



Popcorn Lung Claims Could Be Explosive, Law360

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*On Sept. 19, 2012, in *Watson v. Dillon Co., et. al.*, No. 08-cv-00091 (D. Colo. 2008), a federal jury in Denver awarded \$7.3 million in damages to Wayne Watson, who was diagnosed with bronchiolitis obliterans ("popcorn lung"), the scarring of airways caused by fumes from diacetyl, an ingredient in artificial flavorings used in microwave popcorn.*

According to reports, Watson's attorney stated that this lawsuit was the first popcorn lung case in which a consumer successfully obtained a verdict in his/her favor. While at least two additional...