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Novack and Macey Wins Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Misappropriation of Trade Secrets Case for Plas-Tool Co. After Jury Trial in District Court

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Novack and Macey recently obtained a jury victory for its client, Plas-Tool Co., in a case involving breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation of trade secrets claims.

Plas-Tool brought claims against a former Plas-Tool officer, his new employer and an officer of his new employer, alleging that they misappropriated trade secrets from Plas-Tool. The alleged trade secrets included customer information and highly technical manufacturing information. Plas-Tool also brought a breach of fiduciary duty claim against the former officer for allegedly diverting business from Plas-Tool to his new employer immediately before he left Plas-Tool.

Novack and Macey attorneys prevailed for their client after a two-and-a-half-week jury trial in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The jury found that the former employee, his new employer and the new employer's officer misappropriated certain of Plas-Tool's trade secrets and that the employee also breached his fiduciary duty, awarding Plas-Tool damages on both claims.

[Donald A. Tarkington](#) was the lead trial lawyer for Plas-Tool on the case. The trial team also included [Andrew D. Campbell](#), [Elizabeth C. Wolicki](#) and [Rebekah H. Parker](#).

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