



Hartline Dacus Barger Dreyer LLP Partner Brian Rawson Wins Defense Verdict for Bridgestone

DALLAS, Texas, May 24, 2011 – Brian Rawson, a partner in HDBD’s Dallas office, obtained a unanimous defense verdict in a negligence case in which the plaintiff complained of neck, back, shoulder, knee, and emotional injuries. The plaintiff alleged that an 18-wheeler tire fell from a GCR trailer while traveling on a highway and struck her vehicle at a high rate of speed, causing her injuries. She was three-months pregnant at the time. Although her child was born without any complications, she claimed she suffered great emotional stress worrying about his well-being for six months before she gave birth.

Bridgestone denied the plaintiff actually suffered any of the injuries she claimed. Mr. Rawson successfully argued that the impact was not significant enough to cause any injuries. The plaintiff waited a week before visiting a chiropractor and did not visit a medical doctor for any of her injuries.

The jury of three men and three women returned a unanimous defense verdict in less than ten minutes. "When the jury returned a unanimous verdict in such a brief time period, it reinforced my belief that this case was without merit," said Mr. Rawson. "It's imperative that companies fight to protect their reputations against these kinds of frivolous claims."