

# Nearly 40 years of asbestos claims against Bestwall / Georgia-Pacific with no end in sight

## Striking imbalance between total asbestos products and total cases filed

### Total Asbestos Products (1956-1977)



Bestwall's asbestos-containing products represented **less than 1%** of total asbestos-containing products manufactured in the U.S. in the 20th Century.

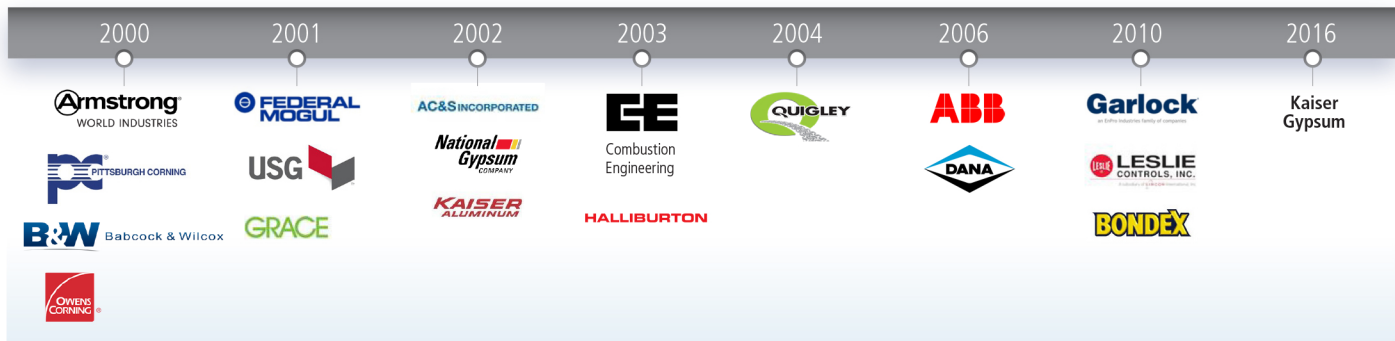
### Total Mesothelioma Cases Filed in U.S. (per year)



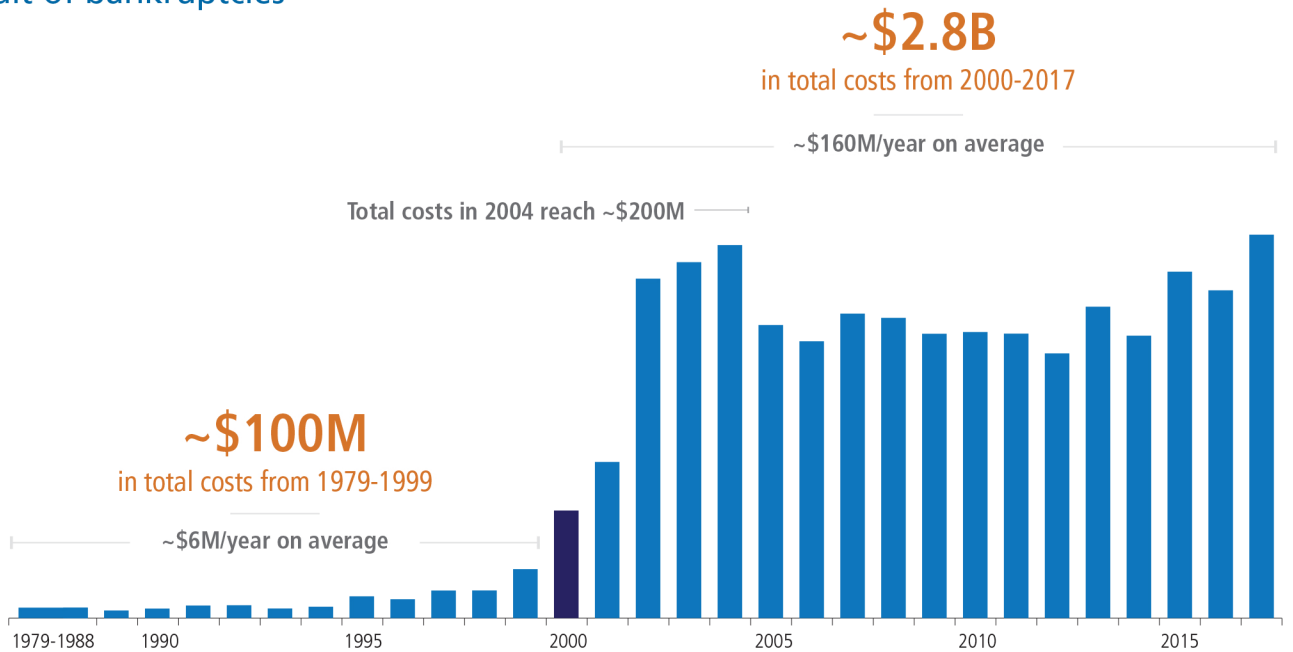
Despite producing only a miniscule percentage of all asbestos-containing products, Bestwall and its predecessor have been named as a **defendant in 70-80%** of all mesothelioma cases in the U.S. each year. Mesothelioma is one of the diseases associated with asbestos exposure.

## Long list of companies utilizing 524(g) trust process

Nearly 100 companies facing asbestos litigation have filed for bankruptcy protection and utilized Section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code to resolve current and future asbestos claims. Even though those companies eventually reorganized and funded billions of dollars into asbestos trusts, the remaining defendants were targeted by significantly higher numbers of plaintiffs and subject to sharply higher settlement demands. Notable companies that have utilized Section 524(g) since 2000 include:



## Sharp spike in Bestwall / Georgia-Pacific asbestos-related costs beginning in 2000 as a result of bankruptcies



## Hefty burden of litigation expected to continue until at least 2050

**430,000+**

Number of lawsuits filed against Bestwall / Georgia-Pacific over the past 38 years

**\$2.9 billion**

Amount Bestwall / Georgia-Pacific have paid in asbestos indemnity and defense costs

**62,000+**

Number of pending claims against Bestwall

Establishing a trust is the only option to permanently and fully achieve a resolution that fairly and equitably treats all individuals with current and future claims