

Delaware Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Alcon, Upholding Trial and Summary Judgment Wins in \$400 Million Trade Secrets and Contract Dispute

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On June 15, 2017, a Delaware jury returned a complete defense verdict in favor of Williams & Connolly clients Alcon Laboratories Holding Corp. and Alcon Research, Ltd. Claiming damages of over \$400 million, the plaintiff, a medical device start-up, brought multiple claims related to purported misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential information, as well as contract-related claims arising from a stock purchase agreement involving milestone payments. After winning summary judgment on the trade secrets claims, the Williams & Connolly team tried the contract claims to a complete defense verdict by a Delaware state jury.

On March 20, 2018, the Delaware Supreme Court affirmed the victory for Alcon. The appeal was argued by **David Riskin**.

Heidi Hubbard, **Dan Shanahan**, and **David Riskin** tried the jury trial, with a team that included **Tamara Rubb**, **Michelle Hood**, **Timika Adams-Sherman**, **Mimi Woldesemiat**, and **Sarah Topping**.

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