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Talc Trials: Key Takeaways and Highlights



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Cole and Sara Bassett v. Merck & Co., Inc., Cook County, IL

- Jurisdiction: Cook County, IL, Judge Gerald Cleary
- Allegations: Mr. Bassett, a 43-year-old, developed peritoneal mesothelioma as a result of alleged exposure to asbestos contaminated talcum powder products.
- Plaintiffs' Counsel: Sam Iola and Rachel Gross from Iola, Gross & Forbes-King and Michael Cooney from Cooney & Conway
- Merck's Counsel: John Cosmich from Cosmich Simmons & Brown, Kasia Nowak from Foley Mansfield, Michelle Ramirez from Sidley Austin, and Peter Anderson Moir from Morgan Lewis & Bockius
- Plaintiffs' Experts: Bailey, Compton, Frank, and Madigan
- Defense Experts: Sahmel, Barlow, Carbone, Neff
- Verdict: Defense Verdict



Daniel and Nicole Heyer v. Vi-Jon, LLC, Ramsay County, MN

- Jurisdiction: Ramsay County (St. Paul), Minnesota, Judge Laura Nelson
- Allegations: Mr. Heyer developed pleural and peritoneal mesothelioma at age 45 from alleged exposure to asbestos-contaminated talcum powder products.
- Plaintiffs' Counsel: Shaina Weissman and Holly Peterson of Simon Greenstone Panatier
- Vi-Jon's Counsel: Stephen McConnell, Shana Russo, and Melissa Geist of Reed Smith
- Plaintiffs' Experts: Compton, Longo, Moline, Emory, Madigan and Johnson (economist)
- Defense Experts: Seagrave, Merlo, and Lotter
- Verdict: \$10,200,000 – Vi-Jon was allocated 20% of fault with 50% to Gold Bond; 5% to J&J; 15% to Perrigo, and 10% to Merck



Estate of Rosalinda Flores Soto v. Port Jarvis Laboratory, Inc. f/k/a Kolmar Laboratories, Inc. – Los Angeles County, CA

- Jurisdiction: Los Angeles Superior Court, California, Judge Michael Levanas
- Allegations: Dr. Rosalinda Flores Soto died from mesothelioma as a result of alleged exposure to asbestos contaminated Jafra-brand cosmetic talc products
- Plaintiffs' Counsel: Patrick Wigle, Camille Hunt and Matt Bufford from Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel
- Kolmar's Counsel: Sheryl Rosenberg and Jeffrey Fegan from Clyde & Co
- Plaintiff's Experts: Kradin, Gottesfeld, Bailey, Haber, and Gerald Markowitz
- Defense Experts: Burns, Feingold, Segrave and Mossman
- Verdict: \$12,750,000 –Kolmar was allocated 60% of fault with 15% to Jafra and 25% to Whittaker, Clark & Daniels



Kathryn Passmore-Meyer & John Meyer vs. Brenntag NA, et al. Oklahoma County, OK

- Jurisdiction: District Court for Oklahoma County (Judge Don Andrews)
- Allegations: 59 y/o living female with mesothelioma as a result of alleged exposure to asbestos contaminated Johnson & Johnson cosmetic talcum powder products
- Plaintiffs' Counsel: Ben Braly and Aaron Chapman (DOBS)
- J&J Counsel: Will Stute and Katy Lehman (King & Spalding)
- Plaintiff's Experts: Haber, Longo, Bailey, Madigan, and Fractor
- Defense Experts: Attanoos, Sanchez, Nony, Alexander
- Verdict: Defense (unanimous)