

New York Mesothelioma Attorneys Make History with \$7.7M Asbestos Verdict

New York mesothelioma attorneys from the nationally acclaimed asbestos law firm Levy Konigsberg LLP obtain the largest mesothelioma verdict in the history of Syracuse, NY. The jury awarded \$7.7 Million to the family of a deceased bus driver from Manlius, NY.

SYRACUSE, New York, December 23, 2014 – Levy Konigsberg LLP (“LK”) attorneys Amber R. Long and Keith W. Binder made history last Friday after obtaining a jury’s verdict against Navistar, Inc. (“Navistar”), for \$7.7 Million on behalf of mesothelioma victim Lewis Nash¹. The verdict is recognized as the largest amount awarded in Syracuse’s history for a case of its type.

According to the evidence presented in court, Mr. Nash was exposed to asbestos on a regular basis for more than thirty years through his work as a bus driver for the Fayetteville-Manlius School District, a burden that ultimately took his life in September 2012 at the age of 81. It was his exposure to asbestos in the school district’s bus garage, where mechanics performed routine maintenance on Navistar school buses, which led to the fatal cancer.

Court documents reveal that Navistar, formerly known as International Harvester, sold school buses to Fayetteville-Manlius that consisted of asbestos-containing brakes, gaskets, and clutches. From his commencement as a bus driver in the late 1950s, Manlius-native Lewis Nash could regularly be found in the garage clocking in for his routes, submitting work orders, or holding conversations with the mechanics. Through his presence in the garage, Mr. Nash was exposed to asbestos that had been released into the air by work performed on the asbestos-containing bus parts.

The trial against Navistar began on December 4, 2014, and included testimony by the plaintiff’s family and expert witnesses. After deliberating upon the evidence, the jury found Navistar to be responsible for Mr. Nash’s death. Damages awarded to Mr. Nash’s wife, Mary, were in recognition of both the physical and emotional hardships experienced by Mr. Nash during his battle with mesothelioma, as well as lost services incurred by Mrs. Nash.

Levy Konigsberg LLP is a nationally-recognized asbestos litigation firm specializing in the representation of mesothelioma and lung cancer victims for close to 30 years. With offices in New York City, Albany, and White Plains, NY, the firm has an extensive history of securing record-setting awards and landmark court victories on behalf of families affected by asbestos diseases throughout the State, including Upstate New York. For example, in 2008, LK obtained a verdict (\$5 Million) in a mesothelioma

lawsuit² in Upstate NY on behalf of a man exposed to asbestos while serving in the U.S. Navy.

For more information about this verdict, please contact New York mesothelioma attorneys Amber Long or Keith Binder at 1-800-MESO-LAW (1-800-637-6529) or by submitting an email inquiry at www.levylaw.com.

¹ Lewis Nash v. A.W. Chesterton Co., Inc., et al., No. 2012-719 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Onondaga County);

² Douglas Pokorney v. Foster Wheeler, No. 2006-3087 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., Onondaga County).

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