

BCG - Bund Contergangeschädigter und Grünenthalopfer e.V.

Victory for Contergan victim at Administrative Court

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Yesterday the Contergan victim Olaf T, together with his attorney Ms. Karin Buder-Heckert from the Sozialverband VdK Hessen-Thüringen, achieved a major victory at the Cologne Administrative Court. The Contergan Foundation had disqualified him from his pension. On the insistence of the court, the representatives of the Contergan Foundation were obliged to withdraw the notice of disqualification. Olaf T will continue to receive his Contergan pension. In addition the court bound the Contergan Foundation not to disallow a Contergan pension unless new facts are presented. "As a precaution we continue to demand a written guarantee from the Foundation or the Federal Government that a Contergan pension, once recognised, can never be disallowed again. We finally want to be freed from this patronising behaviour," said Andreas Meyer, Chairman of the BCG, who is at the same time a representative of the affected persons on the Council of the Contergan Foundation elected by the Contergan victims. "We express our thanks to Ms. Buder-Heckert and the whole of the Sozialverband VdK Hessen-Thüringen for their thoroughly fruitful and professional collaboration. We will always be happy to work with them again!" Meyer continued.

Please also read the following media reports on this subject:

http://www1.wdr.de/themen/archiv/sp_contergan/conterganrente112.html

<http://www.internetcologne.de/cms/artikel.php/180/617121/artikel.html>

<http://www.wlz-fz.de/Lokales/Frankenberge/Oberes-Edertal/Berghoefer-bekommt-weitere-Conterganrente>

You can also hear the report on Domradio on 12.4.2013:

<http://www.domradio.de/radio/sendungen/thema/aenderung-des-conterganstiftungsgesetzes-reicht-nicht-aus>

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