

DONALD MYLES & ASHLEY VILLAVERDE HALVORSON OBTAIN JURY VERDICT IN PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE CASE BROUGHT AGAINST AN INSURANCE AGENT

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Truck Insurance v. La Patisserie, et al. (Ariz. 2019) – Obtained successful jury verdict defending an insurance agent in a professional negligence action. The plaintiff bakery business failed and was liquidated after manufacturing contaminated bread distributed to a nationwide grocery retailer. The bakery alleged that the agent failed to offer a product recall endorsement on a commercial product manufacturing policy, which would have allegedly provided sufficient coverage to save the business from failing. After a three-week trial, the bakery prayed for \$70 million in damages (incl. those alleged against carrier). The jury awarded the bakery only \$2,616.80 on the agent negligence claim, representing the value the bakery later paid in premium to retroactively purchase the recall endorsement, and including a reduction due to the jury also finding the bakery was partially at fault for not obtaining the coverage.

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