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Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Conoco Named as Defendants in Diesel Exhaust Emission Lawsuit

Los Angeles Personal Injury Attorneys Owen, Patterson & Owen Have Been Retained to Represent Plaintiffs Claiming Serious Health Problems Due to the Harmful Effects of Diesel Exhaust Emissions.

Attorney Greg Owen, of the Los Angeles law firm Owen, Patterson & Owen, will represent Frank Shoenwald and Rosette Shoenwald in a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court case #BC486543 on June 12th, 2012. Owen plans to demonstrate that harmful emissions and that the alleged negligence on the part of the defendants caused his client's serious health problems. Mr. Shoenwald has owned, operated and maintained diesel vehicles during the last 30 years. He has ingested large amounts of diesel exhaust while driving and maintaining his diesel vehicles and is now alleging he is suffering from the effects of exposure to diesel exhaust emissions.

As a result of the alarming announcement on June 12, 2012 by the World Health Organization (WHO) that diesel exhaust emission fumes can cause cancer in humans and belong in the same potentially deadly category as asbestos, arsenic and mustard gas, millions worldwide will now be alerted to the serious health risks in breathing in diesel exhaust emissions.

Symptoms of exposure to diesel exhaust emission vary. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment website states, "Exposure to diesel exhaust can have immediate health effects. Diesel exhaust can irritate the eyes, nose, throat and lungs, and it can cause coughs, headaches, light headedness and nausea. In studies with human volunteers, diesel exhaust particles made people with allergies more susceptible to the materials to which they are allergic, such as dust and pollen. Exposure to diesel exhaust also causes inflammation in the lungs, which

may aggravate chronic respiratory symptoms and increase the frequency or intensity of asthma attacks."

Owen stated, "We have long known that diesel exhaust emission may cause a variety of symptoms and serious health problems. But now WHO has confirmed what many have suspected all along--that diesel exhaust emissions are highly toxic and can cause cancer."

People most likely affected by diesel exhaust cancer causing emissions include, but are not limited to, truck drivers, homeowners living next to freeways, firemen, construction workers, military and boat pilots. According to WHO, almost anyone exposed to diesel exhaust emissions is at risk. As noted in the press release issued by the WHO, Dr Christopher Portier, Chairman of the IARC working Group, stated that "The scientific evidence was compelling and the Working Group's conclusion was unanimous: diesel engine exhaust causes lung cancer in humans." Dr Portier continued: "Given the additional health impacts from diesel particulates, exposure to this mixture of chemicals should be reduced worldwide."

About Owen, Patterson & Owen

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