

**SUPPORT AB 1056: TRANSPARENCY IN CLAIMS ACT
CIVIL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA**

In Re:

GARLOCK SEALING TECHNOLOGIES,
LLC., et al.,
Judgment Filed Jan 10 2014

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Quotes from Legal Opinion of
George R. Hodges
United States Bankruptcy Judge

JUDGE FINDS STARTLING LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN ASBESTOS CLAIMS

65. The court permitted Garlock to have full discovery in only 15 closed cases. In each and every one of those cases it disclosed that exposure evidence was withheld. For fifteen plaintiffs represented by five major firms, the pattern of non-disclosure is the same:

<u>Case</u>	<u>Disclosed</u>	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
1	2	22
2	7	25
3	3	23
4	6	19
5	2	22
6	1	14
7	0	11
8	5	11
9	0	25
10	0	20
11	1	23
12	3	26
13	1	25
14	1	14
15	0	4

66. And they are not purported to be a random or representative sample. But, the fact that *each and every one of them* contains such demonstrable misrepresentation is surprising and persuasive.

It appears certain that more extensive discovery would show more extensive abuse. But that is not necessary because the startling pattern of misrepresentation that has been shown is sufficiently persuasive.

Yes on AB 1056