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Irwin Fritchie Secures Favorable Trial Verdict in Federal Court Trucking

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NEW ORLEANS, LA (August 2, 2023) – Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels, LLC, has obtained a favorable verdict for a motor carrier following a jury trial involving claims for damages related to a trucking accident in the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

On Tuesday, July 11, a federal jury in Lafayette, LA, returned a verdict following a two-day trial in which the driver of the subject tractor trailer was presumed liable, with the jury ultimately finding the plaintiff 50% at fault for the claimed damages and reducing the damages award, significantly.

Led by Irwin Fritchie partner, **Matthew W. Bailey**, along with associate, **Katherine Cook**, the verdict was a significant victory for the defense. Despite continued medical treatment and claimed damages for past medical expenses and lost wages exceeding \$80,000.00 – in addition to claims for future medical damages, future lost wages, and loss of earning capacity – the jury ultimately awarded only \$11,541.30 in total damages to the plaintiff, which was further reduced by 50% due to the jury finding the plaintiff at fault in the accident.

The case is *Mary Guillory v. Crete Carrier Corp., et al.*, No. 6:22-cv-01046 (W.D. La.)

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With a national reputation as one of the premier defense litigation firms in the country, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart Moore & Daniels LLC serves as national, regional and local counsel for public companies, privately owned businesses, governmental entities, non-profit organizations, individuals, and insurers with civil litigation needs, including Products Liability, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device, Construction, Railroad and Transportation, Trucking, Premises Liability, Professional Liability, and Casualty.

Irwin Fritchie was founded in 2000 by six partners from one of the oldest firms in New Orleans who had a collective vision of creating a firm that would provide clients with the highest level of service. With offices in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Irwin Fritchie has since become the only Louisiana-based law firm – and its individual attorneys are the only Louisiana lawyers – to be recognized by Chambers and Partners on the national level for Product Liability & Mass Tort.

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