

Watkins & Giallourakis Win Summary Judgment in Madison County, IL

On September 16, 2016, Trey Watkins, Nick Giallourakis, and their Illinois counsel obtained summary judgment for a premises defendant client in a secondary asbestos exposure case filed in Madison County, Illinois. Our client was the sole remaining defendant at the time of the summary judgment hearing, which was held only three days prior to when the case was set for trial. Forman Watkins and our Illinois counsel successfully persuaded Judge Stobbs that plaintiff's exposure affidavits were not timely produced in discovery and should be stricken from the record. They were then able to convince Judge Stobbs that, in the absence of the stricken affidavits, plaintiff could not establish the frequency, regularity, and proximity exposure elements necessary to satisfy the Illinois causation standard. Judge Stobbs dismissed all of plaintiff's secondary exposure claims against our client, who was facing a final trial setting if unsuccessful.

Trey Watkins and Nick Giallourakis are partners in the Jackson, Mississippi office. Both routinely represent clients involved in Illinois asbestos litigation, and Nick Giallourakis is licensed in Illinois.

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