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#### **Benzene Lawsuits**

Benzene lawsuits may be necessary due to the detrimental health effects of benzene exposure. Benzene continues to cause controversy because of its hazardous effects on the industrial workforce; this despite benzene regulation enforced by the federal government. Nearly 50 percent of the population has had some exposure to the hazardous chemical; however, workers in fields that handle petroleum solvents on a regular basis are at a much greater risk for the severe side effects of benzene exposure.

Many benzene lawsuits have been filed against chemical makers and corporations for the pain and suffering sustained from benzene exposure. Multimillion-dollar compensation has been awarded in several cases to families of deceased benzene victims who have filed a wrongful death benzene lawsuit. Living victims of benzene exposure have also obtained awards for their losses and suffering through personal injury benzene lawsuits.

Those who worked with benzene or related chemicals and have health problems can find legal help to pay for treatment and be awarded compensation for injuries.

# Who is Eligible for Compensation in a Benzene Lawsuit?

Benzene victims may be eligible for compensation dependent on factors such as:

- a) Statute of limitations
- b) Ability to prove benzene exposure
- c) Proving who the responsible party is

#### **Statute of Limitations in Benzene Lawsuits**

A Benzene victim's first concern is to file within the statutory deadlines. Those diagnosed with leukemia must file within a few years of developing the disease.

The executor of the estate of a person who has died from a benzene-related disease may be eligible to file a claim, but the claim must be within a short time of the death.

### **Ability to Prove Benzene Exposure**

Simply having leukemia is not grounds for damages. In order to establish a claim (against manufacturers, distributors, and/or contractors) it must be established that a patient had been exposed to the specific benzene product at a specific location.

## Proving Who Was Responsible For Benzene Exposure

If a victim can identify where they were exposed to benzene, benzene lawyers will find the responsible parties who are capable of paying. For a claim to be filed, attorneys must be able to locate an at-fault company that is still in business.

# What Will Compensation Be For the Damages?

Compensation will be determined by factors such as lost income, the laws of a given state, and the parties responsible. Compensation for leukemia can vary from several thousand to several million. Getting the highest possible compensation for damages requires tough and experienced benzene injury attorneys.

Questions one should ask are: Am I within the statute of limitations? What company will be liable for my illness? What kind of compensation is available? How do I get experienced and reputable representation?

To decide about legal options, consult a benzene lawyer who specializes in benzene cancer cases. Locate a benzene lawyer at...