

## HOUSE OF LORDS OVERTURNS ASBESTOS RULING

## STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATION OF PERSONAL INJURY LAWYERS (APIL)

"This has - quite rightly - become a highly emotive issue since the Court of Appeal's shock judgment last year made the cases of hundreds of terminally ill people grind to a halt," said Patrick Allen, president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. "It is a huge relief to those people and their families that they will now be free to pursue the compensation they so desperately need.

"But now that justice has at last been served, we must ensure we don't rest on our laurels as far as asbestos is concerned. People are still being exposed to asbestos and there is a real need for the public to understand where it can be found, how it can become dangerous, and what people should do to protect themselves from this timebomb."

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