



## **NJ Transit Worker Dies of Pulmonary Fibrosis, Widow Awarded 19M**

*The wife of a New Jersey Transit employee who died in 2002 of a job-related lung disease was awarded \$19.2 million by a Superior Court jury in New Brunswick.*

Edison, NJ, August 13, 2007 --(PR.com)-- Catherine Fuccilli of Freehold, the widow of Roger Fuccilli, will receive the compensation from New Jersey Transit, Central Railroad of New Jersey and Consolidated Rail Inc., according to William Levinson and Barry R. Eichen of the Edison law firm of [EICHEN LEVINSON & CRUTCHLOW](#).

Roger Fuccilli was a railroad car repairman for New Jersey Transit for 18 years. Before that, he was employed by Central Railroad of New Jersey for about 18 months. In the course of his duties, his attorneys said, he engaged in welding, sanding, painting and repairing brakes using asbestos and silica products in addition to breathing metal dust and welding fumes exposing him to materials that caused him to be diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in June 2000.

Roger Fuccilli, the father of four grown children, including a 23-year-old son who is autistic, died in 2002 of pulmonary fibrosis, which Levinson said has a strangulation effect. During the last two years of his life, Roger Fuccilli had to be put on an oxygen supply and during his last six months he was in the hospital on a respirator, Eichen said.

The award followed a five-week trial in the courtroom of Ann McCormick and seven and a half hours of deliberations that started on Tuesday.

The jury awarded \$4.1 million for the pain and suffering Roger Fuccilli endured before he died and another \$15.1 million for his wrongful death.

Eichen, Levinson & Crutchlow is a trial law firm in Edison, New Jersey that handles cases involving catastrophic personal injury, mass torts, class actions, and consumer fraud litigation. Over the past two years, the firm has won over \$50,000,000 in jury verdicts for clients in cases including slip and fall accidents, victims of [medical malpractice](#), [product defects](#), [workplace injuries](#) and [auto accidents](#).

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