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Bird Marella Wins for Plaintiffs in Southern District of New York Bench Trial

Bird Marella partner Oliver Rocos and senior associate Darren Patrick won a contractual dispute in a bench trial in the Southern District of New York on behalf of their third-party logistics company client, which services apparel and home furnishings retailers nationwide.

The case began as a relatively minor disagreement over the appropriate storage rate, but quickly escalated into a hard-fought dispute involving more than $1 million in warehousing charges tied to goods valued between $5 million and $10 million. The defendants further asserted counterclaims valued at over $15 million.

In a ruling issued this week, the court awarded Bird Marella's client over $1.6 million in damages. Mr. Rocos and Mr. Patrick also successfully defeated all the defendant's counterclaims.