



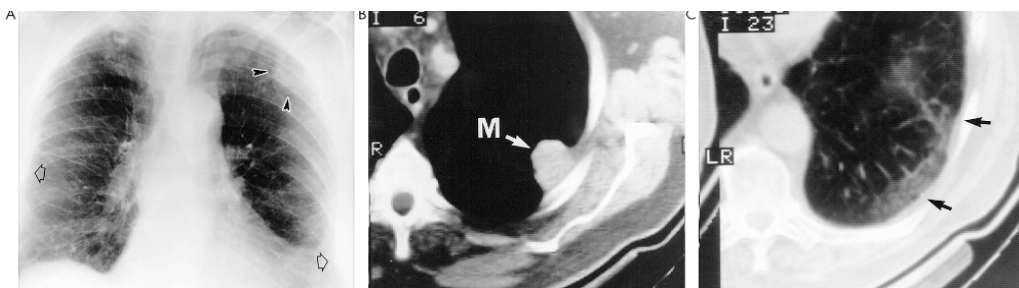
# Spotlight On Justice



## THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY COVER-UP

In 1933, the Johns-Manville Company settled with an attorney on behalf of 11 former Manville employees, all asbestosis victims. The attorney received \$30,000 for the victims, in exchange for a written promise that he would not “directly or indirectly participate in the bringing of new actions against the Corporation.”

This fact did not come to light for more than 45 years. In the meantime, the company was able successfully to avoid damage suits. Had the public known about this settlement, it is likely that the hazards of asbestos would have come to light decades earlier.



**Asbestos-related Lung Disease**

Source:  
Paul Brodeur, *Outrageous Misconduct: The Asbestos Industry on Trial*, Pantheon Books, p. 22; See also, Barry Meier, *Deadly Secrets System Thwarts Sharing Data on Unsafe Products Series*, *Newsday*, April 24, 1988.)

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