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# Paraquat Lawsuits

**A GUIDE**







Paraquat is so toxic that just one sip of the herbicide can kill. Warning labels for paraquat carry the universal symbol for death—a skull and crossbones. But it's a different side effect that is causing farmers, agricultural laborers, to file lawsuits. Chronic exposure to the most toxic weed killer on the market today is also linked to Parkinson's disease, an incurable, progressive neurological disorder.

Syngenta and Chevron Phillips are among the companies facing paraquat lawsuits. Plaintiffs allege that manufacturers knew for decades that their products cause Parkinson's disease but failed to warn the public. Defendants deny these claims, but the research showing causation is robust and continues to develop.

Paraquat has been used for decades in the United States on hundreds of crops. One large study of U.S. farmers shows that paraquat users are twice as likely to develop Parkinson's as people not exposed to the chemical. If you've developed Parkinson's disease as a result of paraquat exposure, our attorneys are here to help you secure the compensation you deserve.

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







# Frequently Asked Questions

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A PARAQUAT LAWSUIT?

If you've used Paraquat and developed Parkinson's Disease as a result, you could be eligible for compensation.

## HOW CAN YOU BE EXPOSED TO PARAQUAT?

Even if you or your family don't use paraquat directly, you could still be at risk of exposure to the dangerous chemical. The following are several ways in which a person can be exposed to this toxic herbicide:

- Skin Exposure
- Inhalation
- Accidental contamination of food or beverages
- Coming into contact with plants where the chemical was used

Those who work directly with paraquat are most at risk, but even those who live near industrial farms where the product is used have an elevated risk of exposure and subsequent health issues. No one should have to fear the environment they call home, and Morgan & Morgan can help you hold the negligent parties accountable for their injustice.

## IS PARAQUAT STILL IN USE TODAY?

The Unified Parkinson's Advocacy Council has called on the EPA to ban paraquat, but the agency is set to reapprove the herbicide with even fewer protections. Until the product is banned, more and more agricultural workers will be at risk for developing health concerns.

## WHAT ARE THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE?

Neurological disorders affect many different parts of the human body, but the most prominent red flags can be seen in the person's motor controls. Here are a few early warning signs of Parkinson's disease:

- **Tremors:** You should note any slight shaking in your fingers, hands, or face muscles.
- **Smaller Handwriting:** Parkinson's slowly erodes your fine motor controls, which can make it more difficult to perform tasks that require dexterity, such as writing. You should keep track of any changes in your handwriting, as it can be evidence of a much larger condition
- **Difficulty Moving/Walking:** If you notice your limbs have become stiff and the problem isn't going away, you should seek the advice of a medical professional
- **Masked Face:** The effects of Parkinson's disease are especially evident in the face muscles. A "masked face" is a stern one, even when you're not in a bad mood, and can be a symptom of a neurological disorder.

You shouldn't worry if you only have one of the aforementioned symptoms. However, if you have more than one occurring at the same time, it's a good idea to seek medical attention for an additional opinion.



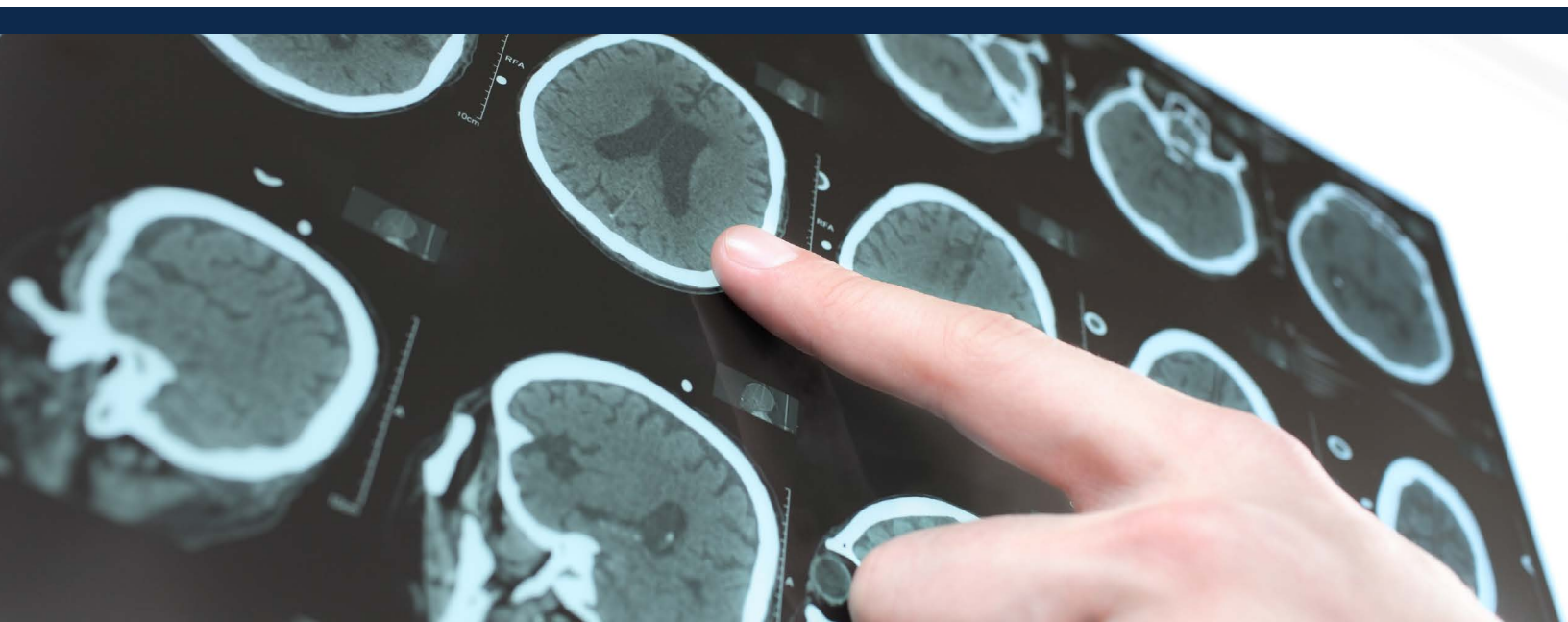


## HOW CAN AN ATTORNEY HELP?

There are other individuals in the same position as you, and while that is disheartening to hear, it creates a situation where everyone can unite into one collective voice. Our mass tort litigation will create a legal powerhouse that can advocate for the rights that protect you and give everyone a better chance of securing their rightful compensation. Not only that, but our attorneys are no strangers to the courtroom, and they can use their decades of experience to guide you towards the best possible outcome for your case.

## WHY CHOOSE MORGAN & MORGAN?

Morgan & Morgan, the country's largest injury law firm, has a proud tradition of representing America's farmers.



Previously, we represented farmers in claims involving Monsanto's Roundup and Dicamba. And now, we're helping farmers fight back against Syngenta and Chevron. We know what it takes—and more importantly, have what it takes—to fight back against Syngenta, the world's largest agrochemical company, and Chevron Phillips, one of the world's largest chemical businesses.

Since 1988, we've fought for the people, against the powerful. If you worked with or around paraquat, or lived close to a farm that applied paraquat, and you have Parkinson's disease, please contact us today to learn your legal options.

# Resources for Farmers With Parkinson's Disease

If you've developed Parkinson's as a result of paraquat exposure, here are a few resources that may help your situation:

## **PARKINSON'S HOSPITAL KIT**

The Parkinson's Foundation has an abundance of helpful resources on its website, one of which is the Parkinson's Hospital Kit. Research has shown that many Parkinson's patients won't receive their medication in a timely manner while staying in hospitals, so this kit provides information on how to advocate for yourself during your stay and avoid any hospital risks.

## **EXPERT BRIEFING WEBINARS**

Information is power. The Parkinson's Foundation also offers free webinars where you can learn the latest news and research about your condition from field experts. While these aren't intended to substitute actual medical advice, they can help you better understand Parkinson's as a whole and cope with your condition in the future.

## **LOTSA HELPING HANDS**

This free service allows family caregivers to connect with members of their community to help with rides, meals, errands, and other daily living activities. You don't have to go through this alone, and Lotsa Helping Hands can help ensure that there's always someone to care for your loved one.

## **PARKINSON'S RESEARCH ORGANIZATION**

This organization provides information to help families care for their loved ones and support them through their condition. It also allows you to stay up-to-date with the latest scientific developments and social issues, such as patient rights.

## **THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH**

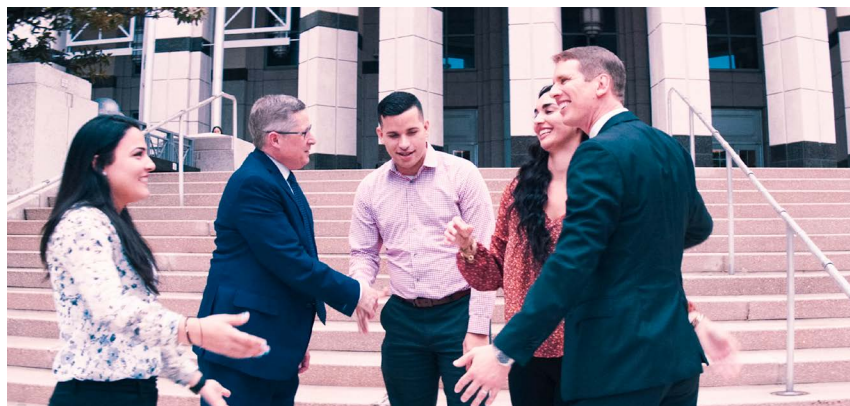
Famous actor Michael J. Fox himself has Parkinson's disease, and he's used his celebrity status to promote the research of his condition. His foundation offers many beneficial resources for family members, including email updates about Parkinson's news and information about new research in the field. They also spend a significant amount of their resources promoting Parkinson's research, which has helped countless individuals nationwide.



# About Morgan & Morgan

For the last three decades, our firm has advocated for abuse victims and pursued litigation against the responsible parties. We've assisted thousands of families during the most traumatic points in their lives and recovered over \$10 billion for those who needed it most. So, when you need a law firm that you can trust and depend on, look no further than Morgan & Morgan.

America's largest personal injury firm has the resources, experience, and workforce to give your case the best possible outcome. Other personal injury firms charge expensive rates yet haven't seen the inside of a courtroom in years. Our firm, on the other hand, is no stranger to legal proceedings and will fight tirelessly for the full value of the damage you've sustained.



# 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

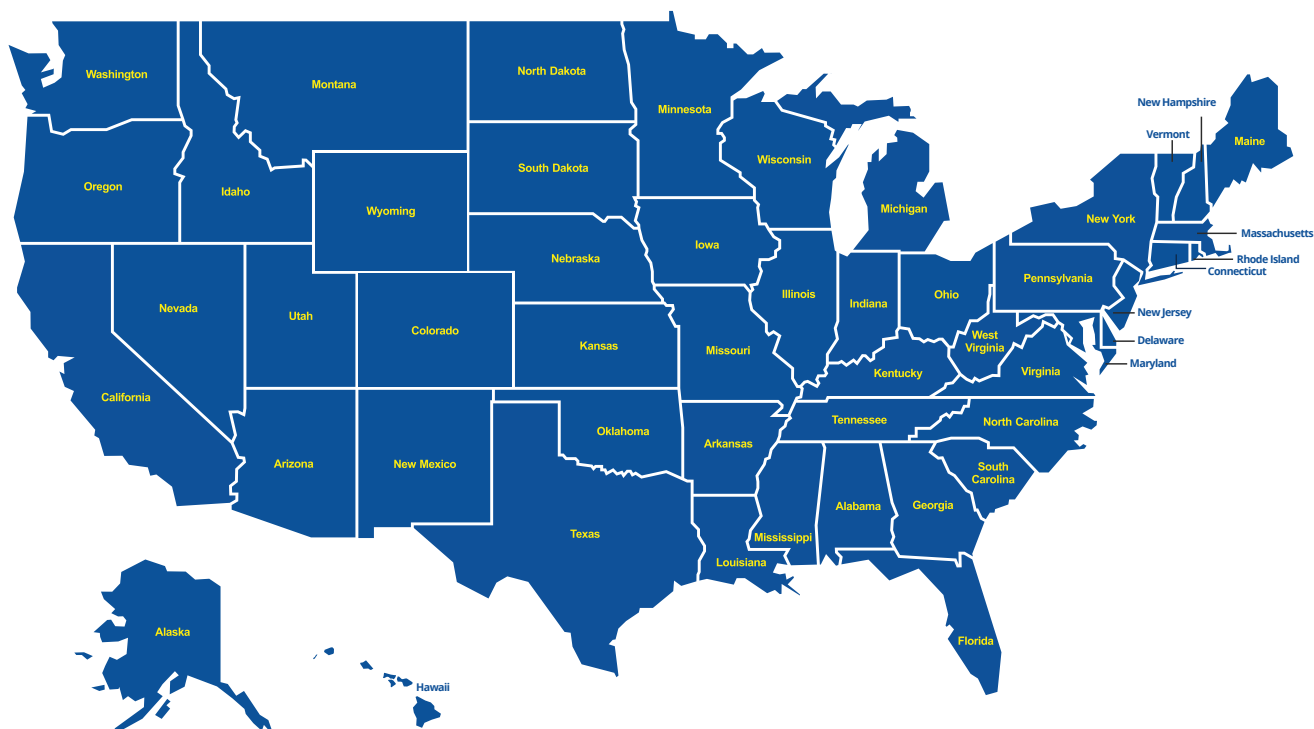




# Offices Nationwide

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

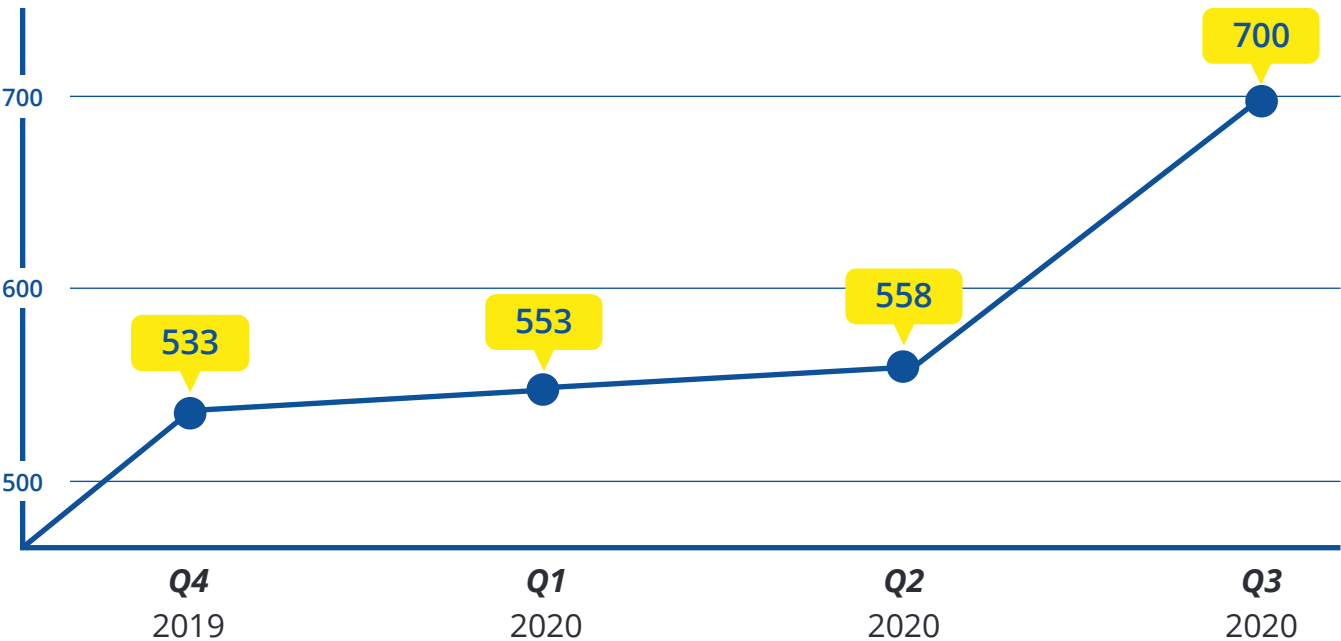
2020

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

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FOX

NBC

BUSINESS  
INSIDER

TODAY

ESPN



## Contact Morgan & Morgan's Personal Injury Lawyers

No matter your financial situation, you deserve the kind of legal representation it takes to go up against massive corporations like Syngenta, the main producer of paraquat. If you or a loved one were harmed by their negligence, you deserve justice and compensation. 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](http://forthepeople.com).

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