



NAPOLI SHKOLNIK FIGHTS AGAINST THE ONGOING AND CONTINUING HEALTH RISK OF ROUNDUP

The Law Firm of [Napoli Shkolnik](#) filed four new lawsuits against the manufacturers of Roundup on behalf of dozens of individuals in California, Florida and Texas. These suits mark a week which demonstrated markedly increased filings against Monsanto. This is despite Bayer AG's continued vague reference to an announcement of settlement of the majority of the company estimated 125,000 instances of Plaintiffs exposed to and injured by [Roundup](#), news which led to Bayer shares gaining as much a 8.2% at the announcement.

The increased filings are likely directly proportional to the fact that there is a latency between exposure to Roundup and diagnosis of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. This means that for many people who have been exposed years ago to glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup), the development and diagnosis of the cancer may not occur for many more years. This is compounded by the fact that Roundup continues to be widely available on the market without proper warning of its propensity to cause Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. On the contrary, Bayer seems to have recently increased advertisements for Roundup in many media markets where television commercials can currently be seen running.

Clear examples of the latency reality are present in Napoli Shkolnik's newest filings which include dozens of Plaintiffs who were diagnosed with or died of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma within the last year, representing almost 25% of the new filings.

Real life illustrations of those who have used Roundup and been diagnosed in the past year include Plaintiff John Puncel who was first exposed in 1985 as a groundskeeper at the University of Southern California. It wasn't until last year, at the age of 57, that Mr. Puncel was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He immediately underwent chemotherapy and is currently attempting to recover. This story is present repeatedly in these recent filings with many Plaintiffs still undergoing treatment today.

"We are prepared to fight for clients like Mr. Puncel who have been exposed to Bayer's product and as a result develop Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma years later or even those who will still develop it in the future," said lead attorney [Christopher Schnieders](#). "Bayer still advertises its Roundup products as safe and we believe no one hurt should be left behind."

The case captions are:

- Roderick Dailey, et al v. Monsanto, Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri 2022-CC-01136
- John Puncel, et al v. Monsanto, Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri 2022-CC-01127
- Laura Derby, et al v. Monsanto, Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri 2022-CC-01113
- Terry James, et al v. Monsanto, Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri

One possible mechanism that Bayer may believe that they can use to minimize responsibility for recent and future Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma diagnoses is a "Medical Monitoring" Class. Putting aside the issues that such a class would face in being approved against the majority of existing jurisprudence, the financial projections being floated by Bayer would not be able to cover the large numbers of users who have already used Roundup and will develop cancer. Further, those numbers will be growing with



each sale of Roundup, as many may use the product in the future due to Monsanto's failure to put an adequate warning on its product and stringent insistence that it does not cause harm. Clearly, despite overtures to the contrary, Bayer is going to reaping what it has sown (and continues to sow) for years to come.

The largest use worldwide of glyphosate products is in agriculture. The agricultural use of glyphosate has increased sharply since the development of glyphosate resistant crops. Glyphosate is also used in forestry, urban, and home applications. It has been detected in the air during spraying, in water, and in food.

Napoli Shkolnik is investigating the nationwide exposure to glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup® and other commercially produced herbicides.), the specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organization (WHO) assessed the carcinogenicity of glyphosate and found that it is "probably carcinogenic to humans."

In their 2015 monograph, The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified glyphosate as *probably carcinogenic to humans (Group 2A)*. Specifically, the IARC looked at evidence associating glyphosate with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The IARC reviewed numerous studies of exposure to glyphosate from the USA, Canada, and Sweden. The studies reviewed by the IARC also showed DNA and chromosomal damage in human cells. Animal studies have shown carcinogenicity in laboratory animals.

In 2018 Bayer AG acquired Monsanto, which at that time was a multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation based in St. Louis, Missouri and incorporated in Delaware. This makes Bayer the world's leading producer of glyphosate.

Signs of glyphosate exposure can include the following:

- Lymph node swelling
- Abdominal pain or swelling
- Chest pain
- Breathing difficulties
- Chronic cough
- Fatigue
- Nose bleeds
- Fever
- Night sweats
- Weight loss
- Infections
- Bruises
- Bone pain

These symptoms can also be caused by means other than glyphosate exposure. If you are experiencing these symptoms, it is strongly recommended that you discuss them with your doctor.

If you have been exposed to glyphosate and are experiencing these symptoms or illnesses, the attorneys at Napoli Shkolnik PLLC are ready to help those who pursue personal injury claims related to glyphosate exposure. Give us a call today at (844) 230-7676 to discuss your legal options, the call and our advice are free.

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