

NLJ No. 6 Verdict Nationally for 2015

# The No. 1 Professional Negligence Verdict in 2015 \$197.6 Million

“Scott D. Martin and SKM Partnership, Ltd., v. Andrews Kurth LLP”  
Cause No. 2013-61098  
234th District Court | Harris County, Texas



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and Christine Renne (not pictured), of Werner Ayers LLP;  
and Meredith B. Parenti, of Parenti Law PLLC.

Our legal team sued Andrews Kurth for malpractice after a Texas appeals court ruled that a settlement agreement was “unenforceable” and it left our clients without an ownership stake in the company at issue in litigation. On Nov. 11, 2015, a jury in 234th District Court found that Andrews Kurth committed malpractice. After a month of trial, the jury awarded our clients economic damages totaling \$197.6 million. The case settled in March 2016.

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