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Court Denies Motion for a New Trial in Jacqueline Goldberg v. Trump Condo Dispute

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A Northern Illinois District Court on August 23, 2013, denied Jacqueline Goldberg’s motion for a new trial in which she challenged a federal jury verdict returned three months earlier in favor of Novack and Macey’s client, Donald Trump and against Mrs. Goldberg. [Opinion](#).

At the trial, Novack and Macey attorneys represented 401 N. Wabash Venture LLC and Trump Chicago Managing Member, LLC, two companies affiliated with Donald Trump and the Trump Organization, Inc., against Mrs. Goldberg, who signed agreements to purchase two hotel condominium units in Chicago’s Trump International Hotel and Tower, but then did not close on them.

Mrs. Goldberg sued, alleging consumer fraud, breach of contract, breach of the Land Sales Act, breach of the Illinois Condominium Property Act and breach of the Illinois Securities Law— all of which were based on changes that the Trump defendants made to the Property Report between the time Mrs. Goldberg signed the agreements in 2006 and the time she was supposed to close in 2009.

The case was tried for two weeks to a jury in the Northern District of Illinois, and Mrs. Goldberg sought \$6 million in damages. Despite Mrs. Goldberg’s portrayal of the case as between an “Evanston grandmother” and wealthy “New York” corporate and celebrity defendants, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Trump defendants and against Mrs. Goldberg on all counts.

The court denied Mrs. Goldberg’s motion for a new trial and awarded costs to the Trump defendants.

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