

MARRON LAWYERS OBTAINS \$1.2 MILLION ARBITRATION AWARD FOR CLIENT

Marron Lawyers' Senior Litigation attorney Paul Arenas prevailed in a court-ordered arbitration, winning an award of over \$1.2 million for the Firm's client. The case involved a commercial dispute related to the manufacture and retail sale of marine products distributed throughout the Pacific Northwest and a relationship that spanned nearly a quarter century. The plaintiff's claims featured allegations of breach of contract, implied equitable indemnity, fraud, quantum meruit, and open book account. In total, plaintiff asserted damages of nearly \$5 million and claimed entitlement to \$500,000 in punitive damages against the Firm's client.

In defense of our client, Marron Lawyers asserted claims of breach of contract, breach of implied warranty of merchantability and fitness, fraud, quantum meruit, open book account, and declaratory relief. After three years of litigation, including the complete defeat of a 600+ page Motion for Summary Judgment filed by plaintiff, the case resulted in a complete victory for the Firm's client, and a vindication of their character against extreme allegations of fraud. The 17-day arbitration involved testimony of over a dozen fact, engineering, and accounting expert witnesses. In the award, each of the plaintiff's claims was soundly rejected in their entirety by the Arbitrator. In addition, Marron Lawyers extracted testimony from the plaintiff's principals that was so damaging that Marron Lawyers requested, and the arbitrator sustained, a proposed amendment to the counterclaim for two additional allegations of fraud. The proven fraud allegations resulted in the arbitrator awarding \$500,000 in punitive damages against the plaintiff, in addition to the monetary damages proven.

In addition to the \$1.2 million award on the counterclaim, the firm extracted an attorney fee settlement of over \$56,000 against opposing counsel in the face of a motion for sanctions for frivolous, vexatious, and bad faith conduct throughout the litigation.

Paul Arenas is a maritime and transportation litigator with over two decades of experience. He is a member of the Transportation Lawyers Association and a Proctor in Admiralty Member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States.



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