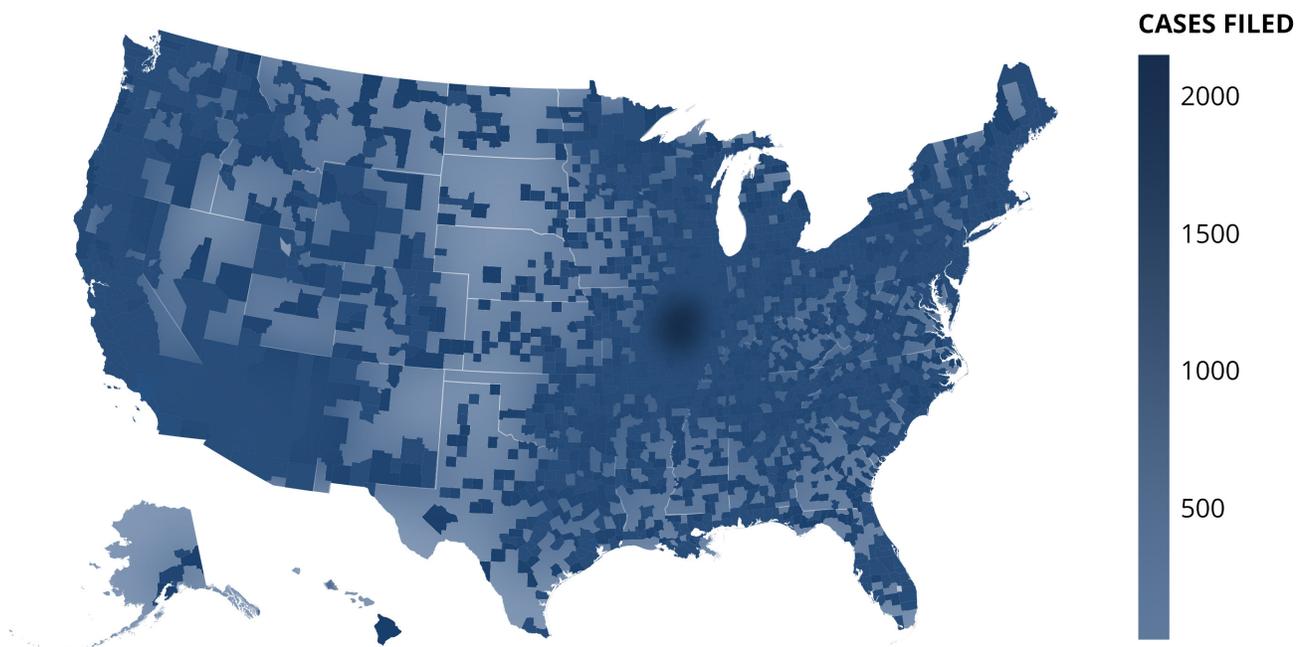


## OTHER AWARDS SECURED FOR THE FIRM'S CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- Construction worker from California awarded **\$30 Million**
  - **\$4.9 Million** settlement for a Montana man and his family
  - **\$10.3 Million** verdict for a Longshoreman from New Orleans
  - Engineer from Missouri receives **\$3.9 Million** settlement
  - **\$34.1 Million** verdict for a roofing worker against Shell Oil in Illinois.
  - 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
  - Welder from New York awarded **\$6.8 Million**
  - **\$34 Million** verdict awarded to a mechanic from California
  - **\$5.1 Million** awarded to a victim of second hand exposure
  - U.S. Navy veteran from Wisconsin receives **\$2.9 Million** settlement
  - **\$2.3 Million** settlement for California shipyard worker
  - Family of a plumbing fixtures factory worker from Delaware was awarded **\$2.86 Million**
- See more results at [www.simmonsfirm.com/mesothelioma/settlements/](http://www.simmonsfirm.com/mesothelioma/settlements/)

## REPRESENTATION NATIONWIDE

At Simmons Hanly Conroy, our experienced mesothelioma lawyers have helped thousands of families across the country affected by asbestos exposure secure justice and compensation for a variety of asbestos-related illnesses.



**Cases over the years:** This map shows the amount of cases the we have filed in each state since 1999.

# 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.

## Am I eligible for compensation?

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease, you may be entitled to compensation. The experienced and knowledgeable Attorneys at Simmons Hanly Conroy are ready to help guide you through the claims process to determine your eligibility.

## “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.

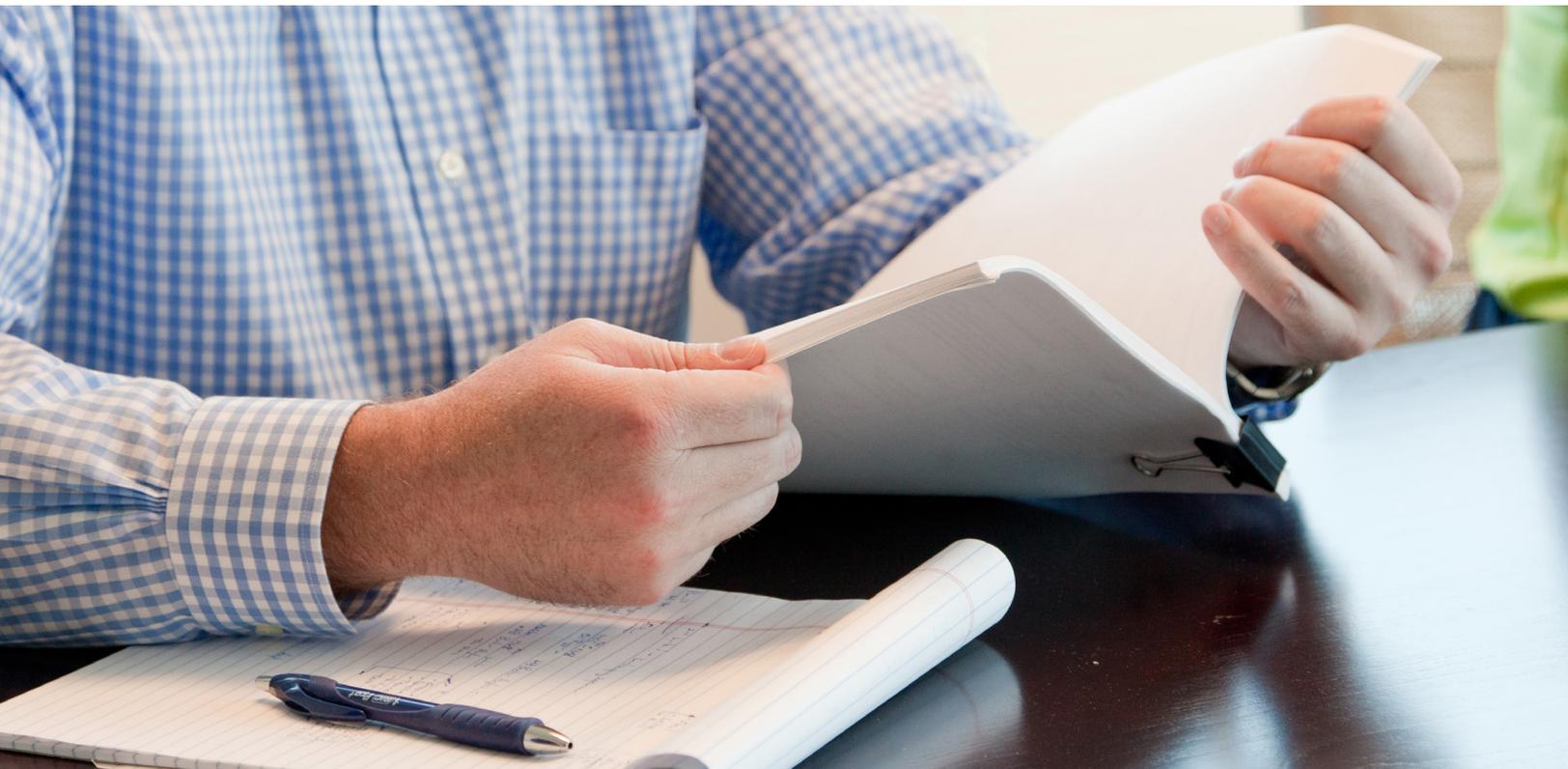
As a nationwide firm with multiple offices throughout the country, Simmons Hanly Conroy has helped thousands of individuals and families from across the country with their mesothelioma cases and recovered Millions of dollars in compensation on their behalf in multiple jurisdictions.

### “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.

### “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.



# WHAT CLIENTS 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, Simmons Hanly Conroy client who fought mesothelioma for 12+ years after diagnosis**



“They’re the best. We never had to worry about going to see them, they always came to us. The most professional lawyers we ever dealt with. We would hire them again in a minute and have given their names to other people for future reference.”

– **Eileen Dioguardi, Simmons Hanly Conroy client, wife of David, an Illinois meso warrior**



“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 warrior**



“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 meso warrior in Iowa**



“I found out I can’t work again. I’m like, where’s the money going to come from? How am I going to make a living? It was very important to me that I called Simmons Hanly Conroy and that they came to my house and took care of everything. I never had to leave my city to do any of the work. All the work was taken care of in my city or on the telephone. And the benefits I received, were so appreciated by myself and my wife because it’s helped completely make our living, financially. We would have been in hell and high water without these benefits.”

– **Dennis Ray, Simmons Hanly Conroy client and mesothelioma warrior talking about the legal process**



“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 warrior**



“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 meso warrior, explains why her family decided to file a mesothelioma lawsuit with Simmons Hanly Conroy**

## TAKING THE NEXT STEP

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

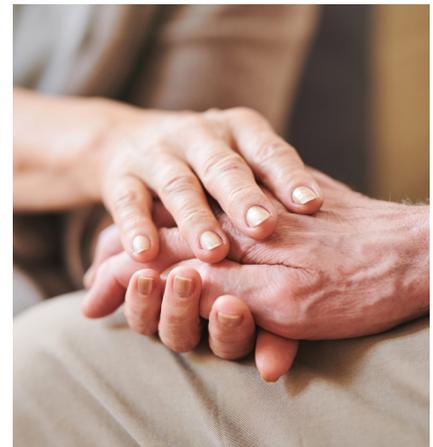
We understand that the road ahead for you and your family can seem daunting. You do not have to travel it alone. We want to help. The next step, we believe, is to provide you with as much information related to your potential case as possible, so you can make informed, confident decisions throughout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

*“Thank you for everything you and your team has done. While we deal with the medical issues of mesothelioma, it’s a comfort to know that our house is now paid off, we owe no bills, and my husband David has now retired. David is happy that Simmons Hanly Conroy has made it possible for his wife to have a future without financial worries. We would recommend your firm to anyone!”*

– Wife of David, Mesothelioma Client



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