

IVC Filters

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Hausfeld represents clients against C.R. Bard, Inc., Cook Medical, Inc., and Cordis Corporation regarding defective inferior vena cava (IVC) filters. IVC filters are small, multi-legged surgical implants that are placed into the inferior vena cava to prevent blood clots from traveling from the lower half of the body to the lungs or heart.

Although IVC filters were designed to prevent harm from blood clots, IVC filters can cause severe complications, including serious injury or death. Complications include:

- Filter migration
- Filter fracture
- Filter perforation
- Tilting of the filter
- Inability to retrieve the filter
- Pulmonary embolism
- Compromised respiration
- Death

Bard, Cook, and Cordis IVC filters that have been associated with complications include the Bard Recovery, Bard Eclipse, Bard G2, Bard G2X, Bard Meridian, Cook Medical Celect, Cook Medical Guenther Tulip, Cordis TrapEase, and Cordis OptEase filters.

Lawsuits have already been filed throughout the country against Bard, Cook, and Cordis relating to defective filters. Plaintiffs allege that Bard, in particular, knew as early as 2003 that IVC filters posed an unreasonable danger to patients. Based on medical studies and patient injuries, the FDA now recommends that IVC filters be removed from patients as soon as the risk of pulmonary embolism subsides.

In addition to filing cases on behalf of individual clients, Hausfeld is helping to develop expert scientific witnesses for the MDL bellwether trials and to litigate Daubert issues as they relate to experts on both sides.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I HAVE BEEN INJURED BY AN IVC FILTER?

If you feel that an IVC filter may have caused an injury to you or a loved one, you need an attorney and an independent medical expert to review your case. Please contact Braden Beard bbeard@hausfeld.com for a confidential case review.

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