

# Jury Awards Woman \$13M for Asbestos Exposure From Talcum

A Los Angeles County Jury has returned a \$13 million verdict in favor of Judith and John Winkel against the Colgate-Palmolive Company, finding that the company's Cashmere Bouquet talcum powder was responsible for causing Judith Winkel to contract mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer caused by asbestos. This is the first verdict ever against Colgate-Palmolive for asbestos exposure from talcum powder, according to a release from the plaintiffs's firm, **Worthington & Caron, P.C.**, based in Los Angeles.

According to the lawsuit, Judy began using Cashmere Bouquet in 1961, when her coworkers gave her a can of the powder as a gift. She said she used the product virtually every day from 1961 to 1976. She was diagnosed with mesothelioma in January 2014.

Jurors found the company for the manufacture or sale of powder, resulting in a substantial danger, And the company failed to warn consumers, they found.

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