

01/12/2004 **Fuller-Austin Insulation Verdict is Cited as a "2003 Top Ten Verdict" in *The National Law Journal***

2003 Top 10 Verdicts

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Rank	Amount	Case Type	Name of Case
1.	\$11,863,600,000	Fraud	Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources v. Exxon Corp. Montgomery Co., Ala., Cir. Ct., No. CV-99-2368 (Nov. 14)
2.	\$934,000,000	Breach of contract	Beckman Coulter Inc. v. Dovatron Int'l Inc. Orange Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. 01-CC-8395 (Sept. 23)
3.	\$520,600,000	Patent Infringement	Eolas Technologies Inc. v. Microsoft Corp. N.D.III., No. 99-CV-626 (Aug. 11)
4.	\$416,000,000	Breach of contract	Saudi Basic Industries Corp. v. Mobil Yanbu Petro Chemical Co. Inc. Del. Super. Ct., No. 00C - 07 - 161 (March 21)
5.	\$383,300,159	Insurance (indemnity)	International Paper v. Affiliated FM Ins. Co. San Francisco Co., Calif., Super, Ct., No. 974350 (July 15)
6.	\$318,750,000	Fraud	Volumetrics Medical Imaging Inc. v. ATL Ultrasound Inc. M.D.N.C., No. 01-CV182 (Aug. 25)
7.	\$254,604,684	Breach of contract	Buettner v. Bertelsman AG Santa Barbara Co., Calif., Super Ct. (Dec 11)
8.	\$250,000,000	Products liability	Whittington v. U.S. Steel Madison Co., ILL., Cir. Ct., No. 02-L113 (March 28)
9.	\$212,340,880	Breach of Contract (counterclaim)	Texlon Corp. v. Smart Media of Delaware Summit Co., Ohio. Ct. C.P., No. CV98-12-4664 (Sept. 18)
10.	\$188,739,014	Insurance (asbestos)	Fuller-Austin Insulation Co. v. Lloyd's of London Los Angeles Co., Calif., Super. Ct., No. BC116835 (May 5)

Note: Top 10 Verdicts records only the amounts actually awarded by juries.

Following a California Superior Court jury trial, Morgan Lewis lawyers* secured a \$188 million award for Fuller-Austin Insulation Company against three non-settling insurance companies in an asbestos coverage action that drew national attention. This jury award, currently accruing interest at the rate of over \$30,000 a day, was one of the nation's "Top 10" jury awards in 2003. In this action, the jury found that all of the general liability limits left on policies issued by London Market Insurers, Highlands Insurance Company, and Stonewall Insurance Company, must be made available by the insurers to pay the asbestos claimants. The jury unanimously rejected the insurance company defendants' affirmative defenses of lack of cooperation, collusion and unclean hands. The key partner on this matter was [Michel Horton](#) in our Los Angeles office.

*This case was handled by Morgan Lewis lawyers who formerly practiced with Zevnik Horton LLP.