

REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

breach of commercial warranty

WHD successfully defended its client, a distributor of power generation systems, sued for breach of warranty and indemnification in a multi-party lawsuit in which the plaintiff sought to either rescind or revoke acceptance of its purchase of 10 generator packages. The plaintiff sought more than \$10 million in damages. The plaintiff's initial claims resulted in seven years of litigation, including third- and fourth-party claims against various defendants, including WHD's client. Before trial, WHD defeated motions to dismiss its client's fourth-party complaints against the product manufacturers and for summary judgment. Following a three-week bench trial in Illinois, the court directed a verdict that dismissed the plaintiff's complaint in its entirety. For more information, contact Karen L. Tidwall at 414-978-5411 or ktidwall@whdlaw.com, or Ann M. Maher at 414-978-5410 or amaher@whdlaw.com.



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class action

From trial through post-appeal proceedings, WHD successfully represented a Wisconsin county in a class action for contempt that was initiated after the county violated a judicial consent decree governing the operation of its jail. WHD obtained a trial court ruling declining to award money damages to the plaintiff class as a civil contempt remedy despite more than 16,000 violations of the consent decree by the county. After an adverse ruling by the appeals court, WHD obtained a ruling from the Wisconsin Supreme Court reinstating the trial court's decision denying relief to the plaintiff class. WHD then successfully defended an attempt by the plaintiff class to obtain a criminal contempt finding, which could have resulted in fines totaling millions of dollars. For more information, contact Andrew A. Jones at 414-978-5445 or ajones@whdlaw.com.



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WHD represented a prominent Wisconsin automobile dealer, along with a separate automobile sales and finance franchise under common ownership, in a consumer class action brought under laws governing automobile dealers and consumer finance law. The consumers sought considerable class-wide monetary damages and payment of class counsel's fees, along with a comprehensive change to the franchise client's entire business model. After extensive discovery and pretrial motions, the court granted summary judgment to the automobile dealer and sales/finance franchise. For more information, contact Amy M. Salberg at 414-978-5502 or asalberg@whdlaw.com.



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