

Appeals Court Orders Judge to Step Aside in Three Asbestos Cases

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A federal appeals court yesterday ordered the judge overseeing five important asbestos-related bankruptcy proceedings to withdraw from three of the cases because of the appearance of bias.

Legal experts said the decision would probably force new delays and might cause far-reaching economic repercussions in the long-running litigation, which involves thousands of people who say they were harmed by exposure to asbestos.

Lawrence Robbins, a lawyer for Kensington, said seeking the withdrawal of Judge Wolin was risky. "It is unusual for a judge to be recused," he said. "It is unusual for a litigant to seek a judge's recusal. Litigants don't do it lightly. Something must be really quite wrong."

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