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## Novack and Macey Wins Seventh Circuit Decision in Favor of the Trump Tower Chicago Developer

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In a unanimous decision, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed a district court ruling that dismissed a putative class action case against the developer of Chicago's Trump International Hotel & Tower.

The plaintiff had signed a \$2.2 million purchase agreement for a condominium unit and related parking spaces. He entered into the purchase contract when the real estate market was hot and sought to back out when the market tanked. Seeking to sue on his own behalf and that of a class of other purchasers to cancel the purchase and get back all earnest money, the plaintiff contended, among other things, that the purchase agreements were legally defective. The district court dismissed the original and two amended complaints. The Seventh Circuit affirmed, and later denied the plaintiff's motion for rehearing and rehearing *en banc*.

Partner [Stephen Novack](#) and associate [Rebekah H. Parker](#) were responsible for obtaining dismissal in the district court. Steve and of counsel [Shelby L. Drury](#) handled the appeal, with Steve presenting the oral argument.

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