

Ronald Carpenter and Patricia Carpenter v. 3M Company, et al; 2025
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Headline: California Jury Returns **Asbestos** Verdict For Auto Parts Companies

Result: Defense verdict

Injury: Lung cancer

Court: Calif. Super., Los Angeles Co.

Plaintiff Profile

Ronald Carpenter

Defendant Profile

WDAC Inc., PACCAR Inc. and Pneumo Abex, LLC

Plaintiff Counsel

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Case Summary

Claim: Negligence, design defect-consumer expectations, design defect-risk benefit and negligence-failure to warn

Background: Ronald Carpenter filed suit in the Los Angeles County, Calif., Superior Court alleging that he contracted lung cancer after exposure to **asbestos**. Carpenter alleged various exposures, including as a child when his father worked with **asbestos**-containing automobile parts at his gas station and as an adult when he was employed as a truck driver.

At trial, only negligence, design defect-consumer expectations, design defect-risk benefit and negligence-failure to warn claims remained against BWDAC Inc., PACCAR Inc. and Pneumo Abex, LLC.

Other: At trial, Carpenter called Richard Cohen, an epidemiologist at the University of California Department of Internal Medicine in San Francisco, and Jerome Spear, CIH, a certified industrial hygienist at Spear & Lancaster LLC in Magnolia, Texas. BWDAC and Pneumo Abex called James Crapo, a pulmonologist at National Jewish Hospital in Denver. PACCAR and Pneumo Abex called Tim Oury, M.D., Ph.D., a pathologist at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Carpenter began closing arguments on June 30, 2025. The defendants gave closing arguments on July 1, 2025. The jury began deliberations shortly after.

On July 3, 2025, the jury returned a defense verdict.

The jury found that Carpenter's **asbestos** exposure was not a substantial factor in his lung cancer.

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Plaintiff Expert(s)

Richard Cohen, epidemiologist, University of California Department of Internal Medicine, San Francisco Jerome Spear, CIH, certified industrial hygienist, Spear & Lancaster LLC, Magnolia, Texas

Defendant Expert(s)

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Key Related Documents

Court minutes on verdict.

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