

JURY TRIAL DEFENSE VERDICT

Georgia - Nall & Miller

The Gavel law firm member for the entire State of Georgia, Nall Miller, secured a significant victory for their client.

Attorneys Mike Hostetter and Jessica Seares won a defense verdict for LaserShip, a company that facilitates home deliveries.

Plaintiff was involved in a rear-end collision with a driver who was making deliveries on behalf of LaserShip. The Plaintiff alleged serious and permanent injuries as the result of the rear-end accident with the delivery van. Plaintiff alleged that the Defendant controlled the time, method, and manner of the driver's operation and was therefore liable for his injuries. Seares and Hostetter challenged both damages and liability, and put forth extensive contractual evidence and testimony

from LaserShip to show the driver was an independent contractor. The Plaintiff requested nearly \$2.2M in damages.

The Nall Miller attorneys were short and sweet in response, connecting with the jury but not wasting their time, and telling the jury to check "No" when asked if LaserShip controlled the time, method and manner of the driver's work. The jury returned a defense verdict after deliberating less than two hours. The jury found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Nall Miller's client did not control the time, method, or manner of work of the driver. Since the jury answered "no" on the threshold question, the case never proceeded to negligence or damages.



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