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Hans Weill received his B.A. and M.D. from Tulane University. His training includes an internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, and a residency in internal medicine at Charity Hospital and Fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases at Tulane, both in New Orleans.

Since 1962, Dr. Weill has been on the Tulane faculty. His most recent full-time position has been Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Section of Environmental Medicine, and the Schlieder Foundation Professor of Pulmonary Medicine at the Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans. From 1989-1993, Dr. Weill served as the founding Director of the Tulane University Center for Bioenvironmental Research. Until mid-1996, he directed an interdisciplinary research program in occupational lung diseases, and for over thirty years has been investigating the respiratory health effects of workplace exposure to such airborne inhalants as silica, asbestos, man-made mineral fibers, cotton, chlorine and isocyanates. Approximately 200 published papers appear in the scientific and medical literature as the result of this research. He retired from the active full-time faculty in June, 1997 and is now Professor Emeritus at Tulane. He currently resides in Basalt, Colorado and Mandeville, Louisiana while continuing to be active professionally, in both research and consultation.

His research team has produced information on the relationships between qualitative and quantitative aspects of occupational exposure dose and indicators of respiratory disease. The results of these investigations have been published in many scientific journals and books, and been used by federal regulatory agencies (including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA], the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health [NIOSH], and the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]), in setting occupational health standards, and have formed the basis for testimony in Congressional and judicial hearings.

During the years 1972 to 1992, he was Director of the Specialized Center for Research (SCOR) funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the NIH for the investigation of occupational lung diseases. From 1992 to 1996, he was Principal Investigator of a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIH) Superfund Basic Research Program involving a number of environmental projects throughout the University. These were both large, multi-project, interdisciplinary research programs funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Weill has consulted widely with U.S. federal agencies, foreign government entities and in the private sector, on occupational and environmental pulmonary problems. From 1982-1985, he served as Chairman of the Pulmonary Disease Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health, and from 1986-1990 he was a member of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Advisory Council. He has also served as president of the American Thoracic Society (medical and scientific arm of the American Lung Association), on the certifying Subspecialty Board for Pulmonary Diseases, and on the Board of Governors of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In recent years, he served as a consultant to the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) in Geneva on matters dealing with potential lung injury to those exposed to the smoke from

the 1991 burning oil fires in Kuwait. He was also a consultant and participated in hearings for the U.S. Army and Veterans Administration regarding the possible health risk of asbestos exposures in helicopter repair facilities and in the course of building maintenance activities, in regard to whether such exposures constituted a hazard requiring the payment of Environmental Differential Pay (EDP) by the government.

In 1983-1984 he was a Fellow in Science and Public Policy at the Brookings Institution, in Washington, D.C., where his project dealt with an analysis of the use of scientific data in asbestos-associated diseases in the formulation of public policy.