



Lathrop GPM LLP Secures \$27.4 Million Trial Win for Client Maxus Metropolitan LLC

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KANSAS CITY, MO (August 4, 2023) - Lathrop GPM LLP is pleased to share that on Aug. 3, 2023, a Western District of Missouri jury ruled in favor of the firm's client Maxus Metropolitan, LLC. After a two-week trial, the jury awarded Maxus Metropolitan LLC 100 percent of damages plus attorney's fees and vexatious refusal damages. The verdict totals about \$27.4 million.

The breach of contract case was brought against Travelers insurance company after it refused to pay covered losses following a September 2018 fire at the Metropolitan Apartments in Birmingham, Alabama. The apartments are managed by Maxus.

"We are very happy to achieve this favorable result for our client," said Lathrop GPM Partner Michael J. Abrams, who served as lead attorney on the case. "It was clear that these losses should have been covered, according to our client's insurance policy, and we are grateful that the jury agreed."

In addition to Abrams, the Lathrop GPM team included Partner Kim Winter, Associates Alana M. McMullin, Maddie Sanders, Noah Nash, and Brad Johnson, and Paralegal Melissa D. Love.