

## **Vorys Helps Sterling Chemicals, Inc. Win Important Victory in Rail Injury Case**

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Vorys partners Robert E. Tait and C. William O'Neill, obtained a unanimous jury defense verdict for Sterling Chemicals, Inc. after a 13-week trial. A lawsuit filed by Patrick McCarthy related to an on-the-job injury turned into what is believed to be the longest civil case in Hamilton County history.

McCarthy was injured when a manway cover from a rail car carrying chemicals blew off. McCarthy and his attorneys; Stan Chesley, Joe Deters and Bill Markovits, asked a Hamilton County jury to award him \$62 million.

Common Pleas Judge William Mallory presided over the case. The jury concluded there was no negligence on the part of the

defendants and McCarthy was awarded nothing.

Fred Raschke from Mills Shirley of Galveston, Texas served as co-counsel to the defense.

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