

Fourth Circuit Refuses to Reduce Record-Breaking \$32.7M Asbestos Verdict

“On August 24, 2020 in *Ann Finch v. Covil Corp.*, 972 F.3d 507 (4th Cir. 2020), the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a North Carolina federal district court’s decision, sustaining a \$32.7 million verdict in favor of the plaintiff in an asbestos-related wrongful death lawsuit against insulation contractor Covil Corporation. On appeal, Covil argued that the district court erred in instructing the jury as to proximate cause and refused to reduce the damages award, however the three-judge panel found no fault with the district court’s jury instructions or its rationale for refusing to reduce the jury verdict,” write Deanielle Luisi and Tierra Jones in *Husch Blackwell’s Toxic Tort Monitor*.

“The \$32.7 million verdict in *Finch* is reportedly the largest single-plaintiff verdict and the largest mesothelioma-related verdict in North Carolina history. Additionally, the verdict is four times larger than any other North Carolina mesothelioma verdict.”

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