

Abex also objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it is speculative inasmuch as it fails to distinguish among raw asbestos, asbestos contained in building insulation products and/or asbestos-containing automotive friction products, and/or among the different types of asbestos fibers. Because the asbestos fiber contained in Abex's asbestos-containing automotive friction products was chrysotile, the only type of asbestos Abex ever used for product production, which was resin-bonded and encapsulated, proper use of such products did not create or contribute to any adverse health effects.

Abex further objects to this interrogatory on the ground that it seeks to impose upon Abex a legal duty or obligation to which it was not subject.

Abex objects to this interrogatory to the extent to which it purports to seek information or materials that have been gathered, received or prepared in the course of litigation, or which are otherwise subject to the attorney-client privilege, protected by the attorney work-product doctrine, the rule protecting materials prepared in anticipation of and/or in connection with litigation, or any other applicable privilege.

Subject to and without waiving these objections, and insofar as it understands this interrogatory, Abex is generally aware that it contributed monies for certain studies at the Saranac Laboratory, Saranac, New York. Abex's documents reflect that any such studies performed by the Saranac Laboratory on behalf of Abex specifically pertained to siderosis and silicosis studies. Plaintiffs' counsel in a different case have produced in discovery unauthenticated photocopies of documents purporting to show that Abex agreed in the 1930's to pay \$250 per year for three years with respect to a single asbestos-related animal study at the Saranac Laboratory. Abex's records do not confirm any such agreement, nor do Abex's records reflect any such payment.