



Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization 14th Congressional Briefing Speaker Biographies

Dr. Raja Flores is a world-renowned thoracic surgeon known for his technical skill and life-long work on lung and esophageal cancer, mesothelioma and asbestos-related diseases. His research has produced over 200 publications and he is the Principal Investigator of a 4.8 million-dollar RO1 grant to study the effect of asbestos contamination in the town of Libby, Montana. He was educated at NYU, Einstein, Columbia, and Harvard. He is Professor and founding Chairman of the Department of Thoracic Surgery at the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City.

Mike Mattmuller was born in Mayfield Heights, OH, but now lives in Westminster, MD and recently has gone onto disability due to a recurrence of Mesothelioma. Since being diagnosed with mesothelioma 7 years ago at age 29, Mike and his wife, Jessica, have become strong advocates to ban asbestos and promote research for a cure. Mike will be sharing his story at the 14th ADAO Congressional Staff Briefing.

Patrick J. Morrison is the Assistant to the General President for Occupational Health, Safety and Medicine at the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters), a union representing more than 316,000 professional fire fighters and paramedics in the United States and Canada. Mr. Morrison's expertise is in the design and implementation of health, safety and wellness programs to improve fire fighters' overall physical and mental health, address their medical needs and increase protection from the hazardous elements of fire fighting. Prior to joining the IAFF, Mr. Morrison was a career firefighter for 22 years with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in Fairfax, Virginia.

Linda Reinstein is the President/CEO and Co-Founder of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO). Reinstein became an activist when her husband, Alan, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. She co-founded ADAO in 2004, and now serves as President and CEO. Reinstein has been a strong political voice for justice in every major asbestos-related issue and has frequently served as a Congressional witness and presented at the Department of Labor (OSHA), British House of Commons, United Nations Congress, American Public Health Association, and to other audiences around the world. Recognized as an expert with over 40 years of nonprofit experience in building and sustaining grassroots organizations, Reinstein is dedicated to national and international asbestos disease prevention.

Bob Sussman is the principal in Sussman and Associates, a consulting firm that offers advice on energy and environmental policy issues to clients in the non-profit and private sectors. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center and was a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School. Bob served in the Obama Administration as Co-Chair of the Transition Team for EPA and then as Senior Policy Counsel to the EPA Administrator from 2009-2013. He served in the Clinton Administration as the EPA Deputy Administrator during 1993-94. At the end of 2007, Bob retired as a partner at the law firm of Latham & Watkins, where he headed the firm's environmental practice in D.C. Bob was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in 2008. He is currently serving on the Board on Environmental Science of the National Academy of Sciences and as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin. Bob is a *magna cum laude* 1969 graduate of Yale College and a 1973 graduate of Yale Law School. He has posted numerous blogs on the Brookings Institution Website and elsewhere and published articles in the Environmental Law Reporter and other publications.

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