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Texas Jury Finds For Garlock, Says Products Not Defective

DALLAS — A Texas jury concluded on Feb. 6 that asbestos in gaskets and packing materials manufactured by Garlock Sealing Technologies was not the cause of a 22-year navy veteran's mesothelioma. *Davis v. Garlock Sealing Technologies*, No. 2002-28497 (Tex. Dist. Ct., Dallas Cty., 113th Dist.).

The 12-person Dallas jury was unanimous in finding that Garlock products were not defective. Garlock was the only defendant at the two-week trial, but Judge Patricia Hancock allowed jurors to apportion liability elsewhere if they wished. One juror named non-party Johns-Manville as the cause of Victor Davis' illness, according to sources.

Jurors deliberated just over an hour on Feb. 5, and brought in a verdict after deliberating another hour and a half on Feb. 6, sources said.

Georgia Carole Davis, Davis' widow, brought the case. She alleged that her husband was exposed to asbestos through Garlock products while serving in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1979.

Experts testifying for plaintiff Davis were occupational medicine specialist Gary Friedman, M.D., of Houston; pulmonologist and occupational medicine specialist George Dalclos, M.D., of Houston; molecular biologist Arnold Brody, Ph.D., of New Orleans; and William Ewing, CIH, of Atlanta.

Garlock relied on testimony from Miami pulmonologist Allan Feingold, M.D., and certified industrial hygienists Fred Boelter of Chicago, Carl Mangold of Seattle and Larry Liukonen of Burleson, Texas.

Garlock was represented at trial by Raymond P. Harris Jr. and Cary Schachter of Schachter Harris in Dallas.

Jeff Mundy and Michael Singley of Mundy & Singley in Austin, Texas, represented Davis.