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### **Ackerman Wins Trial and Collects Judgment, Attorneys' Fees, and Costs**

**Orlando, Florida** – The firm is pleased to announce that Douglas W. Ackerman recently won a trial, and collected principal damages, prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees and court costs. The case involved a luxury residence in Winter Park's coveted 32789 zip code. Mr. Ackerman represented the installer of elaborate stone work on the exterior of the house. When Mr. Ackerman's client remained unpaid at the conclusion of the work, a construction lien was recorded against the property. After exhausting all settlement options, the case was vigorously litigated over a myriad of issues, including allegedly defective work, alleged oral change orders, and alleged non-receipt of certified mail. To complicate matters, title to the property purported to be transferred after Mr. Ackerman had recorded the Claim of Lien and a *lis pendens*.



Finally, a two day trial before an Orange County Judge occurred. The judge ruled that Mr. Ackerman's client had recorded a valid lien, and that the client was the "prevailing party" in the litigation, and thus entitled to attorneys' fees and court costs. After extensive post-trial negotiations, Mr. Ackerman then actually collected all of the client's principal damages, prejudgment interest, and court costs, and 90% of the client's attorneys' fees.

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