## Secured FELA Defense Verdict in Cook County, IL for a Major Rail Carrier Client

On Friday, January 19, 2024 Amundsen Davis partners, Dennis Cotter and Jack Sanker, successfully obtained a not guilty defense jury verdict in favor of a major Chicago-area rail carrier in a Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA) case. The Plaintiff was represented by one of the leading Plaintiff FELA firms in Chicago. The case was tried in Cook County (IL) Circuit Court, traditionally considered one of the nation's most Plaintiff-friendly jurisdictions. Plaintiff's claimed damages included disability, disfigurement, earning loss and past and future pain and suffering. After a week-long trial, and despite the relaxed legal standards for both causation and negligence in FELA cases, the jury only deliberated for just over an hour before returning a unanimous verdict in favor of the defendant rail carrier.

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