

White and Williams Products Liability Team Achieves Summary Judgment in Major Amusement Park Accident Case

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A White and Williams products liability team of Paul Piantino and Jim Burger obtained a significant win in a products liability matter arising from a major amusement park accident at the Ohio State Fair. The tragic accident resulted in the death of one man and serious injuries to three others.

The case involved allegations of defective design, fraud and punitive damages with regard to an amusement park ride that failed in operation. The severity of the accident resulted in extensive media coverage, as well as litigation involving domestic and international parties in two states.

While the accident was indeed tragic and had catastrophic results, White and Williams was able develop evidence that their client was not responsible and therefore should not bear responsibility as matter of law. The product liability team's experience in major and catastrophic loss matters was central to identifying and raising the correct dispositive legal issues to obtain judgment in favor of the client early in the litigation.