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Trial Lawyers, Inc., ~~Responds~~ Deflects

The American Association for Justice **has issued a news release** respondi....well, not responding to the new Manhattan Institute report, "**Trial Lawyers, Inc.: Asbestos.**" More like calling names and changing the subject.

- The scene setter: "Manhattan Institute's latest attack on the civil justice system follows the mold of its previous reports: fictitious, imaginative and laughable." OK, that's a soundbite. Not substantive, but a soundbite.
- An attack on the Institute's Jim Copland, director of the study, for comments taken out of context on Vioxx. Wait, Vioxx? And that's relevant, how?
- A paragraph from an 11-year-old newspaper story about the Manhattan Institute's funding.

Slurs and misdirection. That's part of the business model, isn't it?

In other reaction to the report, Dan Popeo of the **Washington Legal Foundation** **argues in The Examiner** that the legal profession must do more to police itself and instill a sense of ethics. ATRA's Sherman "Tiger" Joyce **sees more evidence accruing** for the need to have Congressional hearings.

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