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## Siegel wins summary judgment for client in lease dispute

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Partner [Steve Siegel](#) obtained summary judgment and an order of possession for a client in a lease dispute lawsuit.

Our client recently purchased property in the Chicago suburbs that it is developing into a shopping center. The property was subject to a billboard lease that had been effect since 1989. The lessee was a prominent outdoor advertising company that maintained a billboard on the property.

After the municipality authorized construction to start on the shopping center, our client terminated the lease and demanded that the billboard be removed. The billboard company, however, refused to remove its billboard and filed suit in federal court.

The client hired Novack and Macey. We obtained dismissal of the federal lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction, and, simultaneously, filed a complaint in Illinois state court against the billboard company in April, 2011. The billboard company raised a host of legal objections and aggressively contested the lawsuit. One month into our suit, we moved for summary judgment, asking the court to reject the billboard company's many objections as a matter of law.

On October 7, 2011, the court entered summary judgment in favor of our client and against the billboard company, ordering that the billboard be removed within 90 days. The court had strong praise for Siegel's legal briefs and oral argument.