



INFANT FORMULA LAWSUITS

Levin Papantonio is representing families whose premature infants developed necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) after being fed cow's milk-based baby formulas, such as Similac and Enfamil.



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THE LITIGATION INFANT FORMULA & NEC

Cow's milk-based formulas have been linked to necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a serious gastrointestinal disease that predominantly affects premature infants. NEC can cause severe complications, including intestinal damage, organ failure, and even death.

Scientific studies have long suggested that premature infants face a higher risk of NEC when fed cow's milk-based formulas, yet formula manufacturers failed to warn parents, caregivers, and hospitals about these dangers.

Lawsuits claim that Abbott (maker of Similac) and Mead Johnson (maker of Enfamil) knew of these risks but chose not to disclose them, putting the most vulnerable infants at risk.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT NEC & BABY FORMULA

NEC is a dangerous disease that causes intestinal inflammation and tissue death, leading to life-threatening complications such as:

Bowel perforation • Sepsis (life-threatening infection) • Surgery to remove damaged intestines • Long-term digestive issues • Fatal outcomes in severe cases

Cow's milk-based formula products lack the essential immune-boosting components of human breast milk, making preterm infants even more vulnerable to NEC.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have recommended against feeding cow's milk-based formula to premature infants, yet formula manufacturers continued to market and distribute these products without adequate warnings.

WHO ARE THE DEFENDANTS?

- Abbott Laboratories – Manufacturer of Similac baby formulas
- Mead Johnson & Company, LLC – Manufacturer of Enfamil baby formulas

These companies have been accused of prioritizing profit over infant safety, misleading medical professionals, and failing to provide adequate warnings on their product labels.



WHAT SPECIFIC CLAIMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING FILED?

Gastroparesis is a medical condition in which the patient's stomach does not empty properly. According to Mayo Clinic, strong muscles in a healthy stomach contract to move food through the digestive tract. The motility in a patient with gastroparesis, however, slows down. In some cases, the muscles do not work at all.

As a result, the patient's stomach does not empty—or fails to empty to the extent it should—meaning food stays in the stomach longer than it should, rather than moving on for digestion in the small intestine.

CURRENT PHASE: BELLWETHER TRIALS

- First trial date set: May 5, 2025 – This bellwether trial will help determine how future cases may be resolved.
- More trials to follow in 2025.

Verdicts in state court NEC cases have resulted in major awards for affected families, including:

\$60 million verdict (March 2024) – Mead Johnson found negligent for failing to warn a mother about NEC risks.

\$495 million verdict (July 2024) – Abbott found liable for failing to disclose NEC risks in a formula

WHAT SPECIFIC CLAIMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING FILED?

Our law firm is currently investigating cases on behalf of individuals who were born prematurely and:

- Were fed a Mead (Enfamil) or Abbott (Similac) Formula Product
- Developed Necrotizing Enterocolitis following exposure to Formula



Since its founding in 1955, Levin Papantonio has developed extensive litigation expertise, helping to secure verdicts and settlements in excess of \$80 billion. We have served in leadership roles in over 75 Multi-District Litigations (MDLs) and have earned a place in the Best Law Firms by U.S. News & World Report. Our legacy includes recognition in the National Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame, and we proudly finance all costs associated with case referrals, ensuring that our partners and clients are fully supported throughout the legal process.

Levin Papantonio is deeply committed to pursuing justice in the Infant Formula Litigation lawsuits, working tirelessly to hold responsible parties accountable. We welcome the opportunity to work together on this important litigation, combining our strengths to better serve clients and ensure the best possible outcomes. By collaborating, we can leverage our collective resources and expertise to fight for those affected, with the shared goal of delivering meaningful results for our clients.



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