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Asbestos lawsuits appear unlikely

Residents of downtown Manhattan may be worried about asbestos released into the air following the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. But several law firms that have built businesses around asbestos complaints say they don't expect to see lawsuits anytime soon. Trial lawyer Perry Weitz of Weitz & Luxenberg says that he has received countless phone calls from concerned individuals and groups. But Mr. Weitz notes that most illness from asbestos occurs when the person is exposed in an enclosed place, not in the open air.