



NYC Mesothelioma Lawyer says Falling Cancer Death Rates Mean Little to Mesothelioma Sufferers

Joseph W. Belluck of New York's Belluck & Fox, LLP, says victims of asbestos-linked cancer 'have had this terrible disease inflicted upon them.'

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) January 27, 2012 -- [New York City mesothelioma lawyer](#) Joseph W. Belluck said today that the American Cancer Society's recently released 2012 annual statistical report showing that cancer death rates continue to fall is little comfort to those who suffer from mesothelioma, a cancer caused by asbestos exposure.

"It's a positive trend, certainly, that cancer is taking fewer lives, but mesothelioma continues to kill thousands of Americans every year," said Belluck, a partner in the New York City personal injury law firm of Belluck & Fox, LLP.

"An [exposure to asbestos](#) is the only cause of mesothelioma," Belluck said. "And almost every case of asbestos exposure is a case of a manufacturer having used asbestos in a product. Those who suffer from mesothelioma have had this terrible disease inflicted upon them."

Asbestos is a natural material used in a wide variety of industrial and consumer products because it is pliable and heat resistant. It was identified as a carcinogen early in the 20th century, but was still widely used until the 1980s.

Mesothelioma, which claims 2,000 to 3,000 American lives each year, is a usually-fatal lung cancer caused by inhaling tiny asbestos fibers. Because asbestos breaks down easily, a single exposure to asbestos can result in the disease. Mesothelioma may take several decades to manifest.

The [American Cancer Society](#) said in its annual statistical report, "Cancer Statistics, 2012," that cancer death rates fell by 1.8 percent per year in men and 1.6 percent per year in women between 2004 and 2008 because of advances in cancer screening and treatment.

The Belluck & Fox law firm has won more than \$450 million in judgments for New York plaintiffs in [personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits](#) pertaining to illness caused by asbestos exposure.

Belluck said that anyone who may have been exposed to asbestos and who has received a diagnosis of mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease should contact an experienced mesothelioma lawyer.

Manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and/or installers of asbestos-containing materials or products may be held liable in personal injury or wrongful death lawsuits pertaining to mesothelioma cases, he said.

"Belluck & Fox will continue to fight for the victims of mesothelioma and asbestos exposure, and for their families and loved ones," Belluck said. "When anyone dies from mesothelioma, the cancer fatality rate is too high."

About Belluck & Fox, LLP



[Belluck & Fox, LLP](#), is a nationally recognized law firm that represents individuals with asbestos and mesothelioma claims, as well as victims of crime, motorcycle crashes, lead paint and other serious injuries. The firm provides personalized and professional representation and has won over \$400 million in compensation for clients and their families.

Partner [Joseph W. Belluck](#) is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine's "Best Lawyers in the New York Area" and in Super Lawyers. Mr. Belluck has won numerous cases involving injuries from defective medical products, tobacco, lead paint and asbestos, including a recent asbestos case that settled for more than \$12 million.

Partner [Jordan Fox](#) is a well-known asbestos and mesothelioma attorney who has been named to the Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine's "Best Lawyers in the New York Area" and to Super Lawyers. On two separate occasions his verdicts were featured as the National Law Journal's Largest Verdict of the Year. He recently secured verdicts of \$32 million and more than \$19 million on behalf of individuals who had contracted mesothelioma from asbestos exposure.

In September, Belluck & Fox, LLP, won a coveted spot on a list of America's best law firms, which was published jointly by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers magazine. The listing showcased 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas.

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