The Mirena IUD, manufactured by Bayer was approved as a contraceptive in 2000 by the FDA. In 2009, the FDA expanded Mirena’s approval to treat heavy menstrual bleeding in women who favor an intrauterine device for contraception.  The small, t-shaped, plastic device is inserted into the uterus by a healthcare provider, where it can stay in place for up to 5 years.  The Mirena IUD works to prevent pregnancy by releasing a low dose of levonorgestrel (a synthetic progestin hormone) directly into the uterus.  According to the Mirena prescribing information, the IUD is recommended for women who have already had one child.

A growing number of young women have had their Mirena IUD side effects complications reviewed to see if they are eligible to for compensation. Common Mirena IUD side effects include:

* Perforation of the uterus, intestine or cervix
* Uterine wall embedment
* Adhesion or scarring
* Abscesses
* Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
* Infertility
* Miscarriages
* Becoming pregnant with IUD
* Menstrual cycle Complications

Mirena IUD injury claims, charge that Bayer made misleading claims in its marketing materials to increase sales of the birth control device.  In fact, Bayer was warned by the FDA in 2009 that one of its Mirena promotions, which marketed the IUD to a “Busy Mom” demographic as a hassle-free form of birth control, overstated its effectiveness and downplayed its potentially serious risks.  According to the FDA warning letter, Bayer wrongly claimed that Mirena had the ability to improve a woman’s sex life and help her “look and feel great.”