



ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS LAWSUITS

Levin Papantonio is committed to holding food manufacturers accountable for the serious health risks linked to ultra-processed foods, and we welcome the opportunity to work together to achieve justice for those harmed.



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THE LITIGATION ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS

Ultra-processed foods are foods that are not food; instead, they are industrially produced edible substances that are imitations of food. Ultra-processed foods are formulations consisting mostly of cheap industrial sources of dietary energy and nutrients plus additives, using a series of processes. Whole foods are fractioned into substances, and then chemical modifications are made to those substances. These modified substances are then combined with additives and assembled using industrial techniques like molding, extrusion and pressurization and then marketed to the public as “food.” Examples of these foods are frozen meals, soft drinks, hot dogs and cold cuts, fast food, packaged cookies, cakes, and salty snacks. Approximately 73% of the U.S. food market is made up of Ultra-Processed Foods and are on average 52% cheaper than non-UPF alternatives, making them easily marketable to lower income families.

HOW ARE ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS HARMING CHILDREN?

Children are being diagnosed at alarming rates with diseases typically only seen in adults due to the consumption of UPF. The major food companies use integrated marketing strategies to sell UPF products to children. For example, the use of TV show and cartoon characters, child-sized packaging, and appealing to children’s sense of play and novelty in order to sell unhealthy foods. Billions of dollars are spent each year simply to market ultra-processed foods to children. As a result, approximately 70% of the average American child’s caloric intake comes from ultra-processed foods.

This level of consumption has created an epidemic of disease amongst American children, particularly in the rise of Type 2 Diabetes. The prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes in children and adolescents has nearly doubled in the last 20+ years and is expected to continue to increase.

WHAT SPECIFIC CLAIMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING FILED?

Our law firm is currently investigating cases on behalf of individuals who consumed significant amounts of ultra-processed foods are:

- Are currently 30 years of age or younger; and
- Were diagnosed with type 2 diabetes or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease/non-alcoholic steatohepatitis prior to the age of 18; and
- Required an emergency room visit or hospital admission.

Since its founding in 1955, Levin Papantonio has developed extensive litigation expertise, securing 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 Ultra-Processed Foods lawsuits, working tirelessly to hold food manufacturers accountable for the serious health risks their products pose to consumers. We welcome the opportunity to work together on this important litigation, combining our strengths to better serve clients and achieve 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.



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