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In August 2021, a few weeks before trial was set to begin, Cunningham Bounds obtained an \$8,250,000 settlement on behalf of seventeen shipyard workers who were seriously injured at work while using a power tool known as a miller saw. This case involved claims against Metabo and Southern Gas & Supply for recommending, approving, and endorsing that their hand-held angle grinders be equipped with dangerous carbide toothed circular saw blades, which resulted in the maiming and injuring of dozens of shipyard workers in Mobile, Alabama. Our clients alleged that Metabo’s knowledge of its ongoing wrongdoing permeated all levels of its corporate hierarchy from local salesmen to its highest executives in the United States and Europe in the years before Plaintiffs’ injuries. Our clients also claimed that Metabo put profits over safety by repeatedly making misrepresentations, falsehoods, and outright lies to the local Alabama shipyard with knowledge that its conduct was causing severe injuries.

This result was the culmination of tireless work by the attorneys, investigators, and staff of Cunningham Bounds. Brian Duncan, Billy Bonner, and David Wirtes were the co-lead attorneys on the case. Brian Duncan and Billy Bonner obtained and studied thousands of pages of internal company documents and e-mails that dated back years before Plaintiffs were injured. They traveled across the United States and Europe to take depositions of over twenty different witnesses including salesmen, managers, engineers, and high-level executives.

David Wirtes, who was responsible for most of the legal briefing in the case, successfully fought to have the case remanded from federal court to Alabama state court, successfully prevailed at the Alabama Supreme Court on a defendant’s mandamus petition relating to Plaintiffs’ legal theories, and successfully briefed numerous important legal motions in the Mobile County Circuit Court.

“Because of everyone’s hard work and unwavering dedication to our clients’ cause, we were once again able to hold a large multi-national company and its local distributor accountable for their wrongdoing, recover fair compensation for our clients, and improve the safety of workers in Alabama,” said Brian Duncan.

Founded in 1958, Cunningham Bounds has been representing plaintiffs for over 60 years. We have a long and successful history of helping people who have been injured or harmed by the wrongdoing of others. Our firm was born out of the desire to create change and improve lives. We thoroughly prepare each case. We leave no stone unturned, no evidence untouched, and no detail unexamined. This precision and focus ensures that we present each client’s very best case to the jury. Today, our goal remains as it was in 1958 - to achieve the best possible result for each client by holding people and companies accountable for their wrongdoing.

Accolades



Congratulations Aaron Maples

The attorneys of **Cunningham Bounds** are pleased to announce that **Aaron Maples** is now a partner with the firm. After earning his law degree from Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law, Aaron began his career in Louisiana. He joined Cunningham Bounds as an associate in 2019, and his practice focuses on cases involving catastrophic injuries, car and trucking accidents, industrial accidents, and wrongful death.

Chambers and Partners released its 2021 Guide of Leading Law Firms and Attorneys across the USA, and **Cunningham Bounds** was one of only two firms in Alabama to receive its highest recognition, a "Band 1" in the practice area "Litigation: Mainly Plaintiffs."

In addition to top recognition for the firm, six partners were recognized in the 2021 USA Guide: **Robert Cunningham, Greg Breedlove, Buddy Brown, David Cain, Skip Finkbohner and Lucy Tufts.**

Chambers and Partners is often referred to as "the gold standard" in the legal ranking industry. Its in-depth research process is unrivaled, and includes firm submissions combined with client and peer interviews. Firms and attorneys are ranked on expertise and experience, ability and effectiveness, attention to detail, reputation in the market, standards of professional conduct, and client service.

Lawdragon also published its 2021 guide of the 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer lawyers, which included seven partners of Cunningham Bounds, LLC. **Cunningham Bounds** was the only firm in south Alabama represented in the 2021 guide.

According to the Lawdragon website, "the remarkable 500 lawyers featured are the warriors who fight the good fight for consumers who have been injured or had family killed through accidents, medical malpractice, faulty products or toxic exposure."

Selections are made based on research, nominations, and recommendations by other lawyers as to whom they would turn if they needed representation. The partners of Cunningham Bounds selected for the 2021 guide were:

Buddy Brown – Hall of Fame Recipient
Greg Breedlove
David Wirtes
Toby Brown
Skip Finkbohner
David Cain
Lucy Tufts

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Lawdragon honored its **Hall of Fame** recipients this year. These attorneys, including **Buddy Brown** of Cunningham Bounds, are considered visionaries who helped create the world of personal injury and plaintiff consumer lawyering as it is known today.



Herbicide exposure linked to Parkinson's disease



Cunningham Bounds is currently investigating potential lawsuits on behalf of individuals who have been exposed to the herbicide Paraquat and later developed Parkinson's disease. Paraquat is a weed and grass killer manufactured by Syngenta and Chevron Chemical Company, among others. Paraquat was also sold under the brand name Gramoxone. Due to its toxicity, Paraquat is only available for use in the United States by commercially licensed applicators.



Signs that Paraquat may have caused Parkinson's disease include:

- Tremors
- Prolonged or extreme stiffness
- Difficulty with body movements
- Loss of balance
- Difficult walking (slow gait, shuffling)
- Reduced facial expressions (including blank stares)
- Drooling
- Whole body fatigue
- Dizziness
- Amnesia or confusion in the evening
- Early awakenings/sleep disturbance
- Anxiety
- Hallucinations

Who Is At Risk?

All licensed applicators or individuals who worked with Paraquat under the supervision of a licensed applicator are at risk for developing Parkinson's disease.



What Should I Do?

For more information, visit our website at www.cunninghambounds.com, call us at 251 471 6191 or toll free at 1 (800) 472 6191.

We will evaluate your potential case free of charge.



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"No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers."

In Our **Community**

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 26, 2022 **Fundraiser Benefitting the Child Advocacy Center**

The 2022 Downtown Cajun Cook-Off has been scheduled for March 26th at Cathedral Square in Mobile. Cunningham Bounds is the Presenting Sponsor of this 6th annual event benefitting the Child Advocacy Center and its programs for abused children.

Watch for more detailed information about this event on our website at:
www.cunninghambounds.com or on our Facebook page.

