

Won a reversal and a new trial on the punitive damages phase of a product liability case originally tried by another firm. Persuaded the second jury to award only one-third of the amount awarded in the initial trial.

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WTO represented Ford Motor Co. in a retrial of a product liability case originally tried by another firm, which had resulted in a nine-figure judgment. The first jury's compensatory damages award was affirmed on appeal. WTO stepped in only on the amount of punitive damages, convincing the second jury to award only one-third of the initial amount. Following retrial, WTO persuaded the Ninth Circuit to overturn the district court's reduced award of punitive damages, which led to a favorable settlement for Ford.

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