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## Products Liability

Rank	Total	Case Name	Date	Court	Headline	Attorneys	Experts
2	\$5,000,000.00	Mary Tarango individually and as surviving spouse of Manuel Gaston Tarango, deceased, Marissa Tarango and Gaston Mateo Tarango individually and as surviving children of Manuel Gaston Tarango, deceased and Manuel Tarango and Martha Alicia Tarango individually and as surviving parents of Manuel Gaston Tarango, deceased v. Ford Motor Co. and The Sewell Family of Companies Inc.	2/10/14	Reeves County	Seat belt, brake system to blame for crash, family claimed	Jeffrey L. Befort, Houston, TX of Befort Law Firm P.C.; Lindsay Itkin, Houston, TX of Befort Law Firm P.C.; Benjamin C. Fields, Kansas City, MO of Stucky & Fields; Jon J. Bailey, San Angelo, TX of The Bailey Law Firm; John B. Gsanger, Corpus Christi, TX of The Edwards Law Firm; Bill Weinacht, Pecos, TX of The Weinacht Law Firm	Scott P. Altman, Accident Reconstruction, San Antonio, TX; Neil Hannemann, Forensic Automotive Consulting Team, Automotive, Santa Ynez, CA; Brian Herbst, SAFE Laboratories, Seat Belts, Santa Barbara, CA; Paul Lewis, Biomechanics, Roswell, GA; Gary H. Wimbish, Ph.D., Forensic Toxicology Consultants Inc., Toxicology, Waxahachie, TX

## Toxic Torts

Rank	Total	Case Name	Date	Court	Headline	Attorneys	Experts
1	\$18,600,000.00	Vicki Lynn Rogers, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Carl Rogers, Deceased, Natalie Rogers and Courtney Dugat v. 3M Company a/k/a Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company; Crane Co.; Flowserve (US) Inc.; (as successor to Edward Valve, Inc.; General Electric Company; Georgia-Pacific L.L.C. f/k/a Georgia-Pacific Corporation; The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; Guard-Line, Inc.; Ingersoll Rand Company (successor-by-merger to Trane US, Inc.); John Crane, Inc.; Leslie Controls, Inc.; McNeil (Ohio) Corporation; Merico Abatement Contractors, Inc.; Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Riley Power, Inc. f/k/a Riley Stoker Corporation; Sue Kobelco Stewart Bolling, Inc. sued as successor-by-merger to Kobe Steel, Ltd.; Trane US, Inc.; Union Carbide Corporation; Yarway Corporation	9/5/14	Dallas County	Man who was tire builder for 30 years died of mesothelioma	Christopher J. Panatier (lead), Dallas, TX of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett PC; Darren P. McDowell, Dallas, TX of Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett PC	Arnold R. Brody, Ph.D., Cell Biology, Raleigh, NC; Ronald E. Gordon, Ph.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center, Microscopy, New York, NY; Steve Hays, P.E., Industrial Hygiene, Nashville, TN; Edwin Holstein, M.D., Occupational Medicine, Boston, MA; John Maddox, M.D., Pathology, Newport News, VA
2	\$5,240,000.00	John Blommer v. BNSF Railway Co.	10/10/14	Tarrant County	Railcar repairman claimed 1950s asbestos exposure	Kevin M. Camp (lead), Houston, TX of Jones Granger Tramuto & Halstead; Kirk L. Pittard, Dallas, TX of Kelly, Durham & Pittard	Joseph Guth, Ph.D., Industrial Hygiene, Norfolk, VA; David Rosner, Ph.D., Historian, New York, NY; Thomas Sporn, M.D., Internal Medicine, Durham, NC

## Worker/Workplace Negligence

Rank	Total	Case Name	Date	Court	Headline	Attorneys	Experts
1	\$12,147,076.00	Kenneth Edd McGowan v. Tractor Supply Co., Tractor Supply Company of Texas, and Dwight Bledsoe	1/24/14	McLennan County	Loaded pallet fell off overhead rack and landed on plaintiff	Ryan C. Johnson, Waco, TX of Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick, Dickson & Squires; Rod S. Squires, Waco, TX of Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick, Dickson & Squires	Dan M. Bagwell, BSN, R.N., Life Care Planning, San Antonio, TX; Nick Barta, Forklifts, Puyallup, WA; Kent Gilbreath, Ph.D., Economics, Waco, TX; Jack T. Madeley, Safety, College Station, TX; Alex Willingham, M.D., Life Care Planning, San Antonio, TX
2	\$4,307,053.14	Jose E. Perez v. Pasadena Refining System Inc. and Austin Industrial Services L.P.	2/21/14	Harris County	Steel plate fell and crushed worker's foot while in coke pit	J. Kirkland Sammons (lead), Houston, TX of Sammons & Berry P.C.; Mark T. Berry, Houston, TX of Sammons & Berry P.C.	Timothy S. Achor, M.D., Orthopedics, Houston, TX; William F. Donovan, M.D., Northshore Orthopedics, Life Care Planning, Houston, TX; Carl E. Hansen, Ed.D., Vocational Rehabilitation, Austin, TX; Kenneth G. McCoin, Ph.D., Economics, Houston, TX; Ginny Stegent, R.N., CLCP, Med-Legal Services Inc., Life Care Planning, Houston, TX
3	\$2,410,000.00	Johnny Felipe Munoz v. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	6/19/14	Dallas County	Electrician said air handling unit should've been turned off	Charles T. Kelly, Houston, TX of Kelly & Smith; William E. Zook, Mesquite, TX of Ted B. Lyon & Associates	Stephen Gist, M.D., Internal Medicine, Dallas, TX
4	\$1,920,410.45	James Levine v. United Scaffolding Inc.	2/13/14	Jefferson County	Pipefitter said he fell through hole in deck of scaffold	Chris Portner (lead), Beaumont, TX of Portner Bond PLLC; Trent Bond, Beaumont, TX of Portner Bond	Charles Hawkins, Ph.D., Economics, Beaumont, TX; Steven Sacks, M.D., Pain Management, Beaumont, TX; James Stanley, M.D., Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute, Orthopedic Surgery, Beaumont, TX; Maunsell Wilkinson, Vocational Rehabilitation, Beaumont, TX
5	\$1,754,512.00	Stacy Wipff v. BNSF Railway Co.	7/17/14	Tarrant County	Train conductor claimed lumbar disc problems after being jarred	Anthony S. Petru (lead), Oakland, CA of Hildebrand, McLeod & Nelson LLP; Steve Young, Houston, TX of Tavormina & Young	Terry Cordray, Vocational Rehabilitation, Overland Park, KS; Kenneth G. McCoin, Ph.D., Economics, Houston, TX; George W. Wharton, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Dallas, TX

## Workplace Safety

Rank	Total	Case Name	Date	Court	Headline	Attorneys	Experts
1	\$10,400,450.00	Christopher Ainsworth v. Hewlett-Packard Co.	9/29/14	Harris County	Worker injured unloading 1,050-pound storage unit	Ryan T. Hand (lead), Houston, TX of Lorange & Thompson; Larry D. Thompson, Houston, TX of Lorange & Thompson	Glen Bricken, Psychology/Counseling, The Woodlands, TX; Stephen I. Esses, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Houston, TX; Susan J. Garrison, M.D., Vocational Rehabilitation/Counseling, Houston, TX; Gary Kuzina, Ph.D., Economics, Houston, TX; Richard Lang, Cargo/Shipping Industry, Little Rock, AK; Viola G. Lopez, L.P.C., C.R.C., Vocational Rehabilitation, Houston, TX; Ginny Stegent, Life Care Planning, Houston, TX
2	\$374,500.00	Jose Segovia v. Santos Sanjuan individually and d.b.a. Santos Wrecker Repair	2/11/14	Harris County	Worker fell 30 feet from ladder while cutting limb	Leonid Kishinevsky (lead), Houston, TX of Nielsen & Mukerji LLP; Leena Fenner, Houston, TX of Nielsen & Mukerji LLP	
3	\$240,000.00	Bruce Watson v. Morrison Milling Co. and C.H. Guenther & Son Inc.	3/20/14	Denton County	Worker received 277-volt shock from exposed wire	Rick Standifer, Paris, TX of Law Offices of Rick Standifer	Jonathan Blau, M.D., Pain Management, Tyler, TX; Michael Morse, Ph.D., Biomedical, San Diego, CA