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Employment Law and Litigation

Burke Defends Major Corporation from Suit by Injured Employee of Subcontractor

SITUATION

Our client, a major engineering and technology corporation, undertook renovation of its manufacturing facilities in the Los Angeles area. Our client hired a contracting company to do the work, and this contractor, in turn, hired several subcontractors to complete different parts of the renovation project.

CHALLENGES

Plaintiff was employed by one of the subcontractors to perform maintenance and monitoring of a cooling tower. Using the upper portion of a ladder that did not have proper footing to check the tower water level, plaintiff fell and was rendered a partial quadriplegic.

PROCESS

Plaintiff received workers' compensation for his injuries through his employer but sued our client and both the subcontractor whose work he had been checking on and the subcontractor whose equipment he had borrowed. Plaintiff's suit, based on theories of negligence, negligence per se, and premises liability, sought over eleven million dollars in damages from our client.