

## REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

### constitutional

WHD helped a client challenge Wisconsin's removal of money from the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund. Wisconsin physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals are required to pay into the fund annually, and there are no taxpayer dollars in the fund. WHD filed suit for its client in October 2007, following enactment of legislation removing \$200 million from the fund to help reduce the state's overall budget deficit. The Wisconsin Supreme Court accepted the case upon direct certification from the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court declared in July 2010 that Wisconsin's raid of the fund was unconstitutional and ordered Wisconsin to return the \$200 million to the fund, with accrued interest. For more information, contact Thomas M. Pyper at 608-258-7122 or [tpyper@whdlaw.com](mailto:tpyper@whdlaw.com).



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### construction

WHD helped clients faced with persistent flooding in their basement to successfully pursue a claim against the home builder. Through the Metropolitan Builders Association's arbitration process, the homeowners won a significant damage award against the builder. After a trial judge refused to confirm the couple's arbitration decision, WHD persuaded the Wisconsin Court of Appeals to do so. Besides a good result for WHD's clients, the published Court of Appeals' decision provides clarity as to parties' ability to contract for a specified arbitration process and the time frame in which parties may present arbitration awards for confirmation. For more information, contact Eric J. Meier at 414-978-5413 or [emeier@whdlaw.com](mailto:emeier@whdlaw.com).



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