



Jonathan Hardin highlights why companies should assess their current and historic liability insurance policies to ensure they have enough coverage for benzene claims and settlements after a Philadelphia jury awarded a record \$725 million in damages to a former mechanic who alleged repeated exposure to Exxon Mobil Corp.'s gasoline caused his acute myelogenous leukemia.

A jury in the Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issued the largest benzene personal injury verdict in history on May 9, [awarding](#) \$725 million in damages to a former service station mechanic who alleged that repeated exposure to [Exxon Mobil Corp.](#)'s gasoline since the early 1970s caused his acute myelogenous leukemia, or AML.[1]

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