Katten Attorneys Secure Favorable Pro Bono Settlement for L.A. Holocaust Museum

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Harrison Dossick, a partner in the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice, and Jarin Jackson, a litigation associate in the Los Angeles office, obtained a favorable settlement for the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust in a long-running lease dispute with a former landlord. The museum had leased a temporary space for its exhibits while building a permanent facility. When a flood damaged the temporary premises, the landlord refused to pay clean-up costs, which ultimately were paid by the museum. After the museum commenced arbitration, the landlord responded with a counterclaim alleging that the museum failed to restore the premises to its original office space configuration and sought damages that, if awarded, would have exceeded the amounts sought by the museum. Both sides were entrenched and neither appeared willing to compromise.

Mr. Dossick and Mr. Jackson submitted an extensive arbitration brief, located new evidence, secured the testimony of a key third party witness and were fully prepared to try the case. On the evening before arbitration was set to commence, the opposing party offered to resolve all disputes on terms favorable to the museum, which opened its permanent location at 100 South The Grove Drive in October 2010.

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