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**LUNG CANCER ALLIANCE TAKES LANDMARK ACTION;  
SEEKS LUNG CANCER RESEARCH AND EARLY DETECTION FUND  
FROM TOBACCO INDUSTRY**

The Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA) took landmark action today by requesting leave to file an Amicus Brief before the United States District Court to add lung cancer research and early detection to the remedies that the court is considering in the case of the United States of America vs. Philip Morris, USA, Inc and other tobacco companies.

The court is currently considering only funding for tobacco control and smoking cessation programs as remedies to prevent and restrain future wrongdoing by the tobacco company defendants. In the brief, LCA argues that in addition to these remedies, the defendants should be required to contribute to a fund to support independent scientific research on the aetiology, diagnosis, treatment and cure of lung cancer and the development of a national program of early lung cancer detection.

Laurie Fenton, LCA President, praised Sean H. Donahue, Washington, DC attorney, and his associate Paul Waterman, JD for their counsel, hard work and untiring commitment to putting the motion and amicus brief together, the full text of which can be found on the LCA Web site at [www.lungcanceralliance.org/pdf\\_docs/amicus\\_brief.pdf](http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/pdf_docs/amicus_brief.pdf).

“We know there are many steps to this legal process,” said Fenton. “But no matter what the legal outcome, we remain committed to securing more funds for research and early detection of the leading cancer killer. Sean has helped make this watershed moment a reality for the lung cancer community and for that we are forever grateful,” concluded Fenton.

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