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| Date | Case Name | Jurisdiction | Verdict |
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| 1988 | Gates v. Sager Corporation, <i>et al.</i> Living lung cancer | Cambria County, PA | Defense verdict |
| 1988 | Hastings v. Sager Corporation, <i>et al.</i> Living lung cancer | Madison County, IL | Defense verdict |
| 1995 | Simon v. John Crane, Inc. Living lung cancer | Delaware County, PA | Defense verdict |
| Jan. 1996 | Wommack v. John Crane, Inc. Asbestosis | Fulton County, GA | Plaintiff's verdict (\$50,000) |
| Mar. 1996 | Roth v. John Crane, Inc. Mesothelioma wrongful death | U.S.D.C., Eastern District, PA | Defense verdict |
| Nov. 1996 | Morales v. John Crane, Inc. Mesothelioma wrongful death | U.S.D.C., Eastern District, PA | Defense verdict |
| April 1998 | Cone, Zorn and Brown v. John Crane, Inc. Three plaintiffs/living lung cancer | U.S.D.C., Southern District, GA | Defense verdict |
| Oct. 1998 | Wilson v. John Crane, Inc. 62 year-old living mesothelioma | San Francisco Superior Court | Verdict for plaintiff. John Crane, Inc. found to be 1.875% liable after 7 days of deliberation; after two further days of deliberation, jury reduced damages and found John Crane Inc. liable for 2.5% of reduced amount. |
| Feb. 1999 | Kugelman v. John Crane, Inc. 82 year-old living mesothelioma | San Francisco Superior Court | Defense verdict |
| July 1999 | Hicks v. John Crane, Inc. 50 year-old living mesothelioma | San Francisco Superior Court | Plaintiff's verdict. John Crane, Inc. found 20% liable |
| May 2000 | Lewis v. John Crane, Inc. 51 year-old living mesothelioma | San Francisco Superior Court | Plaintiff's verdict. John Crane, Inc. found 20% liable |
| Oct. 2000 | Pitman v. John Crane, Inc. Asbestosis | Palm Beach County, FL | Defense verdict |

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| March 2001 | Missik v. John Crane, Inc. Deceased mesothelioma | Trumbull Co, OH | Verdict for plaintiff |
| April 2001 | Gallagher v. John Crane, Inc. Deceased mesothelioma | Baltimore City, MD | Verdict for plaintiff. John Crane, Inc. 1/9 liable |
| June 2001 | Kingsland-Paccione 2 deceased mesotheliomas | New York State Court | Verdict for defense in both cases |
| June 2001 | Efstratios v. John Crane, Inc. 7/2001 Living mesothelioma | Los Angeles County Superior Court | For plaintiff. John Crane, Inc. found 5% liable |
| July 2001 | Gillespie Lung Cancer | Philadelphia | Hung jury |
| Sept. 2001 | Jakubowski v. John Crane, Inc. Deceased mesothelioma | Baltimore City, MD | Verdict for plaintiff (John Crane, Inc. 1/8 liable) |
| Oct. 2001 | Wakeland v. John Crane, Inc. Deceased mesothelioma | St. Clair County, IL | Defense verdict (John Crane, Inc. dismissed just prior to verdict) |
| Nov. 2001 | Lester <i>et al.</i> 5 mesotheliomas, 2 living | Baltimore City, MD | John Crane, Inc. dismissed just prior to verdict on direct claims, pursued by codefendants in all claims, \$45 million dollar verdict versus all direct Defendants; defense for John Crane. |
| Dec. 2001 | Neri, Phillips v. John Crane, Inc. 2 asbestosis claims tried together | Philadelphia, PA State Court | 1 defense verdict, 1 verdict for plaintiff (John Crane, Inc. 1/5 liable) |
| Mar. 2002 | Parish v. John Crane, Inc. Lung Cancer | Philadelphia, PA State Court | Plaintiff verdict, (John Crane, Inc. 1/6 liable) |
| June 2002 | Korin v. John Crane Living mesothelioma | Philadelphia, PA State Court | Plaintiff verdict (John Crane, Inc. 1/8 liable) |
| June 2002 | Smith v. John Crane, Inc. Asbestosis | Philadelphia, PA State Court | Defense verdict |
| July 2002 | Wilson v. John Crane Deceased mesothelioma | Baltimore City, MD | Plaintiff verdict (John Crane, Inc. 1/3 liable) |
| July 2004 | DeJohn v. Commonwealth Edison. Deceased mesothelioma | Chicago, IL Circuit Court | Defense verdict |
| Sept. 2004 | Yeager v. Commonwealth Edison | Crawford County, IL | Directed verdict |
| May 2006 | Robinson v. Sears | Harris County, TX | Defense verdict |