

Mesothelioma Lawyer Interview Toolkit

A printable checklist for choosing counsel and protecting proof in Louisiana

Use this page to organize the facts you already have before you sign anything. If you are unsure, bring the list to a consultation and ask the lawyer to explain how each item helps the case.

Fast Checklist (First 72 Hours)

- Request a copy of the pathology report and any biopsy notes.
- Ask for imaging discs (CT/PET) and radiology reports if you have them.
- Write down every jobsite, employer, and trade you can remember, even if it was decades ago.
- List co-workers, supervisors, or family members who can confirm your work history.
- Gather any old pay stubs, W-2s, union records, or badges that show where you worked.

Questions to Ask Before You Hire a Lawyer

- How will you build an exposure timeline and identify the products involved?
- Who will be my day-to-day contact, and how often should I expect updates?
- What records do you need from me, and what will your team get on its own?
- How do fees and costs work in writing, and what happens if the case does not succeed?
- What deadlines matter right now, and what can I do this week to protect evidence?

Red Flags

- The lawyer will not explain the plan in plain language.
- You are pushed to sign a release or settlement before records are reviewed.
- The firm cannot tell you who will actually handle the case.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps that help families organize records and reduce proof gaps

Mesothelioma Evidence Blueprint

A 5-step proof plan + quick checklist

1) Confirm diagnosis and exposure dates

2) Build an exposure timeline by jobsite

3) Collect work and product records

4) Preserve medical and function notes

5) Map defendants and claim options

First 72 Hours: Save These

Bring what you have—do not delay.

- Pathology report
- Imaging discs
- Medication list
- Work history notes
- Co-worker names
- Old pay stubs

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common insurer narratives—and the documentation that answers them

Defense vs Evidence

What insurers say—and what answers it

Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
No proof of asbestos exposure to our product	Worksite list Product IDs Coworkers/photos
Wrong product Wrong company Wrong jobsite	Job duties Brands + suppliers Deposition plan
Not asbestos Alternative cause No causation link	Pathology report Occupational hx Doctor causation
Too late / Wrong defendants Bankruptcy issues	Deadline check Trust + policy map Venue review
You're fine now No damages Symptoms unclear	Symptom journal Function limits Care timeline

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How we approach mesothelioma cases: fast evidence triage and trial-ready preparation

A mesothelioma claim is usually won or lost in the details: where exposure happened, which products were used, and how the medical record is documented. Our focus is building a clean timeline, preserving testimony, and preparing the case as if it will be tried.

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