

# Monsanto Roundup Lawsuit

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- Only Attorneys in America to Serve on the Trial Teams for All Three of the First Monsanto Trials
- Represented Thousands of Clients Nationwide in Roundup Cancer Lawsuits

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## We Are No Longer Accepting New Monsanto Roundup Cases

Monsanto Roundup (glyphosate) weed killer is designated as a probable human carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an arm of the World Health Organization (WHO). Farmers, farmworkers, landscapers, gardeners, and others who use Roundup weed killer or other glyphosate-based herbicides are at risk for developing non-Hodgkin lymphoma and other forms of cancer.

Faced with the prospect of paying massive medical bills and losing wages due to a cancer diagnosis, consumers from across the United States who were exposed to Roundup are making the decision to file a Roundup cancer lawsuit against Monsanto (now Bayer).

## Roundup Settlement Update - Monsanto (Bayer) Agrees to Pay \$10.9 Billion

On June 24, 2020, Bayer AG publicly announced that the multinational company had reached settlement agreements in principle with five of the leading law firms in the Roundup cancer litigation. The agreements would resolve more than 100,000 Roundup lawsuits for roughly \$11 billion.

The agreements were reached after more than a year of negotiations and three consecutive trial losses for Bayer. Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman served on the trial teams for all three of those trials and the firm's vice president and a senior shareholder R. Brent Wisner served as co-lead counsel in two of the three cases, delivering the opening and closing statements. The trials resulted in a combined \$2.424 billion in jury verdicts for the plaintiffs. Mr. Wisner was also an integral part of the settlement negotiations with Bayer.

## Appellate Win for Plaintiff in *Hardeman v. Monsanto*

Mr. Hardeman's case was the second Roundup cancer case to go to trial. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Mr. Hardeman on May 14, 2021 when they denied Bayer / Monsanto's appeal to overturn his verdict.

**Statement from co-counsel representing Mr. Hardeman:**

"Mr. Hardeman is very pleased that the Ninth Circuit affirmed the jury's verdict. The Court ruled that 'substantial evidence of Monsanto's malice was presented to the jury, supporting punitive damages.' Internal emails showed that Monsanto knew of the risk of cancer and failed to warn consumers like Mr. Hardeman. Today is significant for consumers holding pesticide companies like Monsanto accountable for causing thousands of people cancer."

## Appellate Win for Plaintiff in *Johnson v. Monsanto*

Mr. Johnson's case was the first Roundup cancer case to go to trial against Monsanto. On July 20, 2020, The California Courts of Appeal First Appellate District ruled in favor of Mr. Johnson when they denied Bayer / Monsanto's appeal to overturn his verdict.

**Statement by Co-Lead Trial Counsel and Baum Hedlund Senior Shareholder R. Brent Wisner:**

"This is another major victory for Lee and his family. Nearly every argument by Monsanto was rejected, including Monsanto's vaunted preemption defense, and the verdict was upheld. The reduction in damages is a function of a deep flaw in California tort law, not the merits of the case. Basically, California law does not allow a plaintiff to recover for a shortened life expectancy. This effectively rewards a defendant for killing a plaintiff, as opposed to just injuring him. It is madness. That Lee will not live an entire life with his wife and children should be compensable. Hopefully, when the issue gets before the California Supreme Court, we can change this irrational law."

-July 20, 2020

## Billions Won for Our Clients

Monsanto Hit with Historic \$2 Billion Verdict- Losing Third Straight Roundup Trial

*Pilliod et al. v. Monsanto Co.*

**\$2 Billion**

*Dewayne "Lee" Johnson v. Monsanto Co.*

**\$289.2 Million**

*Hardeman v. Monsanto Co.*

**\$80 Million**

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## Roundup Lawsuit

Roundup (glyphosate) is a Monsanto herbicide used by farmers, gardeners, maintenance workers, agricultural workers, and many others as an all-purpose weed killer. Since Roundup first entered the market in the 1970s, Monsanto has denied claims that Roundup causes cancer, insisting that Roundup is safe. A Monsanto advertisement once noted that Roundup is "safer than table salt."

But according to internal Monsanto emails now known throughout the world as The Monsanto Papers, Monsanto has known for several decades that Roundup (glyphosate) causes cancer. Rather than informing consumers about the glyphosate cancer risk, Monsanto buried the risks as sales of Roundup continued to skyrocket.

In March of 2015, IARC surveyed the published research on Roundup cancer links and concluded the blockbuster herbicide is "probably carcinogenic to humans." The cancer agency further concluded that the cancer most associated with exposure to glyphosate is non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

Outraged by Monsanto's deception, more than 100,000 people have made the decision to file a Roundup lawsuit alleging exposure to Roundup causes cancer.

Our firm represents thousands of people who are pursuing justice against Monsanto (now Bayer) because they do not want what happened to them or a member of their family to happen to anyone else. They want consumers to have the choice—to know the health consequences associated with using a product. If they would have known that Roundup was a carcinogen, they never would have used the product.

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## Who Can File a Roundup Lawsuit Against Monsanto?

Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman represents people from all across the country who were exposed to Roundup (glyphosate) and later diagnosed with B cell or T cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, including many subtypes like diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), follicular lymphoma, mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), hairy cell leukemia (HCL), Burkitt lymphoma, and cutaneous T-cell lymphomas (mycosis fungoides and Sezary syndrome).

Most of our clients are individuals who sprayed Roundup around their home or business. We also represent government workers, farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, landscapers, and others.

Anyone diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma after using Roundup for their occupation or on their property (i.e. home and garden use) should consider speaking with a Roundup cancer attorney about filing a claim. Thousands of individuals from all walks of life and from all across America have filed Roundup cancer lawsuits against Monsanto, with more and more people joining the litigation each day.

## Have More Questions?

Check out Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman's Roundup frequently asked questions.

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## The Only Roundup Cancer Attorneys in America to Serve on the Trial Teams for All Three of the First Monsanto Trials

The first three Roundup cancer lawsuits to proceed to trial resulted in a combined \$2.424 billion in jury verdicts. Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman is the only law firm in the country to serve on the trial teams for all three of the first Monsanto lawsuits to go before juries. In two of those trials, Baum Hedlund attorney R. Brent Wisner served as co-lead trial counsel.

Monsanto Hit with Historic \$2 Billion Verdict Losing Third Straight Roundup Trial

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*Pilliod et al. v. Monsanto Co.*

*Johnson v. Monsanto Co.*

*Hardeman v. Monsanto Co.*

## Brent Wisner Roundup Cancer Attorney

*"Monsanto's history is one full of vast lies. They mislead people, promise that their products are safe and make a lot of money by doing so. And when things get uncomfortable, they simply move on to another product. This strategy has proven successful for over 100 years." - Brent Wisner*

*Watch Attorney Brent Wisner Deliver the Closing Arguments in the First Roundup Cancer Trial, Johnson v. Monsanto*

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## We Helped Win The First Three Monsanto Roundup Cancer Trials Resulting in \$2.42 Billion

Bruce Hedlund Aristei & Goldman attorney R. Brent Wisner represents thousands of people from across the nation who were exposed to Roundup and later diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He served on the trial team in the first three Roundup cancer lawsuits to go before a jury and was co-lead trial counsel in the first and third trials.

The first case to proceed to trial, *Dewayne Johnson v. Monsanto Company*, resulted in a \$289.2 million jury verdict against Monsanto. Importantly, the jury also found that Monsanto acted with willful negligence and should be punished for

Brent was also part of the trial team in the case of *Edwin Hardeman v. Monsanto Company*. At trial, Brent presented one of the key fact witnesses (Dr. Christopher Portier) and cross-examined most of the corporate witnesses. The Hardeman case culminated in an \$80.2 million verdict against Monsanto.

In the third Monsanto lawsuit to go before a jury, *Pilliod et al. v. Monsanto Company*, Brent again took on the role of co-lead trial counsel. During his closing remarks, Brent urged the jury to hold Monsanto accountable for its "reprehensible" conduct.

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## In the Media

Attorney Brent Wisner appeared as a guest on the show "The Doctors" and called out glyphosate and Monsanto.

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#### If I File a Roundup Lawsuit, Am I Joining a Monsanto Class Action?

No, the individual Roundup lawsuits over the link to non-Hodgkin lymphoma are not part of a Monsanto class action. The individual Roundup cancer lawsuits seek remedy for injuries (non-Hodgkin lymphoma) sustained as a result of being exposed to Roundup and its active ingredient, glyphosate.

Roundup class actions against Monsanto are related to allegations of false and misleading information on the Roundup label and don't involve personal injury or wrongful death claims. According to the class actions, Monsanto continues to mislead consumers by representing glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup, as targeting an enzyme that is "found in plants but not in people or pets."

The Monsanto class actions (filed in multiple states) allege that the enzyme glyphosate targets exists in people and pets. Per the class actions:

*"Glyphosate functions as a biocide by inhibiting the enzyme 5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate ("EPSP") synthase, disrupting the fifth of six enzymatic steps in the shikimate pathway, which processes aromatic amino acids in certain organisms. Although humans and other mammals themselves do not have a shikimate pathway, the shikimate pathway is present in bacteria, including beneficial bacteria that inhabit the mammalian gut and are essential to overall health. EPSP is therefore "found in . . . people (and) pets. Just like it inhibits EPSP synthase in weeds, the active ingredient in Roundup inhibits EPSP synthase in these human and pet gut bacteria, and just like it targets weeds, the active ingredient in Roundup targets the human and pet gut bacteria."*

#### What is the Difference Between an Individual Roundup Lawsuit and the Roundup Class Action?

Individual lawsuits against Monsanto seek remedy for personal injuries (non-Hodgkin lymphoma) sustained as a result of exposure to Roundup. Farmers, farm workers, horticulturalists, landscapers, gardeners, government employees, and a host of other people have filed individual lawsuits against Monsanto based on allegations that Monsanto knew about the link between exposure to Roundup and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, but failed to warn consumers.

The Monsanto Roundup class action, on the other hand, involves consumers who say they would never have purchased Roundup products had they known that glyphosate targets an enzyme that exists in the human body and the bodies of certain mammals, contrary to Monsanto's marketing.

Anyone who purchased certain Roundup products and are not participating in a personal injury or wrongful death lawsuit can participate in the Monsanto class action over the misbranding of Roundup. Claimants are not required to prove that they suffered personal injuries as a result of using the product, only that they purchased the product.

*Baum Hedlund are not only amazing attorneys, but more importantly they are activists. They are about changing the systems which got us into trouble in the first place. They understand their role in the process of making change. Attorneys have the fortunate ability to go into the company files during the investigative process. They see the companies' behaviors and work hard at getting confidential documents declassified that have true public health benefit. — Kim Wirczak*

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#### Does Roundup Cause Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma?

Yes. According to numerous studies, exposure to Roundup increases the risk of developing non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Below are some of the studies demonstrating the link between Roundup exposure and NHL:

- Genotoxic activity of glyphosate and its technical formulation Roundup
- Systematic review and meta-analysis of glyphosate exposure and risk of lymphohematopoietic cancers
- Integrative assessment of multiple pesticides as risk factors for non-Hodgkin lymphoma among men
- Exposure to pesticides as risk factor for non-Hodgkin lymphoma and hairy cell leukemia: pooled analysis of two Swedish case-control studies
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma and specific pesticide exposures in men: cross-Canada study of pesticides and health
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma and occupational exposure to agricultural pesticide chemical groups and active ingredients: a systematic review and meta-analysis

#### How Does Glyphosate Cause Cancer?

Studies show that exposure to Roundup and its active ingredient, glyphosate, can cause DNA damage and DNA strand breaks, an important precursor to cancer. IARC specifically assessed the genotoxicity of Roundup (the property of chemical agents that damages the genetic information within a cell causing mutations, which may lead to cancer) and concluded that "[t]here is strong evidence that glyphosate causes genotoxicity."

Roundup exposure can also induce oxidative stress, which is thought to be involved in the development of numerous conditions, including cancer, autism, and Parkinson's disease. In addition to DNA damage and oxidative stress, some scientists have suggested Roundup exposure can lead to a chronic inflammatory state in the gut, as well as impaired gut barrier, which can increase the risk of cancer.

## Roundup Link to Cancer

In this series of videos, Baum Hedlund Aristei & Goldman attorney, R. Brent Wisner, discusses the link between Roundup / glyphosate exposure and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. We also feature videos about the tragic case of Jack McCall and other clients who spoke at an important press conference in California, to support the State of California involving its Prop 65 glyphosate cancer warning. You will also see a video of Mr. Wisner delivering the historic closing argument in the first Roundup cancer case to be tried against Monsanto.

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