of asbestos. We have progressed from asbestosis to mesothelioma to bronchogenic carcinoma, and it would not be unrealistic to predict that further progression will take place. This situation is exacerbated because of the increase in longevity. Simply stated, there are going to be more and more cases of asbestos-related disease as the lifespan increases and more people live long enough for the disease to manifest itself. The situation is growing in another direction. These cases started out involving only insulation workers. We are beginning to get cases involving persons who were peripherally exposed to asbestos, including the wife of the asbestos worker who washes his clothes, the worker in some other trade who has worked on jobs where asbestos insulation has been installed, and even members of the general public who have simply had the misfortune to be in a locality where asbestos fibers are in the air, or even the water. Further, more and more products are being indicted. We are all familiar with the recent scare about hair dryers. However, there are many other sources of asbestos in our environment. I might mention brake linings, roof coatings, floor tile and many others. I am told that at one point some manufacturer produced cigarettes with a filter containing asbestos. If one were bent upon acquiring a case of lung cancer, smoking this kind of cigarette would seem to be the easiest possible way.



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