

Hissey Kientz, LLP Announces the Launch of Mesothelioma Lawyers Help Web Site

The law firm of Hissey Kientz, LLP has announced the launch of its new website, Mesothelioma Lawyers Help (http://www.mesotheliomalawyershelp.com). Mesothelioma is a deadly form of cancer linked to exposure to asbestos. Thousands of workers and other individuals have developed mesothelioma after being exposed to asbestos in the workplace or by using products that contain asbestos.

Austin, TX (Vocus) February 21, 2009 -- The law firm of Hissey Kientz, LLP has announced the launch of its new website, Mesothelioma Lawyers Help (http://www.mesotheliomalawyershelp.com). The site will serve as a news and information resource for individuals who have developed mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease after being exposed to asbestos fibers on the job, in the home or from another source.

<u>Asbestos</u> is a naturally-occurring mineral that was once commonly used in many industrial, construction and manufacturing products because of its ability to withstand high temperatures and provide insulation. Products that were manufactured with asbestos over the last century include many industrial parts, insulation, floor and ceiling tiles, roofing shingles, paper and cement products, automobile parts, plastics and many others. In some cases, these products can still be found in the workplace, as well as in buildings and homes.

During the 1970s, severe restrictions were placed on the use and manufacture of asbestos-containing products because of the health risks associated with <u>asbestos exposure</u>. When asbestos fibers are inhaled, they may cause mesothelioma, a deadly cancer that can attack the lining of the lungs, heart or abdomen. Exposure to asbestos has also been linked to several other serious diseases, including lung cancer and asbestosis.

Because the risk of being diagnosed with mesothelioma increases the longer an individual is exposed to asbestos, workers whose jobs involved regular contact with asbestos or asbestos-containing products are at the highest risk of developing the disease. Workers at risk of asbestos exposure include miners, shipyard workers, mechanics, construction workers and many other industrial or manufacturing jobs.

Although nearly all cases of mesothelioma can be linked to asbestos, individuals may not begin to develop mesothelioma symptoms for several decades after being exposed. The symptoms of the disease may vary depending on the type of mesothelioma, but can include breathing problems, chest pain, abdominal pain, nausea, weakness or other symptoms. Because the symptoms of mesothelioma can be similar to other diseases, only a specially trained doctor can make a mesothelioma diagnosis.

Lawsuits filed against the manufacturers of asbestos products have revealed that many of these companies knew or should have known about the dangers of asbestos, but for decades failed to take steps to inform or protect workers or the public from the hazards of exposure. Since the first successful <u>asbestos lawsuit</u> was filed in 1969, thousands of individuals who were exposed to asbestos in the workplace or from products containing asbestos have filed lawsuits against the manufacturers of these products for failing to take the necessary steps to shield



them from the dangers of asbestos.

About Hissey Kientz, LLP

<u>Hissey Kientz, LLP</u> is currently accepting cases involving individuals who may have contracted mesothelioma or lung cancer as a result of asbestos exposure, as well as those injured by the Ortho Evra patch, digoxin toxicity from Digitek, PPH caused by Fen-Phen, the Composix Kugel mesh hernia patch, renal failure caused by Trasylol, the Duragesic patch (fentanyl), gadolinium MRI contrast dyes or other defective drugs and devices. To learn more about the firm and other drug cases, visit Hissey Kientz, LLP (<u>www.hkllp.com</u>) or call toll-free at (866) 275-4454.

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