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Musick Peeler's Transportation Team Secures Complete Defense Victory for National Trucking Company

Musick Peeler's Transportation team recently secured a complete defense victory for a national trucking company in a catastrophic motor vehicle case by obtaining summary judgment in favor of the defendants and an award of more than \$90,000 in sanctions.

Musick Peeler attorneys Lisa Hsiao, Juan Torres, and Natasha Wu achieved the result through a focused litigation strategy centered on targeted discovery and detailed depositions designed to test the factual foundation of the plaintiff's claims. Their efforts uncovered evidence that not only undermined key allegations in the case but directly contradicted critical aspects of the plaintiff's allegations.

"This result reflects the importance of developing the facts early and being strategic about where to focus discovery in complex transportation matters," said Hsiao, who led the trial team. "Our team did an outstanding job identifying the critical factual issues, testing the allegations through discovery and depositions and presenting a compelling legal argument to the court."

The case involved allegations arising from a catastrophic motor vehicle accident, presenting significant potential exposure for the trucking company. Rather than relying solely on the volume of discovery typically associated with high-stakes transportation litigation, the Musick Peeler trial team concentrated its efforts on the facts most critical to the plaintiff's claims and developed a record demonstrating material inconsistencies in the allegations.

The court also awarded more than **\$90,000 in sanctions**, further underscoring the significance of the defense team's successful discovery and litigation strategy.

The result highlights Musick Peeler's experience representing transportation companies in high-exposure litigation, including matters involving commercial vehicles and catastrophic injuries. The firm's Transportation team works closely with clients and their insurers to develop litigation strategies designed to address potential exposure efficiently while aggressively defending claims through trial and dispositive motion practice when appropriate.