



## **Successful Defense for Trucking Company & Driver Jury Finds in Favor of Hermes Sargent Bates & Defendants**

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The plaintiffs, a husband and wife who were involved in the collision with the tractor-trailer, sued the trucking company and its driver, alleging that the truck driver had negligently reversed his truck into the plaintiffs' vehicle while attempting to correct his passage through a u-turn lane.

At trial, the defendants demonstrated that the truck driver had followed the proper procedure in reversing his truck. They also argued that the husband, who was the driver of the vehicle, failed to take precautions to avoid the collision, in fact causing the collision by improperly attempting to pass the rear of the truck while it was in reverse.

After a two-day trial, the jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the defendants, finding that the husband was responsible for the accident and that the plaintiffs were not entitled to any damages.

"Clearly, the jury recognized the distinct difference between what the plaintiffs claimed to have happened and what actually happened," says Mr. Hurst. "The evidence spoke for itself; we just presented it in a simple and succinct manner."

Hermes Sargent Bates, a full-service commercial firm and the largest firm in Texas with a female name partner, works with a wide array of local, national, and international clients in the risk, manufacturing, services, and commercial sectors. Recently named by Texas Lawyer as the sixth fastest growing firm in Texas, the firm handles a wide range of cases, including: appellate & litigation support, banking & finance, bankruptcy & creditors' rights, commercial litigation, construction litigation, general employment & labor, healthcare, mass tort litigation, medical malpractice, premises liability, products liability, professional liability, real estate, transportation, and workers' compensation. The attorneys also have a broad depth of experience in advising clients on non-litigation matters.

For more information on the trial success, please contact attorney Monte Hurst at 214-749-6533 or Blake Riordan at 214-749-6589. The firm's website can be found at [www.hsblaw.com](http://www.hsblaw.com).

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