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### **Jackson Law Firm Files Lawsuit on Behalf of Veterans Against 3M for Defective Military Earplugs**

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Arkansas Attorney Jim Jackson of Jackson Law Firm filed a lawsuit today on behalf of veterans and members of the military against 3M Manufacturing Company, alleging the company knowingly sold defective earplugs to the federal government for soldiers to use in training and active-duty military service.

“We need to treat those who have sacrificed for us as our own, and that is unfortunately not what 3M has done in this case,” Jim Jackson said. “It is evident that 3M was aware of the flaws in design and continued to sell the defective earplugs to the military for over a decade anyway resulting in hearing damage to countless members of our armed services.”

In July of 2018, 3M agreed to pay \$9.1 million to the federal government to resolve allegations that the company knowingly sold earplugs to the United States military without disclosing the known-defects that could cause hearing loss and other hearing damage.

While the earplugs were intended to protect from noises such as those created by aircraft, machinery, armored vehicles, explosions, and gunfire, their faulty design put soldiers at risk of developing permanent hearing damage, such as tinnitus, even when used as intended. Potentially affected personnel served during the 12-year period between 2003-2015 and encompass all branches of the military including Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force and the National Guard.

“By bringing this lawsuit, we are standing up for our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country,” Jackson said. “They must be taken care of. We can’t re-

store their hearing, but we can at least make sure our veterans get the compensation they are owed from 3M.”

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*Located in Central Arkansas, Jackson Law Firm serves individuals and families in Arkansas and around the country. Started in 2008, Jackson Law Firm has recovered \$45 million for its clients against large companies such as American Airlines, State Farm, and Ford Motor Company. You can read more about this lawsuit and more [at the Jackson Law Firm Website.](#)*