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New Developments

New Illinois Leadership Drives Passage of Legislation to Eliminate Workers' Compensation Exclusivity Remedy Defense to Illinois Employers

By [Andrew German](#)

Shortly after the inauguration of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker, legislation was introduced in both the Illinois House and Senate to essentially override the Illinois Supreme Court's decision in *Folta v. Ferro Engineering*. In *Folta*, the Illinois Supreme Court held that the Worker's Compensation Act and Occupational Diseases Act was the exclusive remedy to Illinois employees who suffered latent injuries such as mesothelioma. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Narrows "Bare Metal Defense" for Maritime Asbestos Cases

By [Jackson Otto](#)

In its decision Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court held, under maritime law, that manufacturers can be held liable for injuries caused by asbestos-containing parts manufactured and added to their products by third parties. The case, *Air & Liquid Systems Corp. v. DeVries*, involved Navy sailors who were allegedly exposed to asbestos that was used with certain equipment on the Navy vessels to which they were assigned. The sailors claimed this exposure ultimately caused their cancer. The sailors brought suit against the manufacturers of equipment such as pumps, blowers, and turbines, alleging that the manufacturers were negligent in failing to warn them about the dangers of asbestos. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

District Court of Colorado Recognizes "Take-Home" Exposure Claim

By [Kayla Foley](#)

Recently, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado recognized a defendant's potential liability based on take-home exposure. In *Mestas v. Air & Liquid Systems Corporation et. al.*, Plaintiff alleged direct exposure and take-home exposure. Plaintiff alleged that his father was exposed to asbestos-containing products while working as a plumber and pipefitter, and that his father then carried asbestos home on his clothing which in turn, exposed Plaintiff to asbestos. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that they owed no duty to Plaintiff based on take-home exposure. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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