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Bird Marella Achieves Favorable Criminal Defense Outcome for Apparel Company Owner

Principal Benjamin N. Gluck, along with attorneys Naomi Solomon and Christopher Jumin Lee, achieved a significant and favorable outcome on behalf of their client in a criminal case. The client is the owner of one of the country's largest "fast fashion" wholesalers, and faced criminal charges of underpayment of tax and duty by $35 million and money laundering over $80 million.

Bird Marella previously reached a resolution with the government that allows the company to continue operating.

On December 6, 2021, U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips agreed with Bird Marella that the crime was "not about greed" and imposed a sentence of twelve months and one day in custody, rather than the five years recommended by the Sentencing Guidelines and demanded by the government.

Lead counsel on the case, Gluck, stated, "We are pleased and gratified that Judge Phillips considered our evidence and arguments so carefully. Complex criminal cases often have complex backstories. The job of defense counsel is to present those to the court so that the court can impose a just sentence, as Judge Phillips did here."

Learn more about Bird Marella's acclaimed criminal defense litigation practice here.