

1 we also review legal cases sent to me by attorneys,
2 like yourself, that primarily have to do with
3 asbestos- related lung disease.

4 Q You said other pathologists send you cases?

5 A Yes.

6 Q What types of cases, and how many have they
7 sent you?

8 A Last year we received about 1,200 cases that
9 were sent to me in consultation.

10 They are primarily lung cases that either
11 deal with noncancerous-types of lung disease, or are
12 cancer cases in general, not necessarily related to
13 the lung, in which the pathologists who send them are
14 having difficult times making a specific diagnosis,
15 and usually ask us to review the case and to perform
16 some of these specialized tests that we think are
17 necessary.

18 Q Have those referrals included the disease
19 known as malignant mesothelioma?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Dr. Hammar, did you, at our request, examine