

Legal

\$3.3 Million Awarded in Mold Suit

“Minium’s health gradually deteriorated to a significant impairment diagnosed as toxic mold exposure.”

An Arizona court awarded \$3.3 million to a Robin Minium, a Scottsdale woman who became disabled by mold infestation in an apartment she was renting. Minium sued Pillar Communities LLC for failure to maintain the property in a condition suitable to human habitation.

The property was contaminated by numerous toxic molds from leaking pipes which the management failed to repair.

Minium’s health gradually deteriorated to a significant impairment diagnosed as toxic mold exposure.

When Minium learned about the mold infestation of mold from a neighbor, she moved into a hotel and was not able to recover any of her belongings.

Now permanently and totally disabled, Minium has suffered hair loss, cognitive impairment, and neurological problems related to her short-term memory and daily function.

Pillar Communities LLC was aware of the leaks and intentionally undertook remediation without notifying tenants of the danger the mold possessed.

The verdict was unanimous.

In another toxic mold case, *New Haverford Partnership v. Stroot*, \$1.04 million was awarded to two tenants when the landlord failed to address leaks and mold problems in their apartments. Both tenants suffered health problems.

An Ohio judge recently awarded the Costner family \$3 million for improperly securing a foundation on the Costner home, leading to leaks and mold.

In moist conditions, mold often grows rapidly and may not be noticed initially. Mold can grow on most anything, but likes dark places that are often hidden from view.

Though some people are allergic to mold, mold can also cause toxicity which may lead to disability and permanent neurological damage.

