

REPRESENTATIVE CATASTROPHIC INJURY CASE SUMMARIES

CURRENT CASES

SUGAR REFINER

Location: Savannah, GA

Number of Claimants: 14 deaths, 53 injuries, 25 severe burn victims

Facts: WWHGD's client operated a sugar refinery that exploded in February 2008 allegedly due to sugar dust. The fire destroyed packaging houses and silos and injured many people.

Discovery: The case has produced 34,000 documents to date and is expected to produce over 10,000 more.

Case results: Still ongoing.

GEORGIA PEANUT PRODUCER

Location: Nationwide

Number of Claimants: The number of claimants is currently undetermined as this Outbreak is recent and ongoing. WWHGD estimates that the number of claimants will be in the thousands based upon its experience with a previous peanut butter outbreak.

Facts: Retained as coordinating counsel for Georgia-based peanut butter processor implicated in a 2008 *Salmonella* outbreak. Participating in initial document retrieval and collection. Interacted with Congressional Committees investigating the outbreak.

Discovery: Discovery in this case has been stayed pending resolution of the bankruptcy of WWHGD's client. WWHGD is participating in document retrieval and collection from its client's three processing facilities located in Georgia, Texas and Virginia.

Case results: Still ongoing.

GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Location: Nationwide

Number of Claimants: Approximately 200 lawsuits

Facts: WWHGD's client manufactured and sold an over-the-counter laxative product. The product was linked to a rare form of kidney injury. WWHGD's client voluntarily recalled the product from the market based on an FDA pronouncement that the product should only be taken pursuant to a physician's written prescription. WWHGD serves as national coordinating counsel.

Discovery: The document production consists of 140,000 documents totaling 681,000 pages. An agreement has been reached with the Plaintiffs' counsel to use the deposition of any WWHGD client witness in any case so as to minimize the imposition the litigation has on the company as well as limit the time and expense associated with numerous depositions of the same individuals on the same topics.

Case results: WWHGD served as lead trial counsel on the one case that has reached trial; the case favorably settled. WWHGD is managing the successful individual and global negotiations of approximately 75 cases to date.

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTOR OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS

Location: Raleigh/Durham, NC

Number of Claimants: Over 100 claimants

Facts: Numerous claims against multiple defendants related to alleged contamination of surgical instruments at two community hospitals with used hydraulic fluid. The hydraulic fluid had been stored in used empty containers of a product originally distributed by WWHGD's client to the hospitals. Once filled with the hydraulic fluid the containers were inadvertently returned to WWHGD's client as misdirected freight with the actual content of the containers unknown to WWHGD's client. The client then redistributed the containers of what was thought to be surgical instrument cleaning and lubrication fluid to the hospitals for use in their instrument cleaning services area. Claimants assert a variety of personal injury claims with

complex theories of liability including civil conspiracy and violation of North Carolina's Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Discovery: Because of the number of parties involved and the complexity of the claims, discovery will include review of in excess of 500,000 pages of documents, reconstruction of industrial cleaning processes used by the hospital at issue and the involvement of dozens of medical, chemical, industrial and healthcare experts.

Case results: Still ongoing.

GEORGIA PEANUT BUTTER PROCESSOR

Location: Nationwide

Number of Claimants: Over 15,000 claimants

Facts: Serves as monitoring counsel responsible for coordinating the defense of a Georgia peanut butter processor linked to a nationwide *Salmonella* outbreak in 2007. Litigation resulted in over 30 class actions and 600 suits being filed against WWHGD's client. The majority of suits were consolidated in an MDL. The class claims were defeated via summary judgment.

Discovery: WWHGD is working with coordinating counsel in the implementation of an Intranet to store document databases, calendars, suit logs, expert information and depositions.

Case results: Still ongoing.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURER

Location: Nationwide, cases tried in: Philadelphia; New York City; East St. Louis, IL; Bakersfield, CA

Number of Claimants: Over 750 personal injury lawsuits

Facts: WWHGD's client manufactured and sold a medical device for the surgical treatment of female urinary stress incontinence. After approximately 15,000 implantation surgeries, WWHGD's client voluntarily recalled the unused devices due to a higher than expected rate of post-operative complications. WWHGD served as co-national defense counsel and took lead on the case specific liability, causation and damages issues.

Discovery: The federal cases were consolidated for coordinated pre-trial proceedings by the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation. This significantly streamlined pre-trial discovery of WWHGD's client, which included over 50,000 documents and 30 depositions of the company's personnel. An extranet was utilized to allow internet access to the documents in a searchable format.

Case results: Three defense verdicts and one judgment for the Plaintiff. Global settlement negotiations spanning several months culminated in the resolution of all cases then pending. WWHGD has continued to serve as defense counsel in each case brought subsequent to the global settlement.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE MANUFACTURER

Location: Nationwide, cases in: Natick, MA; West Palm Beach, FL; Bloomington, IL; Passaic County, NJ; Shreveport, LA; Eagle Mountain, UT

Number of Claimants: 181 claimants

Facts: Currently representing client in pattern litigation involving a coronary artery stent. There are currently claims and lawsuits across the country for personal injury and wrongful death related to claims of occlusion of the coronary artery stent.

Discovery: WWHGD manages all document production and case work-up including experts. Collected and reviewed over 165,000 documents.

Case results: All matters are still pending.

CALIFORNIA LETTUCE PROCESSOR

Location: Northeast U.S.

Number of Claimants: 86 claimants

Facts: National coordinating counsel for a California-based lettuce producer allegedly implicated in an *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak that occurred in the Fall of 2006 that was attributed to various Taco Bell locations. WWHGD addressed both the resulting personal injury and business interruption claims, the latter of which were claimed by Taco Bell's parent corporation to exceed \$100 million.

Discovery: WWHGD coordinating all aspects of discovery. This included the creation of a defense Intranet, document database, service of and responses to discovery, depositions, and expert retention and preparation. Litigation remains active. To date, in excess of one million documents have been collected and preserved on WWHGD's litigation management software.

Case results: Still ongoing.

NATIONAL HOTEL CHAIN

Location: Marietta, GA

Number of Claimants: 16 claimants

Facts: A fire at a hotel in Marietta consumed seven stories of the building resulting in one death and several injuries.

Discovery: Computer database review with search terms and significant further document production for tens of thousands of documents.

Case results: Resolved eight out of sixteen claims favorably to date.

HEART SURGEON/PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

Location: Wilmington, DE; Philadelphia, PA

Number of Claimants: 15 deaths and 3 severely neurologically impaired children

Facts: WWHGD represents a world renowned pediatric heart surgeon and children's hospital in numerous suits alleging improper preparation of infants for open heart surgery for complex congenital heart defects.

Discovery: Review and organization of extensive medical records for Plaintiffs and hundreds of other children similarly operated upon. Due to independent institutional claims, developed database of Defendant hospital's documents and emails.

Case results: Two severely neurologically impaired cases settled favorably during trial (third case quickly settled). Two death cases tried with defense verdicts in each (one case reversed on appeal for judicial "misconduct"). Once case recently resulted in Plaintiff's verdict substantially less than pretrial demand. Summary judgment granted in seven individual death cases (3 due to standard of limitations; 4 due to disqualification of different Plaintiffs' experts). Other cases are scheduled for trial.

SECURITY COMPANY

Location: St. Louis, MO

Number of Claimants: 6 deaths

Facts: WWHGD's client provided security at city hall. A perpetrator shot and killed an armed police officer near city hall, appropriated the officer's weapon and entered city hall with the two firearms. He then opened fire on the city council.

Case results: Still ongoing.

CANNED-FOOD PRODUCER

Location: Augusta, GA

Number of Claimants: 12 claims

Facts: Representing Georgia company linked to 2007 Botulism outbreak. Coordinating all aspects of litigation.

Discovery: Collected and reviewed in excess of three million documents associated with nationwide recall of all products produced by the company over a two year period.

Case results: Still ongoing.

LARGE TEACHING HOSPITAL

Location: Atlanta, GA

Number of Claimants: 17 Plaintiffs; Class action had approximately 500 members

Facts: Defending hospital in claims brought by 17 individual Plaintiffs and a purported class action of 500 Plaintiffs for possible exposure to a fatal disease from contaminated instruments during surgery.

Discovery: Review of medical records of over 500 patients; E-discovery database management.

Case results: Class certification denied. Individual cases ongoing.

RESORT AND CASINO

Location: Tunica, MS

Number of Claimants: 5 deaths and 5 injuries

Facts: Defending client in claims stemming from an accident in northern Mississippi involving a casino-owned limousine. The limousine, which was carrying ten passengers, was violently struck by a hit-and-run driver, which forced the limousine off the road where it ultimately collided with and then fell into a concrete culvert. The crash killed five passengers, seriously injured the driver, and resulted in serious injury claims being made by the surviving passengers.

Case results: Case settled for less than a third of the Plaintiffs' pre-trial demand.

MULTINATIONAL PACKAGED FOOD COMPANY

Location: Nationwide

Number of Claimants: Undetermined

Facts: Currently serving as National Coordinating Counsel for company manufacturing cookie dough allegedly linked to an *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in 2009.

Discovery: In its initial stages, document collection and assembly ongoing.

Case results: Still pending.

LARGE ROOFING CONTRACTOR

Location: Duval County, FL

Number of Claimants: 6 claims for personal injury and permanent disability; 5 claims for loss of consortium

Facts: WWHGD's client was replacing the roof on the building in which the claimants worked. Claimants allege that roofing adhesive applied by the contractor leaked into the building, thereby exposing them to toxic substances including isocyanates, hydrocarbons and silica. Plaintiffs are seeking over \$40 million in damages.

Discovery: Collection and review of extensive medical records. Numerous experts involved including industrial hygienists, toxicologists, safety engineers, construction contractors and physicians.

Case results: Still ongoing.

RECENT CASES

LARGE MINING COMPANIES

Location: West Virginia

Number of Claimants: More than 4,000 claimants

Facts: Defending more than twenty mining companies (including some of the largest mining companies in the U.S.) in what is believed to be the largest mass tort litigation in West Virginia history. Personal injuries and property damages alleged in excess of \$100 million due to flooding.

Discovery: Handling document management for ownership records from hundreds of mining sites targeted by the Plaintiffs.

Case results: Obtained dismissals by dispositive motions or favorably settled on behalf of all clients in all aspects of mass litigation before the first trial. Was subsequently hired to represent more than ten additional Defendant companies in the mass litigation. Obtained dismissals for some of the newer clients in portions of the multi-track litigation and continue defense of remaining clients.

CALIFORNIA SPINACH PROCESSOR

Location: National

Number of Claimants: 417 claimants from 42 different states

Facts: WWHGD served as national coordinating counsel for all claims and suits filed against a Salinas Valley spinach processor linked to a national *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in the Fall of 2006. Through discovery, it was determined that the offending organism originated from a single ranch responsible for supplying less than 2% of spinach product to WWHGD's client. Litigation included four wrongful death claims, 38 HUS cases (a serious complication associated with *E. coli* O157:H7 infections) and numerous permanent injury cases.

Discovery: WWHGD was successful in dissuading counsel for the numerous claimants to seek an MDL and instead agree to voluntarily participate in informal discovery. WWHGD participated in the creation of an Intranet that was accessible by all counsel to view case-specific information. The document database ultimately grew in excess of 2 million documents. These documents included medical records from claimants, distribution records from "field to fork" for all entities in the distribution chains of the suspected products, investigating state and federal health agency records, and trace back documents to the implicated farm.

Case results: WWHGD developed a three-tier settlement approach to cases which were resolved in the following order: (1) wrongful death cases; (2) HUS and other serious injury cases; and (3) minor claims. Minor litigation remains pending. To WWHGD's client's satisfaction, no suits were taken to verdict and have been settled.

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM

Location: Seattle, WA

Number of Claimants: 2,000 claims in a class action

Facts: Suit was filed by The Lummi Nation for injuries allegedly suffered due to excavation of a Native American burial ground. Suit was originally filed as a class action with 2,000 members. WWHGD was successful in decertifying the class in the Ninth Circuit.

Case results: Settled favorably for WWHGD's client.

LARGE INSURANCE COMPANY

Location: Aiken, SC

Number of Claimants: Over 100 claimants

Facts: Train derailment caused the release of chlorine gas that killed nine people, injured numerous others, caused extensive property damage and shut down Plaintiff's production facilities. Separate lawsuits were filed by those sustaining personal injuries and/or on behalf of estates of those who were killed. Over 5,000 were affected by the accident. Two class actions resulted from the claims of those living in the area. WWHGD was involved in the property damage claims of the Plaintiff.

Discovery: Approximately 17 experts were utilized by WWHGD and about one million documents were produced.

Case results: Cases settled.

LARGE HOTEL COMPANY

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Number of Claimants: 23 claimants

Facts: WWHGD was retained shortly before trial. Carbon monoxide leak at a hotel in Baltimore. Carbon monoxide leaked into the hotel's adjoining high-end, national steakhouse. Restaurant employees claimed permanent brain damage and other injuries.

Case results: After 13 weeks of trial not including initial jury selection, Plaintiffs' award was substantially less than what they were seeking at trial.

DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACTOR

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Number of Claimants: 9 claimants

Facts: Represented contractor in highly publicized funicular accident. Incident involved two deaths and at least seven injury claims.

Discovery: Document intensive and involved complex issues given the number of co-defendants and cross claims.

Case results: Resolved favorably for the Defense just before trial.

LARGE TIRE MANUFACTURER

Location: Helena, AR

Number of Claimants: 6 claims

Facts: A tread separation accident resulted in four deaths and two paraplegic children. The case dealt with multiple defective theories and claims for punitive damages.

Discovery: Approximately 400,000 documents. There were very contentious discovery issues given the proprietary nature of the discoverable information and the Plaintiffs' attempts to discover voluminous information regarding "other similar incidents" nationwide.

Case results: Settled on favorable terms just before trial.

GLOBAL PROVIDER OF INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION

Location: Lenoir County, NC

Number of Claimants: 30 claimants

Facts: Explosion at a North Carolina plant killed six people and injured 25 others. The Plaintiffs and the government contended that the explosion was caused by polyethylene "dust" from WWHGD's client's slab dip that became airborne and ignited. The Plaintiffs claimed WWHGD's client failed to warn about the dangers of the slab dip. Due to the size and scope of the case (over 30 Plaintiffs and 30 Defendants), the case met the requirements of "exceptional case status" under North Carolina law.

Discovery: Hundreds of thousands of documents were produced in discovery. There was extensive discovery involving computer forensics of documents maintained in the client's electronic files.

Case results: Settled on confidential terms favorable to the client.

LARGE, PRIVATELY HELD TRUCKING COMPANY

Location: Lake Butler, FL

Number of Claimants: 7 deaths; 5 injured

Facts: A driver of a tractor-trailer owned by WWHGD's client rear ended a sedan that had stopped for a parked school bus. The sedan was pushed into the bus and was crushed. The school bus rotated on impact. All seven people in the sedan were killed. Four children on the school bus were injured as well as the bus driver. The truck driver was allegedly on duty for 36 hours in violation of regulations.

Discovery: Approximately 15,000 documents were reviewed pertaining to the case.

Case results: Settled favorably for the defense. Twice defeated the plaintiffs' motions to amend for punitive damages.

NATIONAL CHARTER BUS COMPANY

Location: Manchester, TN; Coalinga, CA; Casa Grande, AZ

Number of Claimants: 17 from Tennessee accident; 9 from California accident; 5 from Arizona accident

Facts: Three separate attacks on charter buses that occurred near September 11th. WWHGD was National Coordinating Counsel for all 31 and served as lead counsel in the cases in Tennessee and Georgia arising from the Tennessee accident. There were massive changes to the U.S. transportation industry after September 11th. WWHGD worked with federal agencies regarding transportation security and documentation related to sensitive security information.

Discovery: Coordinated discovery for thirty cases across the U.S.

Case results: All suits were settled favorably for WWHGD's client. There were no punitive damages awarded in the quadriplegia case.

CONVENIENCE STORE CHAIN

Location: Homerville, GA

Number of Claimants: 9 claims, 6 of which were deaths

Facts: Dram shop cases stemming from a two-car, multi-fatality accident in South Georgia. Plaintiffs argued that WWHGD's client violated Georgia's Dram Shop Statute and alleged that the convenience store sold alcohol to a noticeably intoxicated person knowing he would be driving soon. The driver collided with another car causing six deaths and three injuries, including a child who lost an arm.

Discovery: Coordinated discovery efforts amongst multiple defense counsel, supplemented briefing, argued dispositive motions and drafted a ten-page Order which the judge signed granting summary judgment to client in case of first impression under Georgia's Dram Shop Act.

Case results: Received summary judgment on all claims for client.

CHARTER BUS COMPANY

Location: Atlanta, GA

Number of Claimants: 7 deaths and 35 claims

Facts: Driver of a charter bus with a college baseball team from Ohio inadvertently entered an exit ramp on I-75. The driver did not anticipate the exit ramp end and the bus crashed over the overpass wall, landing back onto I-75. The accident killed seven people and catastrophically injured several others.

Case results: Limited Liability Releases were entered on behalf of client for all claims.

MANUFACTURER OF CHLORINE-BASED POOL CHEMICAL

Location: Multnomah County, OR

Number of Claimants: 5 claims

Facts: Defended client in a case which involved fatal burns to two minors and severe third degree burns to the parents and oldest child. Allegations were that subject pool chemical product was defective.

Discovery: Discovery was voluminous and complicated by vast amounts of information directed toward "other similar incidents" on a national basis.

Case results: Case settled on favorable terms and WWHGD is now pursuing third-party claims against manufacturer of another product that was involved in the fire.

SUPPLIER OF POWER PLANTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Location: Apison, TN

Number of Claimants: 5 deaths

Facts: The multi-lawsuit proceeding against client arose from the high-profile case of a twin engine Cessna 421B aircraft in Apison, Tennessee. The crash resulted in the deaths of five Seventh-Day Adventist Church executives. Plaintiffs demanded \$50 million in damages.

Discovery: Included voluminous documents and dozens of depositions.

Case results: Favorably settled all death cases.

NATIONAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL COMPANY

Location: Atlanta, GA

Number of Claimants: 4 claims including 3 deaths and 1 brain injured child

Facts: Plaintiffs alleged that the vacuum pump on the subject F550 truck was defective. The case was further complicated by the fact that Ford and WWHGD's client had previously engaged in litigation between themselves over the design of the vacuum pump which ultimately led to the client performing a retrofit of sorts to the product Ford designed.

Discovery: There was significant discovery regarding the admissibility of the collateral dispute/litigation for the underlying tort case.

Case results: Settled favorably after a mistrial.

NATIONAL GROCERY STORE CHAIN

Location: Elizabethtown, KY

Number of Claimants: 4 claimants

Facts: Represented client for claims made after the company employed a tractor-trailer driver who crossed the center line on I-65 hitting a family of four, killing the mother, father and younger sibling and leaving a surviving ten-year-old boy who also sustained severe orthopedic injuries.

Discovery: WWHGD served as defense counsel in taking all depositions, managing all document productions and retaining experts.

Case results: Favorably settled at mediation.

TRUCKING COMPANY

Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Number of Claimants: 4 deaths

Facts: A tanker full of gasoline was on the notoriously tight curve of the I-595 and Florida Turnpike interchange and flipped over. The tanker pinned a car with four adults to the guardrail. The tanker exploded killing all four people in the car.

Case results: Settled all cases.

LARGE HOTEL COMPANY

Location: Key West, FL

Number of Claimants: 1 death and 7 injuries

Facts: Carbon monoxide poisoning at a hotel in Key West, FL killed one guest and injured seven others during Christmas.

Case results: Cases confidentially settled.

PAST CASES

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM

Location: New Orleans, LA

Number of Claimants: 8,000 Plaintiffs

Facts: Defended company in allegations of toxic releases and environmental remediation due to a chemical plant leak. Plaintiffs complained of skin irritations and cancer.

Case results: Received summary judgment.

CENTRAL U.S. RAILROAD

Location: Livingston, LA

Number of Claimants: More than 3,000 claimants

Facts: Defended railroad company in litigation arising from the catastrophic derailment of a train in Livingston, Louisiana. The freight train derailed 43 cars, 27 of which were tank cars containing various hazardous or toxic chemical commodities. Twenty tank cars were punctured or breached during the derailment and fires broke out in the wreckage, releasing smoke and toxic gases into the atmosphere. Approximately 3,000 people living within the five-mile radius of the crash were evacuated for as long as two weeks. Nineteen residences and other buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged, and more than 200,000 gallons of toxic chemicals were spilled, requiring extensive excavation of contaminated soil and a long-term closure of the railroad line.

Discovery: Discovery spanned years, and included voluminous documents and hundreds of depositions.

Case Results: Cases settled favorably for client.

FUNERAL HOMES

Location: Walker County, GA

Number of Claimants: Over 1,000 claimants

Facts: WWHGD represented two funeral homes who were sued in multiple cases, including a federal class action, for the alleged mishandling of corpses at the Tri-State Crematory located in Walker County, GA. There were approximately 50 funeral homes involved in the suit, which culminated in a Federal MDL class action.

Discovery: Hundreds of depositions; thousands of pages of documents exchanged; dozens of experts.

Case Results: Cases resolved favorably for WWHGD clients prior to trial.

COMPONENT PART MANUFACTURER

Location: Chicago, IL

Number of Claimants: 271 deaths

Facts: Multi-district litigation arising from a flight that crashed at O'Hare Field. The incident resulted in the death of 271 passengers and crew.

Case Results: Favorably settled all cases.

MAJOR U.S. AIRLINE

Location: Charlotte, NC

Number of Claimants: 37 deaths

Facts: Multi-district litigation arising from client's plane which crashed upon approach in Charlotte, North Carolina. The incident involved 37 deaths.

Discovery: Discovery included tens of thousands of documents and more than a hundred depositions.

Case Results: Cases favorably resolved.

WEST COAST OIL COMPANY

Location: Contra Costa County, CA

Number of Claimants: Over 2,500 claimants, including “bystander” claims brought by Contra Costa County citizens who claimed injury from chemical exposure.

Facts: WWHGD’s client operated an oil refinery that exploded during a restart of the Hydrocracker Unit. One employee was killed and numerous employees and subcontractors were injured in the explosion.

Discovery: WWHGD utilized a Fact Sheet for initial investigation of the claims. Over 1,000 claims were dismissed due to failure to return a completed Fact Sheet.

Case results: Resolved all viable claims through private and court ordered mediation.

WORLD LEADER IN THE MANUFACTURING OF AIRCRAFT ENGINES

Location: Pensacola, FL

Number of Claimants: 2 deaths, 3 catastrophic injuries and dozens of injury claims

Facts: Multi-district litigation arising from Delta Air Lines Flight 1288, an MD-88, which experienced an engine failure and explosion during the initial takeoff roll from Pensacola Regional Airport. Defended the aircraft’s engine manufacturer along with its subcontractor. The incident resulted in numerous injuries and two deaths. Also represented the client in a public hearing before the NTSB.

Discovery: Discovery spanned several years and included tens of thousands of documents and dozens of depositions.

Case Results: Settled favorably for client.

AIRCRAFT COMPONENT MANUFACTURERS

Location: Brunswick, GA

Number of Claimants: 23 deaths

Facts: Multiple lawsuits arising from a flight that crashed on final approach into Glynco Jetport in Brunswick, Georgia. The crash resulted in the death of 23 people, including Texas Senator John Tower, NASA Astronaut Manley “Sonny” Carter, professional golfer Davis Love Sr. and American College of Physicians President-Elect Dr. Nicholas Davies.

Discovery: Millions of documents were produced in the case and hundreds of depositions were taken.

Case Results: Cases settled favorably for client.

ATLANTA WATER AMUSEMENT PARK

Location: Marietta, GA

Number of Claimants: 31 claimants from 4 different states

Facts: Litigation of an *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak that occurred in the Summer of 1998 at a Metro Atlanta water amusement park that afflicted a number of patrons, the majority of which were children. WWHGD coordinated the defense of all cases in all states.

Discovery: WWHGD handled the discovery associated with the outbreak. Documents collected and reviewed exceeded 500,000.

Case Results: All suits and cases were amicably resolved in favor of WWHGD’s client.

AIRCRAFT COMPONENT PART MANUFACTURER

Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Number of Claimants: Over 100 deaths

Facts: Multiple lawsuits arising from a flight which crashed on approach to Pittsburgh International Airport. Client was a manufacturer of aircraft components.

Discovery: Discovery included voluminous documents and depositions.

Case Results: Case settled favorably for client

INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Location: Atlanta, GA

Number of Claimants: 9 deaths

Facts: Disgruntled day trader shot several people in a building managed in part by WWHGD's client. In total, nine people were killed. WWHGD's client was accused of providing improper and insufficient security.

Discovery: Involved in-depth crime rate analysis, utilization of experts and a thorough review of private and public criminal incident reports. Cooperation with law enforcement officials was necessary in the gathering and analyzing of multiple witness statements and other evidence. The case also required coordination with multiple defendants.

Case results: Settled favorably for the defense.

MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Location: Barstow, CA; Las Vegas, NV

Number of Claimants: 8 lawsuits for 6 people who died

Facts: Defended water transmission pipe manufacturer when tractor-trailer carrying 40 foot concrete pipes lost its load in the desert near Barstow, California, and pipes rolled over two cars killing six people.

Discovery: Extensive accident reconstruction including work with California Patrol Mass Accident Team; developing and filming accident "reconstruction."

Case results: Cases settled before or during trial for substantially less than Plaintiffs' demand and much less than mediator or local counsel's recommendations for settlements.

NATIONAL RESTAURANT CHAIN

Location: Macon, GA

Number of Claimants: 5 claimants

Facts: Represented restaurant in multiple cases involving rape, sodomy and false imprisonment of patrons.

Discovery: Responsible for defense of all claims and retention of experts.

Case results: All were favorably settled.

MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Location: Columbus, OH; Lexington, KY; Shreveport, LA

Number of Claimants: 4 claimants

Facts: Represented client who manufactured coupling devices for trackhoes in multiple lawsuits related to claims of product defect. Four separately filed wrongful death suits involving the same product.

Discovery: WWHGD was retained after written discovery and experts to try the first of the pending suits.

Case results: The first case was successfully settled in the middle of trial. The remaining lawsuits settled thereafter.

BILLBOARD OWNER

Location: Snellville, GA

Number of Claimants: 3 deaths, 1 catastrophic injury

Facts: WWHGD's client owned a billboard which collapsed, killing three people who were installing the signage and seriously injuring another.

Discovery: Dozens of depositions conducted in five states; thousands of pages of documents exchanged.

Case results: Cases resolved favorably for WWHGD client just before trial.