



## **NYC Mesothelioma Lawyer Joins International Demand for Ban on Carcinogen Asbestos**

*Joseph W. Belluck of New York's Belluck & Fox, LLP, law firm says cessation of asbestos mining, use in products is the obvious move to promote health and well-being.*

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) January 07, 2012 -- [New York City mesothelioma attorney](#) Joseph W. Belluck today joined the recent call by U.S. and Canadian advocacy groups for the elimination of the use of asbestos and asbestos-containing products.

“The continued manufacture and use of [asbestos](#), a known carcinogen for nearly 100 years, simply makes no sense,” said Belluck, a partner in the New York City law firm of Belluck & Fox, LLP.

“Any legitimate consideration of what’s proper for human health and well-being concludes with a ban on asbestos and the manufacture of asbestos-containing products.”

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, a national advocacy group for mesothelioma victims in the U.S., joined the Canadian Voices of Asbestos Victims in issuing a declaration last week. The groups called on Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and President Barack Obama to stop the use of asbestos and eliminate asbestos-related disease.

Asbestos is a heat-resistant fibrous material used in a variety of industrial, construction and consumer products. It has been linked to disease since the early 1900s and identified as a carcinogen since the 1920s.

Asbestos fibers easily break down when disturbed. If inhaled, asbestos can result in a usually fatal cancer called mesothelioma, asbestosis and other diseases.

More than 10,000 Americans and 1,000 Canadians die every year of diseases caused by [asbestos exposure](#), the North American Declaration to Eliminate Asbestos says. Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lungs and abdominal cavity, is among these diseases.

Canada permits the mining and export of asbestos. The U.S. and Canadian governments continue to allow asbestos to be used in some products.

The U.S. Geological Survey says that about 90 percent of the estimated 820 metric tons of asbestos the United States imported in the first seven months of 2010 came from Canada.

Belluck is a nationally recognized attorney whose practice focuses on personal injury and wrongful death litigation based on asbestos-exposure and cases of mesothelioma.

He said most of the people his firm assists are older workers, retirees and military veterans who were exposed to asbestos in the workplace decades ago.

“Because mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases can take decades to develop, we are seeing today how asbestos has harmed those who were exposed to it a generation ago,” Belluck said. “Continued mining, manufacture and use of asbestos today means we will continue to see disease, and the grief and expenses that



come with it, for generations to come.”

Belluck & Fox has won more than \$450 million in judgments for plaintiffs in personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits pertaining to diseases caused by asbestos exposure.

Anyone who has received a diagnosis of mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease should contact an experienced [mesothelioma lawyer](#) to protect their rights to compensation for the expenses and losses caused by their illness, Belluck said.

The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization and the Canadian Voices of Asbestos Victims are to present the declaration and a list of supporters to President Obama and Prime Minister Harper in February 2012.

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 \$450 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 asbestos, defective medical products, tobacco and lead paint, 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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