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On September 9, 2019, Valisure, an online pharmacy licensed in 38 states, submitted a "Citizen Petition" to the FDA asking the regulatory agency to request a recall and suspend sales of ranitidine, a popular drug commonly sold under the brand name Zantac®.

Valisure detected "extremely high levels" of N-Nitrosodimethylamine ("NDMA"), a probable human carcinogen, "in every lot tested, across multiple manufacturers and dosage forms of the drug ranitidine [Zantac®]." The FDA's daily intake limit for the carcinogen NDMA is 96 ng. Valisure detected NDMA in excess of 3,000,000 ng per tablet of Zantac®. Valisure's testing showed that a single Zantac® tablet contains the same amount of NDMA as 30 packs of cigarettes.

Within four days of receiving Valisure's Citizen Petition, the FDA notified the public that NDMA had been found in ranitidine medicines, including Zantac®. Within weeks, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of Zantac® issued nationwide recalls.

Early investigation raises concerns that pharmaceutical companies knew that Zantac® greatly increased a person's likelihood of developing cancer but altered the science to hide the association between Zantac® and NDMA.

Exposure to NDMA is associated with the following cancers:

- Colorectal Cancer
- Stomach/Gastric Cancer
- Small Intestine Cancer
- Esophageal Cancer
- Liver Cancer
- Prostate Cancer (60 years or younger)
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Leukemia
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Multiple Myeloma

If you or a loved one took brand name Zantac® or the generic (ranitidine) – whether by prescription or over the counter – and developed cancer, contact us to speak with our lawyers about your legal options.

Despite being told for decades that Zantac® was safe, millions of Americans have been harmed by this deadly drug.



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

Cunningham Bounds was recently named to the National Law Journal's "Top 100 Hall of Fame" for obtaining the #4 verdict in the United States during the past 15 years. The firm was retained by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to assert claims of royalty fraud against ExxonMobil for illegally depriving the state of expenses paid on natural gas production. After the first trial resulted in a jury verdict in favor of the state for \$3.5 billion, the Alabama Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case for a new trial. Not to be deterred, Cunningham Bounds retried the case and obtained a verdict more than 3 times as large – \$11.9 billion.



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Cunningham Bounds received the highest recognition as a Tier 1 firm in the 2020 edition of "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News & World Report - Best Lawyers® in all of the following categories:

- Appellate Practice
- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation – Banking & Finance
- Litigation – Bankruptcy
- Litigation – Construction
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs
- Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs

Fourteen Cunningham Bounds attorneys were selected to the 2019 Mid-South Super Lawyers list or the Mid-South Rising Stars list. On the Super Lawyers list were: **Greg Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Toby Brown, David Cain, Robert Cunningham, Skip Finkbohner, Steve Nicholas, Steve Olen, Lucy Tufts** and **Dave Wirtes**. **Billy Bonner, Robert Mitchell, Brian Duncan** and **Aaron Maples** were named to the Rising Stars list.

In addition, Robert Cunningham and Lucy Tufts were ranked in the "Top 50" list of Mid-South Super Lawyers.



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Cunningham Bounds has achieved a national reputation as a result of its trial expertise and precedent-setting verdicts throughout the United States. The attorneys of Cunningham Bounds routinely go head-to-head with some of the best defense attorneys in the country. We have obtained multi-million – and even multi-billion – dollar verdicts against national and international corporations including: Exxon, Ineos Phenol, Hobart Corporation, Rheem Manufacturing, General Motors Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Aetna Life & Casualty Company, ShawCor Ltd., Halliburton, Target Corporation, Kia Motors of America, Mack Trucks, Mobil Oil Company, and General Motors.

How do we do it?

Preparing a case for trial is like building a skyscraper. It requires a strong foundation, tremendous dedication, relentless preparation and exceptional time management. Based on the recommendation of its attorneys who were former military pilots, the firm started using private aircraft 30 years ago to better serve clients and conduct business more efficiently. Instead of spending non-productive time waiting in airports and planning meetings around commercial flight schedules, our attorneys and staff have

more hours available to focus on our clients and their cases. We can also take as much time as needed at each destination while we search for witnesses and preserve evidence.

"I remember getting a call at 6:00 a.m. that we needed to go to San Diego right away to meet with a referring attorney and prospective client. Not only were we there by lunchtime, we were out and back the same day," said Tom Clolinger, Director of Aviation for Cunningham Bounds. "We can accomplish something in one day that may take up to three days flying commercially. Given the case loads of our attorneys, a major change in scheduling due to a cancelled commercial flight can disrupt the entire week."

Easier access to remote locations is another key to saving time. Commercial airlines have about 500 airport options while private planes have over 5,500. This allows Cunningham Bounds to get to its clients and to remote locations much faster. Often, our investigators need to get to a site as soon as possible in order to secure crucial evidence. "For example," said Tom, "one recent trip involved going to an isolated area of Florida. Rather than flying to Jacksonville and then driving for

hours, we were able land in a small town near the incident site and interview one of the key witnesses who observed what happened. This saved time for everyone involved in the case."



The results the firm has achieved would not have been possible without this focus on time management and the commitment to excellence that characterizes each and every one of our lawyers and support staff. "People have no idea what it takes to pull a case together and all the individuals who are involved. It's not just the lawyers – it's also investigators, paralegals and experts. We move the team around in ways that make the case come together," Tom added. "In fact, we will go around the world and back if it benefits our client."

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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 28

The 6th Annual Downtown Cajun Cook-Off Benefitting the Child Advocacy Center

Cunningham Bounds is pleased to serve as the presenting sponsor for this fundraising event for the sixth year in a row. Scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28th at Cathedral Square, the cook-off will feature up to 26 teams representing local restaurants. Each team will be serving Cajun fare for ticket holders to sample. One hundred percent of the proceeds from ticket sales will help fund the Child Advocacy Center's mission of providing services for abused children in our community. The Center also provides education and training to increase public awareness of child abuse and help aid in its prevention. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. More information is available on our website at www.cunninghambounds.com.

