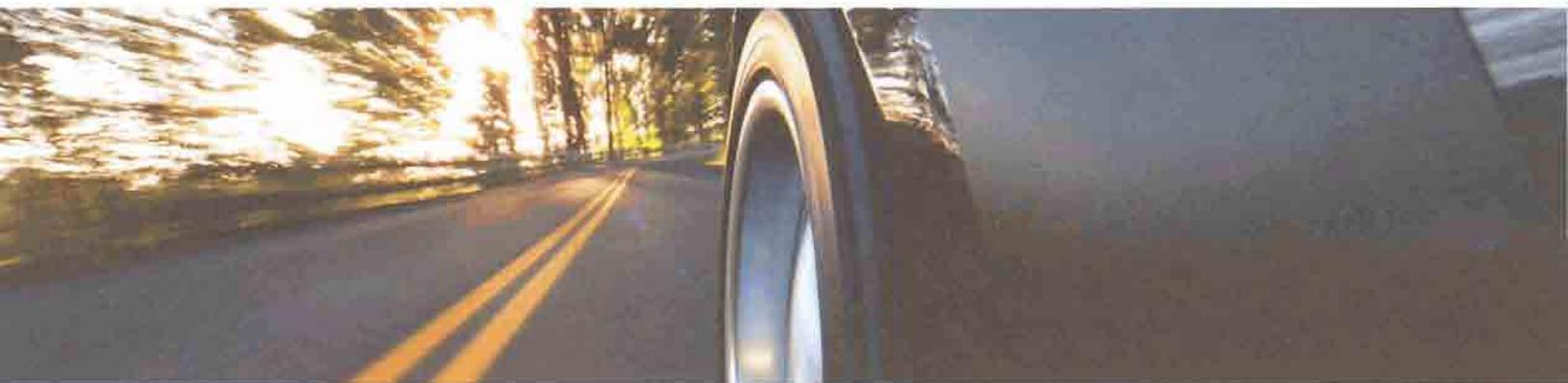


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DEFECTIVE AUTO PRODUCTS

Dill Tire Valves

Defective tire valves are being blamed for several documented auto accident fatalities, as well as a number of life-threatening injuries sustained in traffic accidents. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently opened a comprehensive investigation after a fatal rollover crash of a 1998 Ford Explorer, which allegedly occurred because of a defective Dill valve. The NHTSA of Defects Investigations has received nearly 5,000 complaints about the Dill tire valves. Testing conducted independently in 2008 by tire retailer Discount Tire revealed that approximately 23,000 Dill tire valves failed to work properly.

Dill tire valves, which were imported from Shanghai Baolong/Topseal Automotive in China, reportedly failed because they lacked adequate ozone protection, which can cause the rubber in the valves to crack prematurely. As tires age, these cracks become larger and leak significant amounts of air. This gradually causes the tires to fail or "blow out", which can cause disastrous automobile accidents.

Researchers now suggest that these defective valve systems may have been installed in 2007 Ford vehicles as original equipment. Representatives in the automobile industry are advising owners of all vehicle makes and models to review their personal records to see if replacement tires were purchased between August 2006 and July 2007.

If you suffered severe injuries or lost a loved one because of these defective tire valves, contact Attorney Sam Elswick at 1-800-442-1161 for an evaluation of your case.

RESOURCES

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www.aduk.org.uk/help_and_info.php www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asbestosis

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UNDERSTANDING DEPOSITIONS

In legal settings, a deposition is witness testimony given under oath and recorded for possible use in court at a later time. Depositions are conducted in various settings, from law offices to court reporting offices, and they are considered part of the discovery process in which attorneys gather information to prepare for trial.

A deposition begins by having the court reporter administer an oath to you, and you are sworn to tell the truth to the best of your knowledge. The attorney who has ordered the deposition begins questioning, called "direct examination", and you are instructed to answer questions verbally. After the direct examination is complete, other attorneys in attendance have the opportunity to "cross-examine" or ask additional questions of you. During questioning, attorneys have the right to object to questions asked of you. We will do this when appropriate to protect you from any improper questions you may be asked.

"Your deposition testimony can make your case a stronger case . . ."

Opposing counsel want to find out what facts you have to support your lawsuit. Both sides—the lawyers for the asbestos companies and the lawyers representing you—want to know in advance what your story is going to be once the trial begins. No matter what your situation might be, remember that it is important that you tell the truth at all times, which we know you will do.

If you give a deposition in your asbestos case, our lawyers will meet with you beforehand to answer any questions you may have and to discuss the deposition process in detail. Your deposition testimony can make your case a stronger case and it can assist our firm in settling or trying your case.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Travelers Insurance

A federal appeals court has overturned the district court's approval of an attempt by Travelers Companies, Inc., one of the nation's largest insurers, to settle its asbestos-related liability. The 2006 settlement stemmed from the previous settlement of asbestos claims and arose from a suit by Johns-Manville Corporation. Travelers insured Johns-Manville, which made and sold asbestos-containing products and materials from the 1940s to the 1970s, and then filed for bankruptcy in 1982.

On August 17, 2004, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order approving the Travelers Direct Action Settlement. On March 29, 2006, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order affirming the bankruptcy court's approval of the settlement. Appeals were then filed by various parties to the United States Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit.

On February 15, 2008, the Second Circuit reversed the decisions of the bankruptcy and district courts, finding that the bankruptcy court had no jurisdiction to approve the settlement agreement. A motion for rehearing filed by Travelers was denied by the Second Circuit.

Travelers has now filed a petition to the United States Supreme Court to hear this matter. Relying on normal appeal practices in the Supreme Court, we do not expect a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on whether it will hear this case until the end of the year. At this point there is no settlement with Travelers and we do not foresee any settlement in the near future. We are awaiting the decision of the United States Supreme Court to see if it will decide this appeal, or simply refuse to hear the appeal.

If the 2006 settlement is eventually upheld, the decision will make additional compensation available for some asbestos victims. We will keep you advised of the status as soon as we hear something.

PHARMACEUTICAL ALERTS

ORTHO EVRA

Ortho Evra is a contraceptive patch that is placed on a woman's skin. It is directed that a new birth control patch be placed on the body each week. Studies suggest that women who use Ortho Evra are at an increased risk for fatal blood clots compared to women who take birth control pills. If you or a loved one suffered from blood clots after using Ortho Evra, please contact us.

TRASYLOL

Trasyolol is a medication that has been approved by the FDA to help control blood loss in patients undergoing open-heart surgery. Studies reveal that Trasyolol increases the risk of kidney failure following heart surgery. In 2007, the global marketing of Trasyolol was suspended, yet many patients who were given the drug during open-heart surgery are unaware that they received this medication. If you or a loved one suffered from kidney failure or a subsequent cardiac event after heart surgery, please contact us.

DIGITEK

Digitek is a drug commonly prescribed to treat patients who suffered from heart failure and/or abnormal heart rhythms. Use of Digitek may lead to a condition called "digitalis toxicity", which can cause nausea, vomiting, dizziness, low blood pressure, cardiac instability, and bradycardia. Recently, a nationwide recall of Digitek was initiated. If you or a loved one suffered from any of these symptoms after taking Digitek, please contact us.

PAXIL

Paxil is a SSRI (serotonin selective reuptake inhibitor) prescription drug used by millions of Americans to treat depression and a number of other disorders, including but not limited to, anxiety disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder. Recent studies suggest an increased link between Paxil use during pregnancy and severe birth defects. If you or a loved one suffered from any of these disorders after taking Paxil, or your child suffered from birth defects after you took Paxil, please contact us.

LEVAQUIN AND CIPRO

Levaquin and Cipro are in a class of antibiotics called Fluoroquinolone, which recently came under attack for being linked to serious adverse side effects - specifically, tendon damage and ruptures in the Achilles tendon, rotator cuff, biceps, hand, and thumb.

On July 8, 2008, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a "black box" warning on Levaquin and similar antibiotics, citing evidence that they may lead to serious tendon damage and ruptures. Black box warnings were issued by the FDA when medical studies indicated that the drug may cause serious or life-threatening effects. If you or a loved one were diagnosed with a tendon rupture after taking Levaquin or Cipro or a similar antibiotic, please contact us.

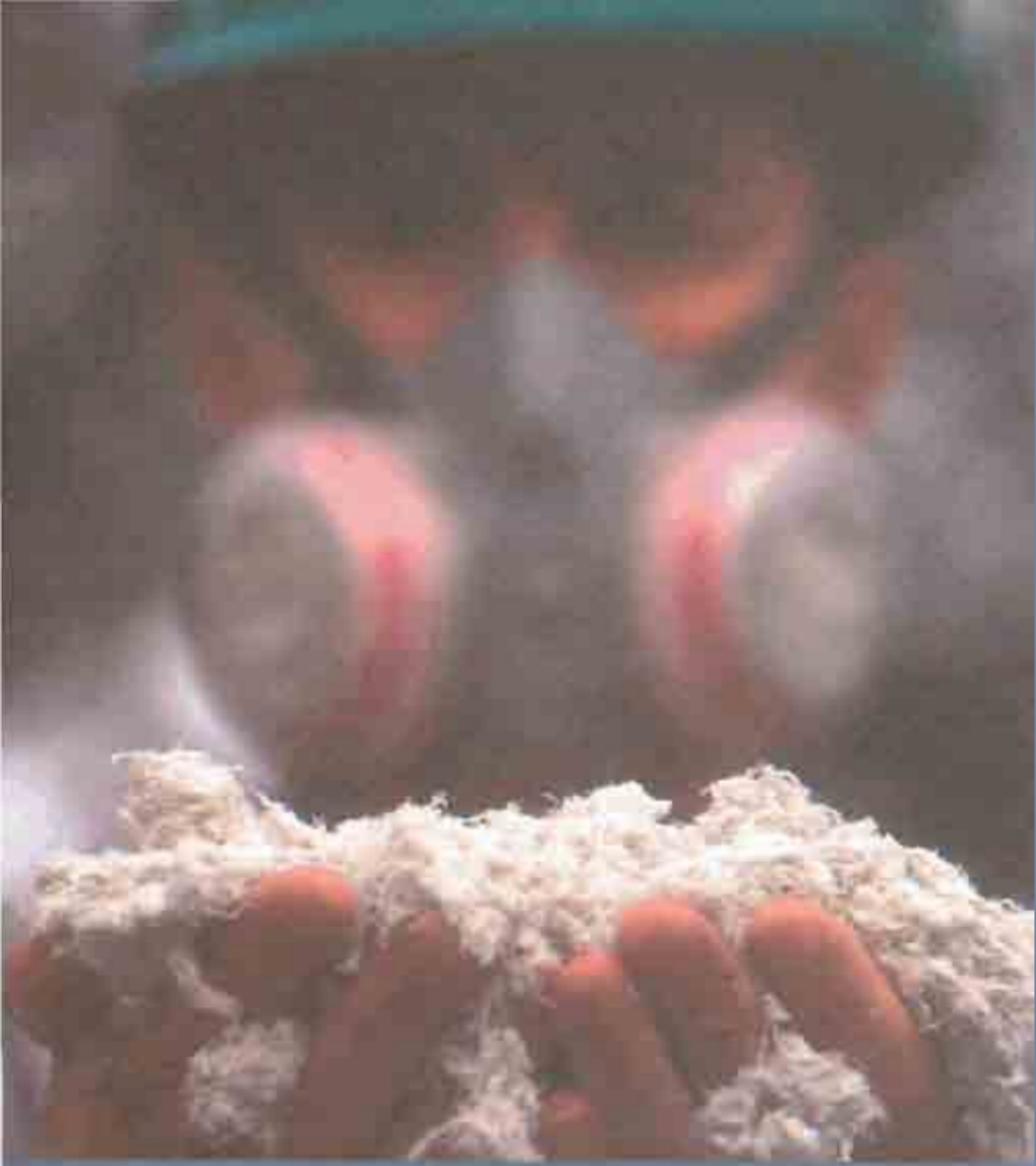
KETEK

Ketek, generically labeled as Telithromycin, is a widely marketed antibiotic drug. Use of Ketek may lead to liver damage and death. On February 12, 2007, the FDA banned the use of Ketek for sinusitis and bronchitis. If you or a loved one suffered from liver damage and/or death after taking Ketek, please contact us.

CHANTIX

Chantix is a prescription drug manufactured and distributed by Pfizer. Chantix is used predominately to help people quit smoking. Chantix hit the market with a high degree of promise. However, since its debut, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has linked the use of Chantix to depression, suicidal thoughts, and violent behavior in some users. If you or a loved one suffered from any of these symptoms after taking Chantix, please contact us.

WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. *If you or a loved one took any of these drugs and suffered from the serious side effects indicated or death, contact Attorney Christopher Luzier at 1-800-442-1161 for an evaluation of your case.*



PERSONAL INJURY ALERT

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therapy are used in some combination to reduce pain and make the mesothelioma victim as comfortable as possible. The severity and location of the disease, as well as the mesothelioma victim's age and overall health, play a role in determining the appropriate treatment options.

Many companies were aware of the toxic hazards of asbestos exposure, but continued to risk the health of their employees by failing to take steps to protect and warn their workers of these hazards. As a result, former employees who later develop mesothelioma may be eligible for financial award from their employer, as well as the manufacturers of asbestos-containing products and other parties responsible for their asbestos exposures.

To learn more about your legal options, trust a dedicated asbestos and mesothelioma lawyer at James F. Humphrey and Associates.

If you or a loved one were diagnosed with mesothelioma or lung cancer, please contact our office immediately at 1-800-442-1161 (if you have not already contacted us about your mesothelioma or cancer).

PERSONAL INJURY ALERT:

Asbestos Exposure Causes Mesothelioma

Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer that affects the mesothelium, a thin membrane that covers many internal organs. Mesothelioma is frequently fatal, as this form of cancer tends to spread quickly to other organs and tissue.

The only known cause of mesothelioma is exposure to asbestos. Asbestos can broadly be described as a fibrous mineral that was in numerous industrial products, including but not limited to, brake linings, gasket and packing materials, hot tops, pipe insulation, block insulation, metal-clad firebricks, joint compound, mortar, cement, wire, cable, fireproofing, floor and ceiling tiles, wall board, transite pipe, roofing materials, and many more products. Asbestos was also often used in and on machinery and equipment, such as turbines, boilers, compressors, pumps, and electrical equipment. When workers used, installed, disturbed or removed these products, they were often exposed to asbestos dust. Workers breathed in these airborne asbestos fibers, which then became lodged in their lungs. These tiny fibers can work their way through the lungs and into the membrane surrounding the lungs. The asbestos fibers can irritate the pleura, pericardium or peritoneum, and eventually cause cancer cells to develop.

Mesothelioma symptoms can take decades to appear. Sharp chest pains and shortness of breath are symptoms associated with pleural mesothelioma. Some symptoms of peritoneal mesothelioma include abdominal pain, weight loss, and bowel obstruction.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for mesothelioma; however, several treatments are available to help combat the disease's symptoms. Typically, surgery, radiation therapy, and chemo-

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These are only some of the types of cases we handle. We represent victims in all types of serious injury and death cases. Please call us for a free case evaluation.



MISSING CLIENTS

We have lost contact with some of our clients and/or their families and are asking for your help in locating them. If you have any information on the whereabouts of the following people, please contact Stacy Pritt at 1-800-442-1161. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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Harley Elvin Price, Sr.

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Ronald Dale Ramsey
Oscar Barnett
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Clarence Wilburn Wamsley
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