
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to transparency in asbestos actions.

Proposed law defines "asbestos action", "asbestos trust", "asbestos trust claim", "exposed person", "trust claim materials", and "trust governance document".

Proposed law (R.S. 9:3594) provides for the required disclosures by claimants within 30 days of filing an asbestos action.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:3595) provides for the identification of additional claims not less than 60 days before trial if a defendant believes the claimant has not filed all asbestos trust claims.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:3596) provides that a defendant in an asbestos action may seek discovery against an asbestos trust. Trust claim materials and trust governance documents are presumed to be relevant.

Proposed law provides that a claimant's submission of an asbestos trust claim shall be sufficient to support a finding that the claimant was exposed to products for which the trust was established to provide compensation and that the exposure was a contributing cause to the claimant's injury.

Proposed law (R.S. 9:3597) provides for the dismissal of an asbestos action without prejudice as to:

- (1) Any defendant whose product or premises is not identified in the disclosures.
- (2) The moving defendant or as to all defendants if the claimant fails to comply in whole or in part with the required disclosures.

(Adds R.S. 9:3592- 3597)