



There is a general recognition among the plaintiffs' bar in Southern California that Waters Kraus & Paul is the premier asbestos firm.

DAVIS. \$35.1 MILLION IN DAMAGES to a Navy boiler tender. *Shahabi.* \$14.9 million to a refinery engineer. *Behshid.* \$12.6 million verdict upheld on appeal for a do-it-yourselfer home renovator. *Rollin.* \$9.9 million judgment to a refinery worker. *Brewer.* \$9.7 million in damages to a Navy machinist mate. *Saffold.* \$5.4 million to a Warner Bros. craft worker. *All in just the last 12 months.*

"We are known for vigorously litigating asbestos cases," says Michael Armitage, managing partner at WKP's Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, who also sits on the Superior Court's committee that develops rules for asbestos litigation. Armitage oversees the WKP teams, known for first-rate case workup, exhaustive trial preparation and exceptional legal talent.

Four of these attorneys appear on the 2009 *Super Lawyers*® list: Armitage, Michael Gurien, John Janofsky, and Gary

Paul. Janofsky focuses on case management. Gurien handles law and motion. Gary Paul is a gifted trial attorney recently named the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles' Trial Lawyer of the Year for the second time in his career.

Explains Gary Paul, "We don't take cases to settle and move on. We prepare every case to go the distance. That's how we win justice for our clients."

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