

The background of the cover is a photograph of a body of water with a dark, swirling, oily sheen, suggesting contamination. In the lower-left foreground, a discarded clear plastic bottle lies on a pile of dry, brown grass and twigs. The overall tone is somber and environmental.

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PFAS:
**Contamination
Lawsuits**

A GUIDE



Widely used in industrial processing and manufacturing, PFAS chemicals are a class of compounds known as “forever chemicals.” Due to the strength and durability of the chemical bonds in PFAS chemicals, a leak of these chemicals into water or soil would last a very long time.

PFAS chemicals are highly dangerous to humans, and there is widespread evidence of serious leaks and contamination in many areas across the country — areas in which many people live and work. It is now apparent that many of the factories and plants that used PFAS chemicals did not fully prevent leaks of these chemicals, and the subsequent contamination of the water and soil around them.

Exposure to PFAS has been linked to various forms of cancer, liver damage, thyroid damage, decreased fertility, high cholesterol, and many other conditions. And, the cost to clean up a PFAS-contaminated area is extremely high.

Morgan & Morgan attorneys are investigating claims on behalf of people who may have been harmed by PFAS contamination. Our legal team is ready to review your case for free, 24/7.

**We fight For The
People, not the
powerful, and we
don't back down.**



Decades Of Use, Decades Of Leaks

PFAS chemicals are highly valued for their unique ability to repel oil and water, and are essential to the manufacturer of items like non-stick pans and firefighting foam. But this ubiquity combined with the sometimes lax environmental regulation enforcement of the plants and factories that use them means that these chemicals have been leaking and contaminating for decades.

Sometimes these leaks happen all at once, like when great quantities of firefighting foam spilled at a Connecticut airport, leading to the contamination of rivers and wells. And sometimes it happens over decades, like the alleged leaks by more than a dozen manufacturers in Michigan, including DuPont and 3M.

However it happens, the uniquely durable nature of PFAS chemicals allows them to stay and accumulate in the water or ground they contaminate rather than fade away. In an attempt to address this, government regulators have passed new laws covering the use of PFAS chemicals, and have banned certain chemicals in the PFAS group entirely.

LAWSUITS

Since 2010, legal action against alleged PFAS leakers has steadily built up steam. Major lawsuits include:

- The State of Minnesota sued 3M for alleged PFAS leaks in the Twin Cities area. They settled for \$850 million in 2018.
- Alabama water authorities sued 3M and Daikin America, Inc. and settled for \$4 million.
- New York and North Carolina state governments and authorities are currently pursuing legal action against companies that use PFAS chemicals.

Frequently Asked Questions

HOW LONG CAN PFAS CHEMICALS SURVIVE IN THE GROUND?

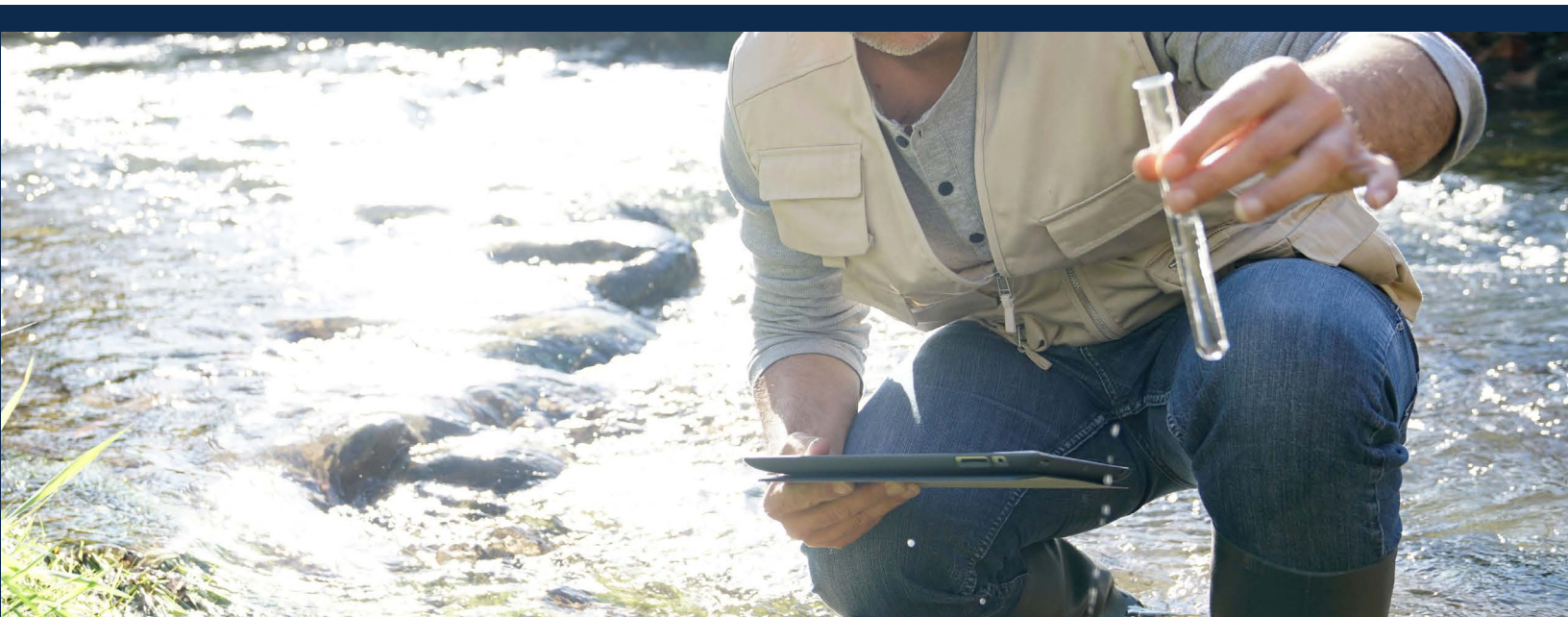
Between two and 10 years. This means that the chemicals have a long time to concentrate to dangerous levels and contaminate the water, air, and plant-life (including fruits and vegetables that we eat or that feed the livestock we eat) around them.

DO I NEED TO BE SICK TO FILE A CLAIM?

No. We are pursuing a wide array of cases against PFAS contaminators, including environmental claims. So even if you or a loved one isn't suffering from a PFAS-related illness, you can still pursue a claim for environmental contamination of your neighborhood or personal property.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY AREA HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED?

Using your favorite web browser or search engine, search "PFAS contamination" and the name of your city. If there's any media mention of PFAS contamination, give us a call so we can investigate further.



HOW DO I KNOW IF MY ILLNESS IS LINKED TO PFAS?

If you or a loved one is suffering from cancer, liver damage, thyroid damage, decreased fertility, or high cholesterol, and your area is known to be contaminated with PFAS, your illness might be linked. Give us a call so we can help clarify further.



WHY MORGAN & MORGAN?

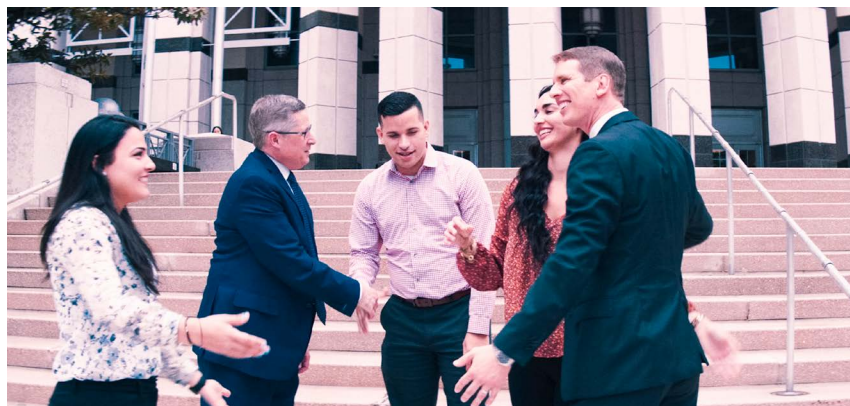
We understand how traumatic your situation is for you and your family, which is why we want to offer our assistance in your time of need. Our compassionate attorneys have experience in PFAS contamination cases and can help to make sure those responsible are held accountable. Morgan & Morgan's resources can take on an organization of any size, giving you a definite edge during litigation.



About Morgan & Morgan

America's largest personal injury firm has the resources, workforce, and experience to give your case the best possible outcome. Some law firms will charge expensive rates for their service yet haven't tried a case in years. Our attorneys, on the other hand, aren't strangers to litigation and are prepared to work with your case every step of the way.

For the last three decades, Morgan & Morgan has helped thousands of families during their time of need and has recovered over \$9 billion in damages along the way. We believe that no one should have to fight a bully on their own, which is why we'll do anything in our power to help you hold the at-fault party responsible for their intolerable behavior. Overall, we're a family-centered firm, and we'll never allow someone to take advantage of your loved ones.



Practice Areas



Accidents



Birth Injuries



Brain Injuries



Breach of
Warranty



Burn & Fire
Injuries



Business
Litigation



Business
Interruption
Claims



Car, Truck and
Motorcycle



Child Sexual
Abuse



Civil Rights



Class Actions &
Mass Torts



Construction
Accidents



Deaf & Disability
Rights Unit



Dog Bites/
Animal Attacks



Employee Rights



FCRA



Medical
Malpractice



Mesothelioma



Negligent
Security/
Premises Liability



Nursing Home
Abuse



Product
Liability



Property & Life
Insurance and
AD&D



Sex
Trafficking



Slip & Fall



Social Security
Disability



Spinal Cord
Injuries



Train Accidents



Veterans'
Benefits



Whistleblower/
Qui Tam



Workers'
Compensation



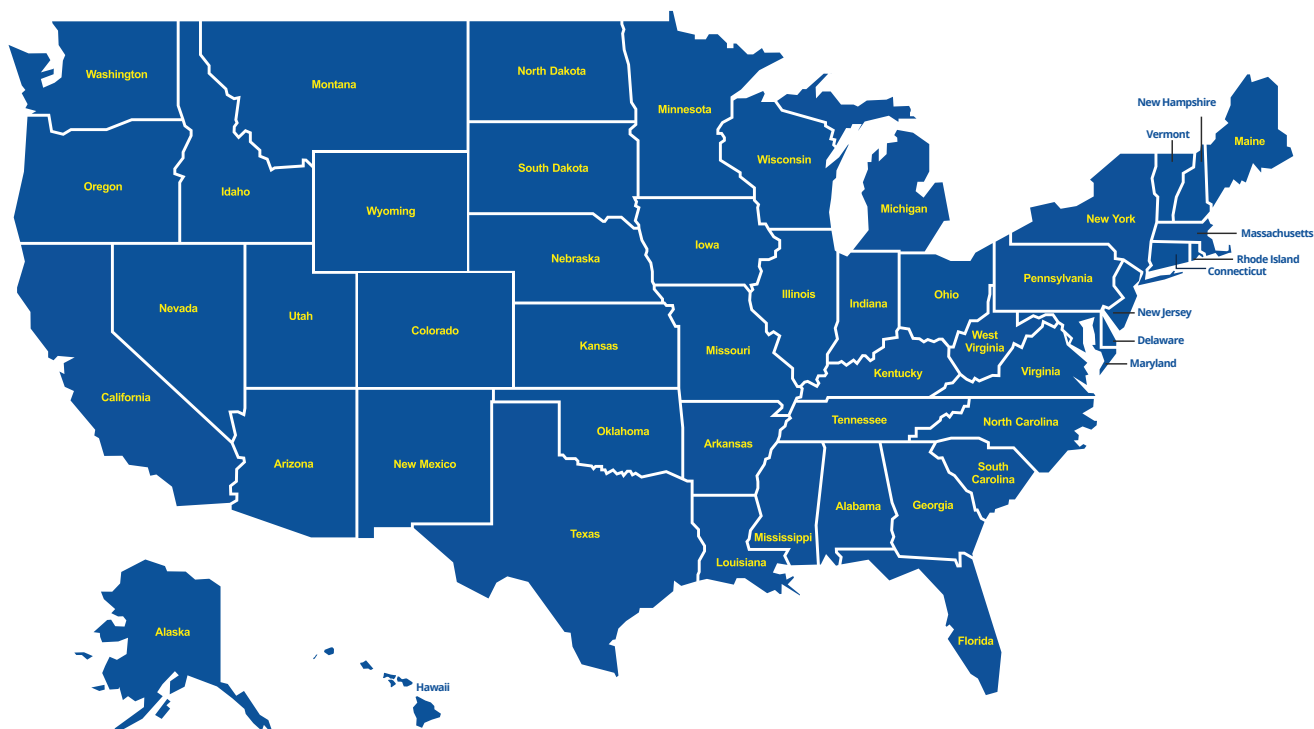
Wrongful Death



Offices Nationwide

Morgan & Morgan has offices nationwide, so we're everywhere for everyone. No matter where you are, our highly-skilled trial-ready attorneys are there to help you seek justice.

OFFICE LOCATIONS





Attorney Growth & Successes

2020

TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED:

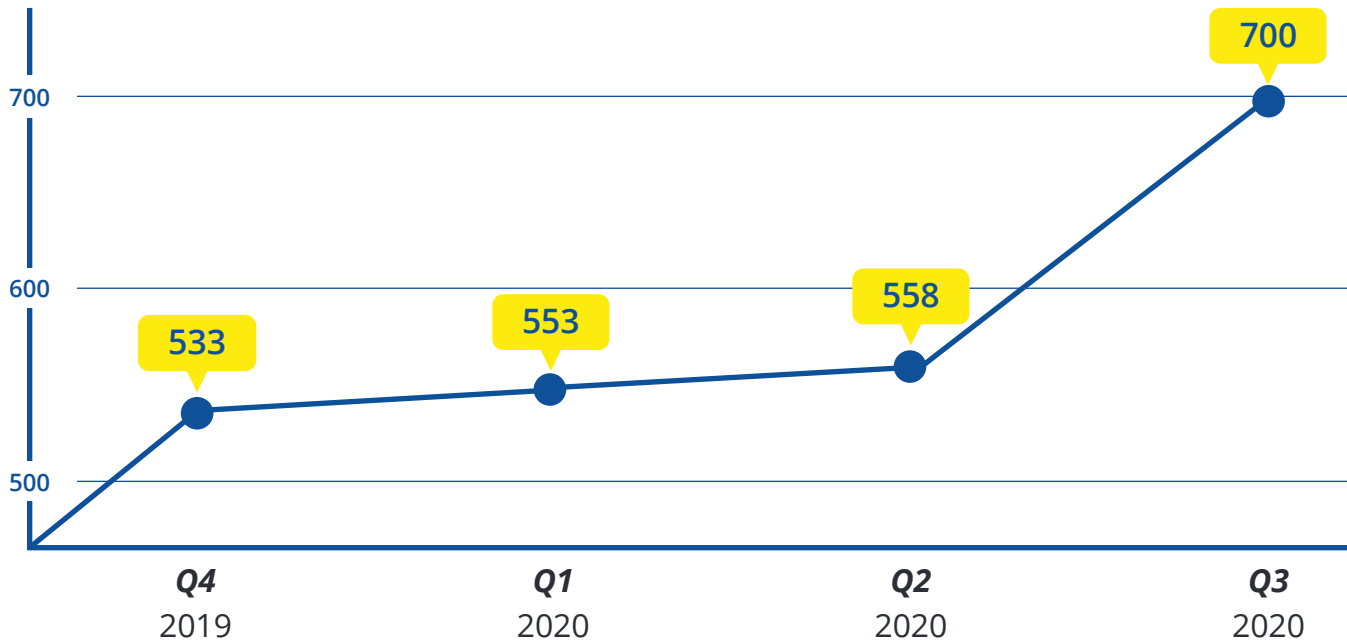
OVER \$1 BILLION

2020

TOTAL CASES RESOLVED:

50,000

Attorney Growth:



What People Say About Us

I was able to contact Morgan & Morgan via their online form from the emergency room on the day of my accident. Someone called me the next morning and set up rehab and therapy appointments right away. The following day they came to my home to begin my case. They are swift, professional and customer service-focused. After my accident, I was nervous about driving.

“ Z.A., ATLANTA, GA

I would just like to say that, regardless of my injuries and all that I am currently going through daily, my attorney was absolutely wonderful to me as far as listening to my concerns and thoughts and always asking if I needed anything. He made sure that he let me know that I could call him at any time for whatever I wanted to discuss regarding my case! He is a true God send and I simply love his attitude and the attention he gives to clients. From day one, this firm has gone above and beyond the call of duty making certain that I was reached out to in a very timely manner. You all ran circles and holes around the first firm! I would recommend you to family, friends, and complete strangers!

“ Alicia, JACKSON, MS

Unbelievably organized, responsive, and probably the most effective process-oriented group of people I've ever seen. Their preparation for mediation and trial is beyond comprehensive. Across two cases and three years, not once did anything fall between the cracks. Everyone I came into contact with exemplifies professionalism; they quickly resolved insurance issues and spent time educating me about everything affecting my cases. I trust Morgan & Morgan and I am grateful for everything they did for me. I recommend them without reservation and will miss working with them now that my civil suit is settled.

“ Jerri, JACKSONVILLE, FL

They are the most caring and personal attorneys you could ever have on your side. They genuinely make you feel like helping you in every way they can is their goal and main priority. I'd highly recommend this firm to anyone in need. They treat you as if you were a part of their family and are always seeking the best for the client.

“ Janet, LOUISEVILLE, KY

I emailed my questions and concerns and had doubt that anyone would contact me in the next 24 hours. I emailed them around 8:30 pm. I received a call the very next morning and the representative explained that after I answered her questions she would turn it over to a lawyer and then they would contact me. She answered all my questions and concerns. She gave me hope that I did the right thing. She said I should hear something in the next few days after a lawyer has time to review. I will not have to pay anything unless they win a settlement. I will receive all the information soon as to what will happen next. It has been less than 24 hours and everything is set in motion.

“ Tammy, Orlando, FL

I couldn't be happier with the service and the professionalism of your staff I was very satisfied with the outcome of my case. The team always returned my telephone calls in a timely manner and shared valuable as well as valid information. They were very professional and maintained a positive attitude. I would definitely use your services again if I was faced with a situation that required an attorney or legal advice and I would also refer your agency to others. Although my situation was unfortunate, I was glad to have your team on my side to get me through the difficult times. Again, I say THANK YOU.

“ Kathy, MEMPHIS, TN

In the News

At Morgan & Morgan, everything we do — from the cases we take on to our wins in the courtroom — makes an impact. That's why in 2019, our legal actions, settlements, and verdicts were covered by premier national and international media outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and CNN, as well as local media outlets.

Here are some of our cases that made headlines in 2019.



Restoring Basketball Glory

In 2018, the NCAA imposed a penalty on the men's basketball team at the University of Louisville (Kentucky) for alleged rules violations. They had their 2013 NCAA tournament win, 2012 Final Four appearance, and individual player statistics vacated and removed from the record.

With the help of John Morgan, our firm's founder, the team's players sued the NCAA and last year reached a confidential settlement. The players had all their statistical achievements and personal honors restored.

Coverage appeared on ESPN, Fox Sports, and in the Associated Press, among others.

Morgan & Morgan Attorney Named Cybersecurity MVP

Morgan & Morgan's John Yanchunis was named a 2019 MVP by Law360 — the premier national legal news service — in recognition of his work protecting the rights of consumers harmed by data breaches.

Last year, John achieved a notable victory when he and his team reached a \$117 million settlement with web giant Yahoo after a data breach compromised billions of user accounts.

Major Settlement in MA Gas Explosions Case

In September 2018, a series of explosions ripped through the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, towns of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. These explosions were caused by excess gas pressure in poorly built, poorly installed, and poorly maintained natural gas lines owned and operated by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.

More than 40 homes experienced explosions and fires as a result, which caused severe damage and injury, including one death. Morgan & Morgan's Frank Petosa took the lead in the lawsuit representing the victims, and in July 2019, a \$143 million settlement was reached.

Coverage appeared in The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, and was provided by the Associated Press.

Florida Powerhouse

Although we're a nationwide firm, Florida is still Morgan & Morgan's home base. This year, the firm was recognized for its achievements in the Sunshine State as a Law360 "Florida Powerhouse."

With over 350 attorneys in the state and more than two dozen offices, Morgan & Morgan has made an indelible name for itself there through litigation and impact.

Fighting for a Zipline Accident Victim

A 10-year-old boy from Lakeland, Florida, was seriously injured when his zipline harness disconnected and he fell 20 feet to the concrete below. On behalf of his family, Morgan & Morgan is pursuing legal action against the operators of the zipline facility, alleging employee error due to improper training and safety procedures.

Coverage appeared on the ABC, FOX, NBC, and CNN news channels, among others.

The New York Times

The Washington Post

WALL STREET JOURNAL

POLITICO

USA TODAY

AP Associated Press

billboard

Newsweek

THOMSON REUTERS

CNN

Forbes

abc

FOX

NBC

BUSINESS INSIDER

TODAY

ESPN



Contact Us

No matter your financial situation, you deserve the kind of legal representation it takes to go up against massive corporations – like the industrial and manufacturing plants that leaked dangerous chemicals into your environment. If you or a loved one were harmed by their negligence, you deserve justice and compensation. And we want to help you fight for it.

Morgan & Morgan has been there for the people against the powerful for more than 30 years, and we've recovered more than \$10 billion to date for clients just like you. Call today. Your case review is always free, and you'll never have to pay a penny unless we win for you.

To arrange a free, no-obligation consultation, dial #LAW or visit us online at forthepeople.com.

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