

**THE MOST IMPORTANT PAGES FROM THE EXTENSIVE  
ATTORNEY'S REPORTS, CONCEALED FROM THE NAMES.**

is now beginning to feel the impact of recent American lawsuits. The first of more than 1,000 cases brought in Los Angeles by Long Beach workers ended in a \$1.2m jury award. But this was reduced by the trial judge to \$250,000, so that the amount of settlements likely to be determined for other litigants is still uncertain .... But the problems, which had been lurking in the minds of Lloyd's insurers for some time, came to a head in June when \$1.2m was awarded to Richard Hogard, a Long Beach worker, who cited Assured 1 and Raybestos-Manhattan as defendants. .... the reduction of Hogard's award to \$250,000 is being watched with future settlements in mind."

22/09/80 **Business Insurance: California bill sets a fund for asbestos claimants.**

The California legislature has appropriated \$2.6 million for the workers compensation fund in respect of asbestosis.

23/09/80 **Attorney I to C J Ayliffe, Merrett Dixey Syndicates. Re Assured 10 Claims Review.**

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"You are no doubt aware of this tremendous volume of pending litigation involving asbestos, the high rate of new filings, and what appear to be increasing verdicts. These general factors, combined with the preliminary information gathered in our claims review, leads us to be concerned that the present method of reserving (as we understand it) may be under-estimating the exposure of underwriters."

29/09/80 **Business Insurance: Asbestos firm says it has way to share liability.**

Standard Asbestos Manufacturing seeks in court to make tobacco companies co-defendants in asbestos-related suits.

**01/10/80 Attorney G to Underwriters at Lloyds, c/o Merrett Dixey syndicates. Attention: C J Ayliffe.**

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**Notes the monumental significance of the "manifestation" versus "exposure" issue. In relation to Assured 1, Lloyd's would be on risk for 31% of all the years of alleged exposure by the asbestos claimants, but only 7% of the claims if manifestation rules were adopted.**

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**"It is widely accepted that asbestos liability will be the most significant legal and loss cost issue in the history of the insurance industry ... The number of potential future claims is staggering". In a statement on 26 April 1978 the US**