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When you've been doing things the right way for as long as the attorneys at Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the largest mass tort plaintiffs' litigation firm in New York, consistency is all you need. Yet even after 22 years of practice, the firm continues to raise the bar for mass tort litigation, taking more verdicts than most firms in the country. Anchored by Perry Weitz, Arthur Luxenberg, Robert J. Gordon, Jerry Kristal, Paul J. Pennock, James Long and Michael Roberts (all of whom have been selected by their peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*®), together with Charles Ferguson, Ellen Relkin, Lisa Nathanson Busch, Frank Ortiz, and Robin Greenwald, the 70 lawyers of Weitz & Luxenberg range from the young and dynamic to the older and more experienced.

GETTING IN AT THE FOREFRONT OF ASBESTOS LITIGATION in the late 1980s, the practice has expanded dramatically in recent years to include a pharmaceutical department that currently handles 20 different drug and medical device litigations. Adding to the firm's richly textured practice is an environmental unit led by the accomplished Ms. Greenwald, which fights for victims of vapor intrusion, tainted water, and toxic emissions from landfills.

THIS POWERHOUSE GROUP OF LAWYERS comes together to offer a perfect blend of large-firm resources and small-firm attentiveness and compassion. Whereas the firm's Asbestos Litigation Unit has used its might and expertise to obtain billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements, its client relations department exists solely to provide those clients much-deserved comfort and support.

EVERYONE IS AFFECTED BY TODAY'S ECONOMY, including corporate entities and insurance carriers that are more reluctant than ever to settle cases and remunerate claims. Steadfast, the attorneys of Weitz & Luxenberg maintain their vice grip on these negligent companies, pushing each and every one toward trial until the defense is forced to settle on the courthouse steps.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE PAST YEAR HAS SEEN RED-LETTER SUCCESS for the firm, as it helped resolve the litigation involving the dangerous pain medication Vioxx. It also represented counties, cities, and states around the country in the MTBE groundwater contamination case. The firm ultimately

secured a landmark settlement against some of the biggest oil companies, which have agreed to pay \$423 million.

FOUNDING PARTNER MR. WEITZ is the firm's principle settlement negotiator, and among his many recent successes, in October 2008, he helped negotiate an \$894 million settlement with drug giant Pfizer Inc. over its withdrawn pain reliever Bextra. Mr. Weitz also serves as an advisor to over a dozen asbestos trusts, having negotiated billions of dollars to

FIRM FACT:

The success of the firm's Asbestos Litigation Unit began with a historic consolidated trial for asbestos victims who had worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the 1940s and 1950s. Most recently, this year, the firm achieved a landmark \$16.25 million verdict in an asbestos lawsuit against a dental supply company.



Standing, L to R: Charles Ferguson, Ellen Relkin, Frank Ortiz, Lisa Nathanson Busch, James Long, Michael Roberts & Robin Greenwald. Sitting, L to R: Robert Gordon, Arthur Luxenberg & Perry Weitz

compensate his clients and other asbestos claimants. The firm owes a great deal to its cadre of gifted attorneys. The pharmaceutical unit is led by Mr. Pennock, with such distinguished lawyers as Ms. Relkin and Glenn Zuckerman. Mr. Ferguson is stellar at the helm of a team of superstar asbestos trial lawyers such as Mr. Ortiz. The firm continues to lead the country in achieving the highest asbestos settlements and verdicts, expanding its asbestos bankruptcy department to process claims on behalf of asbestos victims. Ms. Busch heads the bankruptcy department, overseeing dozens of paralegals and 35,000 claims. Mr. Gordon, Mr. Kristal and Mr. Long continue to forge new legal paths as outstanding trial lawyers. The firm's respected personal injury and medical malpractice unit is led by senior attorneys Gary Klein, Nicholas Wise, Edward Bosek and Allan Zelikovic. And, of course, the whole ship is overseen by Mr. Luxenberg, who



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administers the office while remaining intimately involved in processing asbestos bankruptcy claims.

OVER THE YEARS, THE FIRM HAS CHAMPIONED the rights of clients with devastating illnesses and those who have died as a result of corporate misconduct. The firm has always been guided by the credo to protect those who do not have the ability or the resources to protect themselves. That seminal bedrock may be the secret to its success.



Paul Pennock



Nicholas Wise



Jerry Kristal

A History of Success - Making a Difference Since 1986

When you are a Weitz & Luxenberg client, you benefit from decades of experience and a proven track record of success with thousands of lawsuits. Learn about our groundbreaking verdicts and settlements and testimonials from satisfied clients and dedicated employees. If you would like to join our over 85,000 clients, please contact the Weitz & Luxenberg client relations department. You can visit our website www.weitzlux.com, call us at 1 (800) 476-6070, or email us at clientrelations@weitzlux.com.

A Nationally Recognized Practice

The law firm of Weitz & Luxenberg plays leading roles in state and national litigations involving asbestos, breast implants, numerous drug recalls such as Vioxx, Baycol, and Arava, as well as numerous personal injury and medical malpractice cases. The law firm is active in many civic groups, and philanthropic organizations. The law firm of Weitz & Luxenberg is pleased to participate in several charitable causes.

Your Best Defense is a Great Offense

Weitz & Luxenberg's attorneys have decades of experience defending victims' rights in accident, injury, drug & medical devices and pollutant lawsuits. If you've been hurt and need a great lawyer on your team, visit our website, fill out a form and get your free case evaluation. Your information will be reviewed within 24 hours.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Drugs & Medical Devices

Accutane
Baycol
Bextra
Celebrex
Crestor
Cytotec
Defibrillator
DES
Infusion Pumps
Ortho Evra
Vioxx

Pollutants

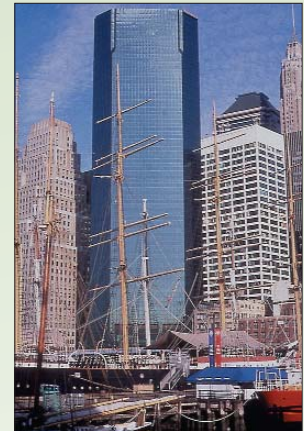
Asbestos
Arsenic
Benzene
Chromium
Dioxin
Mercury
Mesothelioma
MTBE
PAH
PCB
PCE/TCE
Perchlorate
Pesticide/Herbicide
PVC Plastic
Radiation
Soil Gas Vapor
Teflon
Toluene
Welding Rods

Accidents

Aviation
Car/Auto
Construction
Escalator/Elevator
Marine
Municipal
Sidewalk
Slip & Fall
Workplace

Personal Injury

Birth Defects
Brain Injury
Dangerous Product
Death Cases
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Lead Paint
Medical Malpractice
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On Property



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