

# **Bell Helicopter Ordered to Pay Significant Punitive Damages in Asbestos Death**

A Dallas County jury found there was clear and convincing evidence that Bell Helicopter Textron Inc., Dickson's employer for 38 years, was "grossly negligent" in exposing the longtime mechanical engineer to asbestos, according to a post on the website of **Androvett Legal Media and Marketing**.

Dickson, a resident of Hurst, Texas, died at the age of 74 on Dec. 13, 2013.

The jury awarded Dickson's survivors \$8.8 million, according to the website of his law firm, **Simon Greenstone Panatier Bartlett**.

"There was not a company-based respiratory protection policy in place during the time of Billy's exposure," said the plaintiffs' attorney **Darren McDowell** of Dallas-based Simon Greenstone.

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