TOXIC TORT

The trial lawyers in Johnson & Bell's Toxic Tort group have won many high-profile, national cases involving natural and man-made disasters, chemical exposures, plant explosions and environmental contamination.

With attorneys licensed in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, Johnson & Bell acts as national coordinating counsel, national trial counsel, regional counsel and MDL counsel for a variety of Fortune 1000 clients. Cases range from those involving "rapid response" or "bet the company," to supplying services that include document database storage through our client-only extranet, building evidence necessary to try or coordinate national asbestos or chemical strategies, or engaging with the nation's leading scientific experts to exclude claims based on junk science.

Johnson & Bell's attorneys have published articles relating to the defense of "low dose" defendants in national publications and are skilled in encouraging opposing counsel to remove clients from lists of regularly sued defendants by establishing a credible trial threat rather than paying to settle cases.

Client cases include claims involving exposure to:

- Asbestos
- Benzene
- Coal Dust
- Diacetyl
- Diatomaceous earth
- Electromagnetic interference
- Ethylene Oxide
- Adulterated foods
- Heavy metals
- Hexavalent chromium (CrVI)
- Isocyanates
- Talcum Powder
- Lead
- Metal working fluids
- Mold
- Pesticides
- Paints and coatings
- Silica
- Industrial solvents
- Industrial grinding and sanding equipment
- Welding rod fumes

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CLIENT RESULTS

Defending Personal Injury Claims in PFAS Disputes (Current)

Medline Industries, Inc. Ethylene Oxide Litigation (Current)

Seventh Circuit Bars "Every Exposure" and "Cumulative Exposure" Theory of Causation

Johnson & Bell Secures Not Guilty Verdict in Case Alleging Asbestos Exposure

In Re Miamisburg Train Derailment.

Shepherd v. General Chemical, Union Tank Car et al., State Court. Voluntary Dismissal.

Board of Education v. AC&S

David Dung Ngo, et al. vs. Amoco Corporation, et al.

Insulation Material Class Action

NOTABLE CASES

In Re Miamisburg Train Derailment.

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PUBLICATIONS

A New Illinois Law May Significantly Impact Toxic Tort Litigation

David Warnick Co-Authors IDC Quarterly Monograph on the State of Proximate Cause in Illinois

Illinois SB 1596 and Its Implications on Latent Injury Cases

Has McKinney Changed the Face of Proof of Proximate Causation in Asbestos Litigation in Illinois?

Case Law Overview: Defendant Floats “Sophisticated Intermediary Doctrine” in Hopes of Quelling “Popcorn Lung” Class Action Lawsuit. Seventh Circuit Reverses on the Duty to Warn Claim.

Genetics - The Future is Now

Illinois Spoliation of Evidence Law -- A Comprehensive Explanation

Illinois Supreme Court Rejects Employee’s Direct Action Against Employer for Claimed Asbestos Related Illness

First District Illinois Appellate Court Allows For Direct Common-Law Action Against Employer For Asbestos-Related Disease

Illinois Appellate Court Reverses Trial Court: Madison County Asbestos Case Does Not Belong in Illinois

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