

# West Mermis Earns Defense Victory in South Texas Fatality Trial

West Mermis, PLLC, a Houston-based law firm, secured a take-nothing **defense verdict** for its client, a national highway construction contractor, in South Texas. Plaintiffs' counsel asked the jury to award \$40 million to the decedent's family. Following a two-week trial, the jury rendered a complete defense verdict.

According to the firm, the lawsuit arose out of a two-vehicle accident that occurred within a road construction project in Duval County, Texas. Vincent Vargas' vehicle rear-ended an 18-wheeler tractor-trailer within the construction contractor's highway construction zone. Vargas suffered fatal injuries as a result of the accident, and his parents filed a lawsuit against the construction contractor.

At trial, West Mermis highlighted the safety measures the construction contractor utilized during the road construction and the professionalism with which it performed its work, the firm said on its website. The defense team, led by Lawrence J. West and assisted by Francis D. McWilliams, emphasized to the jury that the evidence did not support the plaintiffs' allegations.

**Read details of the case.**