

## And The Defense Wins

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In a recent three-day jury trial held in the United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana (Hammond, Indiana, Lake County), **Reminger Co., LPA** (Northwest Indiana office) obtained a defense verdict on behalf of their client, a fully integrated steelmaking facility, in a personal injury claim.

DRI member and managing partner of Reminger's Northwest Indiana office [Danny Merrill Newman, Jr.](#), was lead trial counsel for the defendant. The Plaintiff claimed permanent injuries after falling in a stairwell in one of the buildings at the defendant's steel mill. The Plaintiff was a vendor, thus an invitee, and he claimed the steel mill created a hazard that was unreasonably dangerous on the stairs.

One of Plaintiff's treating orthopedic surgeons testified that the Plaintiff needed two surgeries with physical therapy post-incident and, considering that the Plaintiff alleged to have continued pain and suffering after said course of treatment, was then a candidate for a total knee replacement.

The Plaintiff had not worked since the date of his fall in 2010, and sought prior lost wages, incurred medical expenses, and black-boarded past, present, and future pain and suffering for the rest of his life, with a top end range of total damages of approximately \$1,000,000.00. The jury returned a unanimous defense verdict (8-0).

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