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## **Partners Siegel and Miller Prevail Quickly in Avoiding Enforcement of a Detrimental Signed Agreement**

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Novack and Macey's client prevailed on the first day of a scheduled five-day evidentiary hearing when our opponent reversed course and withdrew his motion to enforce an alleged settlement agreement.

Before retaining Novack and Macey LLP, our client had participated in a two-day mediation at which she and her business partner signed a handwritten "Mediation Settlement Agreement." The plaintiff/business partner later sought to enforce the alleged settlement, asking a Cook County judge to award him \$1.8 million plus interest. Our client opposed the motion on several grounds, including because her partner allegedly had not performed the purported settlement agreement himself.

After Novack and Macey partners Steve Siegel and Richard Miller undertook a brief but intensive period of pre-trial discovery and briefing in opposition to the motion, the plaintiff got cold feet on the first day of the hearing. After the Court heard argument on two pre-trial motions brought by Novack and Macey, the plaintiff voluntarily withdrew his motion to enforce the alleged settlement. As a result, Novack and Macey's client avoided a claim for \$1.8 million plus interest. Novack and Macey continues to represent the client in the underlying dispute and lawsuit.

For more information regarding this case, please contact Steve Siegel or Richard Miller at (312) 419-6900.