

Bird Marella Persuades Judge to Reject Prosecutors' Request for Billion Dollar Fine

Following the successful defense of Plains All American Pipeline in a four-month jury trial last summer involving an oil spill in Santa Barbara, Bird Marella prevailed at the sentencing hearing held on April 25th. The Plains defense team, led by principals Gary Lincenberg and Ariel Neuman along with principal Naeun Rim and associate Ray Seilie, successfully persuaded a California state judge to reject the prosecutor's demand for a \$1.2 billion penalty and to agree with Plains' request for a \$3 million fine, 1/400th of the amount the prosecution originally sought.