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WTO entered the case two weeks before trial. In short time, the team discovered that the plaintiff had a lengthy history of prescription drug overuse–suggesting that his chronic headaches and other alleged ailments were not caused by brain or spine injuries related to the fall. The WTO team also discovered that the patient had a history of degenerative disease, which was the likely cause of his alleged spine injuries.

During trial, WTO proved that the plaintiff had lied under oath. On cross-examination, the plaintiff testified that he had not been required to take a physical or mental exam for his work. WTO called an impeachment witness who revealed this to be a lie. WTO also established that the plaintiff had been traveling around the world, despite his claims of permanent brain and spinal injury that purportedly interfered with such activity.

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