

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING
MESOTHELIOMA, LUNG CANCER, AND OTHER
ASBESTOS RELATED INJURIES**

Plumbers Local No. 1 has worked for many years with the law firm of Colleran, O'Hara & Mills and its Trial Counsel, Weitz & Luxenberg to protect the rights of our members who have been exposed to and injured by asbestos.

Colleran, O'Hara & Mills is Counsel to the New York State AFL-CIO, the New York City Building Trades Council, the New York City Central Labor Council, the Long Island Federation of Labor, the Nassau and Suffolk Building Trades and many individual unions in the Building Trades. They were active in getting the statute amended in 1986 to allow our members to sue to protect their rights and they were the first and only law firm to reduce the fee in asbestos injury cases for members of the Building Trades Unions from 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to 25%. Efforts in recent years by the asbestos and insurance industries to prevent our members from being able to sue were beaten back due to the efforts of the Building Trades, the labor movement and our Counsel.

Since the year 2000, numerous companies that manufactured and distributed asbestos-containing products filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection to avoid liability from asbestos claims. After years of litigation and negotiation in the Bankruptcy Courts, many of these companies have emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy and set up trusts with very significant amounts of money to pay past, present and future claimants who are sick and have been exposed to asbestos-containing products.

Unfortunately, it now appears that in the 23 years since this litigation has started that many of our members are being stricken with lung cancer, mesothelioma, and other asbestos-related illnesses and are still not fully aware of the connection between their exposure to asbestos in the workplace and their illness or injury. Our members need to know of that connection, to educate their spouses and families to the connection and to have the most effective legal advice at the lowest cost.

If you or someone you know believes that they have been injured by exposure to asbestos, please contact Christopher P. O'Hara, Esq. or Erin O. Brennan, Esq. of Colleran, O'Hara & Mills at (516) 248-5757.