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## **Syngenta Litigation FAQs**

### **WHAT IS THE SYNGENTA LAWSUIT ABOUT?**

Syngenta sold two genetically modified corn seeds to U.S. farmers before they were approved by China. China only recently approved one for import and has not approved the other, leading to a catastrophic drop in the price of corn.

### **WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE SYNGENTA LITIGATION?**

In September 2015, United States District Judge John W. Lungstrum rejected Syngenta's two primary legal defenses and allowed the multi-district litigation to proceed towards trial.

### **DO I HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST SYNGENTA IF I GREW THESE SPECIFIC CORN SEEDS?**

It is possible. This lawsuit only involves farmers who did not purchase the two genetically modified corn seeds. We encourage you to speak with one of our attorneys about the specifics of your circumstances to determine your legal options.

### **DO I HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST SYNGENTA IF I DID NOT GROW THESE SPECIFIC CORN SEEDS?**

You may have a claim as the lawsuit aims to reclaim the lost income resulting from Syngenta's duplicitous marketing and sales techniques.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO TO FILE A CLAIM?**

Please contact us **(877) 381-7026** so that we can talk about the legal steps involved with this litigation. The call is free and confidential.



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# Events Leading to Dramatic Drop in Corn Prices

**N**APOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC attorneys have handled landmark environmental cases and can help you recoup money for the money you lost as a result of Syngenta's marketing and genetically modified corn seed.

**2010** | Switzerland based pesticide company Syngenta begins promoting and marketing its genetically modified corn seed, MIR 162 in the United States. MIR 162 is also known as Agrisure Viptera and Agrisure Duracade. These corn-seeds were released to U.S. farmers despite the fact that they had not yet been approved for import to China.

**2013** | China closes its markets to U.S. based corn based upon the presence of Syngenta's MIR 162 in grain shipments.

**2013-14 IMMEDIATE EFFECTS** | The price of corn plummeted, causing a catastrophic situation for U.S. corn farmers who are experiencing severe economic loss, including extreme lost profits, increased expenses in addition to loss of reputation and property damage.

**HOLDING SYNGENTA ACCOUNTABLE** | Syngenta made the decision to bring their corn seeds to the U.S. market with full knowledge that they had not yet been approved for import by China. Additionally, Syngenta did not know if, or even when, these seeds would be approved. To date, only Agrisure Viptera has been recently approved by China.

## **THERE IS A STRICT TIME LIMITATION**

FOR FILING AN ACTION FOR  
PROPERTY DAMAGE AND  
ECONOMIC DAMAGE CLAIMS.

## **CALL NAPOLI SHKOLNIK PLLC FOR A FREE, CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATION**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER  
WITH YOU TO FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS.





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# Parkinson's Link to Another Syngenta Product

**A** **NOTHER PRODUCT** manufactured by Syngenta is paraquat; it has been linked to an increased risk to Parkinson's disease.

Though the pesticide giant's home country base of Switzerland has not allowed the chemical to be sprayed since 1989, it is still manufactured for export.

Paraquat is prohibited in Europe but is currently being exported to countries around the world, including the United States.

Even the United Nations has taken notice of this double standard, examining practices allowing companies to make pesticides exclusively for use outside their borders, seeing it as a potential human rights issue.

## **EPA IS EVALUATING PARAQUAT'S USE ON AMERICAN CROPLAND DUE TO THE GROWING BODY OF RESEARCH LINKING IT TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE**



A 2011 National Institutes of Health Study found that people who used paraquat were approximately two and a half times more likely to develop Parkinson's disease.



## Roundup FAQs



### WHAT IS ROUNDUP?

Roundup is the most popular herbicide in the world. It contains glyphosate, a chemical that blocks an enzyme plants need to survive. Monsanto has manufactured glyphosate since 1974, and Roundup contains as much as 41 % glyphosate. Among the remaining 59 % of “other ingredients” is a soap-like chemical called POEA that helps glyphosate get into the plant. The combination of POEA and glyphosate is much more hazardous than glyphosate on its own, and POEA is also known to be toxic to aquatic animals.

### ROUNDUP AND GMO FOOD

The popularity of Roundup exploded in the mid-1990s, when Monsanto genetically-engineered (GMO) corn, soy, and cotton seeds to survive being sprayed. This allows farmers to spray Roundup over entire fields to kill weeds without killing the crop. Roundup now generates \$5 billion in yearly revenue for Monsanto.

### IS ROUNDUP IN MY FOOD?

Residues of glyphosate have been found in oats, wheat, honey, organic eggs, soy coffee creamer, and

many other foods. Roundup is used on many backyard gardens, but most of it is used in commercial agriculture. Roundup is sprayed on over 80% of croplands in the U.S., including crops like alfalfa, canola, corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, and sugarbeets. Many of these crops are grown to feed animals like cows, pigs, and chickens. Roundup is also sprayed on wheat to dry it out just before harvest, which is how whole-grain oats and flours become contaminated.

### PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN GLYPHOSATE

Roundup Ultra®, Roundup Pro®, Accord®, Honcho®, Pondmaster®, Protocol®, Rascal®, Expedite®, Ranger®, Bronco®, Campain®, Landmaster®, and Fallow Master® by Monsanto Glyphomax®, Glypro®, Rodeo® by Dow AgroSciences Glyphosate herbicide by Du Pont Silhouette® by Cenex/Land O'Lakes Rattler® by Helena Mirag-eR® by Platte JuryR® by Riverside/Terra Touchdown® by Zeneca And more Roundup “Probable” Cancer-Causing Chemical in Humans The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization, declared the herbicide Roundup (glyphosate) as “probably carcinogenic for humans” in March 2015. The warning was based on “convincing evidence” that glyphosate causes cancer in laboratory rats and mice. In humans, there is “limited evidence” linking Roundup and cancer, including non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and DNA/chromosomal damage.

### ROUNDUP LINKED TO LYMPHOMA

Roundup is primarily associated with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, a cancer that starts in the immune system. Studies have found higher rates of this cancer in farm-workers in the United States, Canada and Sweden who were exposed to large amounts of Roundup.





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# Representing You Nationwide

“Strong trial advocacy with the unparalleled use of technology gives our clients the best representation available.”

**HUNTER J. SHKOLNIK**

“To help a client, often at a time when they need it most and have nowhere else to turn, is ultimately rewarding.”

**MARIE NAPOLI**

“Our firm’s continuing drive to provide the highest level of service maximizes our clients’ potential recovery.”

**PAUL J. NAPOLI**

## Results Where It Counts

### **\$60 Million Settlement**

Achieved in connection with the MTBE contamination of Municipal Water Supplies in Long Island, New York.

### **\$11 Million Settlement**

For a water district serving over 48,000 residents in an action against several industrial entities for contamination.

### **\$7 Million Settlement**

Obtained in connection with the MTBE contamination of Municipal Water Supplies in Rhode Island.

### **\$3.6 Million Settlement**

Achieved for a Floridian town whose groundwater was contaminated from a chemical manufacturing plant and industrial properties.

### **\$ 816.45 Million Settlement**

For injuries sustained by Firefighters, Police Officers and Construction Workers at Ground Zero from toxic dust.

### **\$ 24.5 Million Settlement**

For injuries sustained by Rescue and Recovery workers at Ground Zero from toxic dust at Fresh Kills Landfill.



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## Your Legal Team



**Marie Napoli**  
Partner



**Hunter J. Shkolnik**  
Partner



**Louise R. Caro**  
Partner



**Patrick J. Lanciotti**  
Associate



**Aaron R. Modiano**  
Associate



**Paul J. Napoli**  
Of Counsel

## About Our Partners

### Paul J. Napoli

Mr. Napoli has litigated extensively on behalf of clients for contamination to land and water supplies resulting from hazardous chemical exposure. He lead the team who obtained more than \$50million on behalf of numerous clients whose drinking water sources were contaminated by leaks of petroleum additive. His article, "The Cost of Contamination" was featured in the *American Water Works Association Journal* (issue: November, 2012).

### Louise R. Caro

Ms. Caro focuses on plaintiff's mass tort litigation, concentrating on helping people harmed by exposure to hazardous soil, water and air contaminants. An integral member of the team, she has represented clients harmed by a multitude of environmental pollutants and toxins such as arsenic, lead, and dioxin, in soils and public water supply wells.

### Hunter J. Shkolnik

Mr. Shkolnik has appeared on national networks such as NBC and FoxNews to discuss Environmental Crises occurring across the country. He is also a sought after speaker on environmental contamination, Co-Chairing and speaking at several Litigation Conferences focusing on Lead Poisoning. Mr. Shkolnik's legal achievements have been industry and peer recognized by Super Lawyers®. He has been designated to the New York Super Lawyers® list every year since 2006.

### Marie Napoli

Ms. Napoli is a driving force behind the push to have Congress create a Victim's Compensation Fund for families affected by lead exposure. The fund could draw from federal and state money to pay for residents' health costs. Marie and the NS legal team recently visited Washington D. C. with families affected by lead poisoning so that the families could share their stories with Members of Congress.

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