



John F. Kennedy

"The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."

**You Did the Work.
Are You Paying the Price Too?**

If you or a loved one suffers from mesothelioma, we're here to help.

A Proud History of Serving Labor

For over 30 years, the attorneys of Worthington & Caron have been privileged to represent some of the world's finest people -- hard working men and women who helped win wars, build industries, and advance civilization -- who were poisoned by asbestos companies which deliberately placed corporate profits ahead of worker safety.

From apprentices to business managers, our clients have included Longshoremen, Insulators, Boilermakers, Pipefitters, Bricklayers, Electricians, Operators, Ironworkers, Laborers, Painters, Plasterers, Steelworkers, Teamsters, and Auto Workers. Men and women who took pride in their trade and valued the efforts of their Union to secure fair wages and safe workplaces. Unfortunately, even Unions couldn't protect workers from companies which gave repeated assurances that asbestos was safe, while internal data revealed otherwise.

For us, representing workers afflicted with asbestos cancer is personal. Our clients have included David "Punch" Worthington, father of the firm's founding attorney, Roger Worthington. Punch was a Union sandblaster and Union organizer who lost his own battle with asbestos cancer in 2006.

Worthington & Caron, PC is standing by to help workers exposed to asbestos. We work closely with the world's leading mesothelioma specialists and can help you get quick access to the most effective medical treatments. We can also help identify the companies responsible for your asbestos exposure and get you the compensation you deserve.

Since 1991 we have helped recover over \$2.5 billion for our clients

- \$34 Million: 60 year-old Navy veteran and carpenter
- \$26.6 Million: 62 year-old drywaller
- \$20 Million: 54 year-old engineer
- \$18 Million: 67 year-old city government worker
- \$15.25 Million: Widow of 74 year-old boilermaker
- \$13 Million: 73 year-old woman exposed via cosmetic talc
- \$10 Million: 54 year-old woman exposed via father's clothes
- \$9.5 Million: for family of 74 year-old mason, boilermaker
- \$9.5 Million: 71 year-old banker and real estate investor
- \$9 Million: 54 year-old asbestos worker
- \$8.4 Million: 60 year-old Navy veteran and crane operator

Mesothelioma, a cancer caused by asbestos, develops 20 to 60 years after a person's first exposure to asbestos. Each year about 3,000 people are diagnosed with mesothelioma in the U.S.



If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with mesothelioma, call or visit our website for the latest information about medical and legal options.

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Serving the Families of Northwest Labor for Over 30 Years



A FINAL MESSAGE "Give us back our power, and we'll pull our country back from the brink," Richard Trumka declared Aug. 4. It was to be his last speech, a six-minute August 4 Zoom address to delegates of Labor's Council for Latin American Advancement, meeting in Las Vegas. "We need this Congress to pass the PRO [Protect the Right to Organize] Act, to rewrite years of laws that are hurting working people, not helping them," Trumka said. "When you boil it all down, the fight we're making today is the fight for democracy, which we all know has been under siege."

Trumka led United Mine Workers, then AFL-CIO

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mote a boycott of Shell Oil until the multinational cut business ties to South Africa.

In 1989 and 1990 he helmed one of the most dramatic union showdowns of the era, the strike at Pittston Coal Company. After Pittston canceled the health insurance benefits of 1,500 retired and disabled miners and their widows, miners struck Pittston mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. The strike soon spread, with supporters arriving from around the country. Strikers organized mass pickets, road blockades, and a campaign of non-violent civil disobedience that culminated in a three-day occupation of Pittston's primary coal processing plant. Pittston settled, and restored miners' health and retirement benefits.

In 1995, Trumka joined then-SEIU president John Sweeney on a "New Voice" slate running for the leadership of the national AFL-CIO. They beat Thomas Donahue in the first contested convention election in AFL-CIO history, and Trumka served the next 14 years as secretary treasurer -- the number two office -- until Sweeney retired as AFL-CIO president in 2009. Trumka ran unopposed to succeed Sweeney in 2009.

Trumka presided over the labor movement through the 2009 recession, the election of Barack Obama, and the disappointment that followed when Obama declined to push for labor law reform. He also faced a wave of public employee union-busting

that began in Wisconsin in 2010 and culminated in the antiunion Supreme Court ruling in *Janus v AFSCME* in 2018. And he witnessed the emergence of the 2011 Occupy Wall Street movement and a 2018-2019 teacher strike wave that began in West Virginia.

Trumka could be a powerful orator at times, and a video of his 2008 speech on racism and Obama went viral, garnering almost 600,000 views.

With Obama and later with Donald Trump, Trumka meted out criticism and praise when it was called for. He was critical of Obama for dragging his heels protecting workers from silica dust, and for the Affordable Care Act's hefty "cadillac" tax on union health plans. He criticized Trumka for antiunion appointments and for cutting taxes on the wealthy and corporations.

Like Sweeney before him, Trumka tried many strategies to revive organized labor, but the union movement continued its gradual slide, and dropped from 14.9% of the workforce in 2009 to 10.8% in 2020.

Trumka was the fifth person to serve as president since the AFL-CIO was formed in 1955, and was the first AFL-CIO president to die in office. Trumka had announced that he would step down at the AFL-CIO's quadrennial convention next year.

On Aug. 14, with his family's permission, Trumka's body lay in repose at AFL-CIO headquarters to give the public an opportunity to pay respects. —DM