

**Contergan victim takes case to court!
Contergan pension disallowed after 30 years!**

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For 30 years, Olaf T was recognised as a Contergan victim. For 30 years he received a pension from the Contergan Foundation. But suddenly everything has changed. The Contergan Foundation has disqualified Olaf T from his Contergan pension. Olaf T had done no more than to submit an application to the Contergan Foundation regarding the deterioration in his Contergan disability (an application for review). Like many other Contergan victims, he wished to obtain an increase in his currently miserable pension. "Now I am losing everything!" says Olaf T. The interesting thing is that Olaf T had already submitted various review applications to the Foundation in recent years, and up till now his Contergan disability was never placed in doubt by the Foundation. 30 years ago Olaf T was already regarded as a borderline case by the Foundation's medical experts. But at that time the Foundation recognised Olaf T as a Contergan case. "Mr. Olaf T should be assured of his pension payments, also in the future, because at the present time there are no new facts that would justify a future withdrawal of the pension," says Karin Buder-Heckert, the attorney of the VdK Hessen-Thüringen. "All this could happen to any one of us! Therefore we demand an enforceable guarantee from the Foundation or from the Federal Government that a Contergan pension, once recognised, can never be disallowed again!" said Andreas Meyer, Chairman of the BCG. Meyer is campaigning for improvements in the Contergan Foundation Act. The case will be heard on **8.4.2014** at **10:00 hrs** at the **Cologne Administrative Court** in **Room 1** (ground floor), **Appellhofplatz, 50667 Cologne** (Burgmauer entrance).

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