

Carlton Fields Obtains Directed Verdict in Real Property Lawsuit in Federal Court

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Carlton Fields' Real Property Litigation and Appellate Practice and Trial Support groups recently joined forces to successfully defend their clients in a jury trial in the Southern District of Florida. Carlton Fields' clients, two companies affiliated with real estate development firm BH3 Management LLC, purchased a beachfront hotel in Hillsboro Beach, Florida. The plaintiff brought suit alleging, among other things, that the company that sold the hotel to BH3's affiliated companies did not have authority to sell it and sought rescission of the sale. After six days of trial, the Carlton Fields team obtained a directed verdict in favor of their clients, upon showing they were the rightful owners of the property. The sale was upheld even though the jury ultimately found that the individual who signed the deed on behalf of the seller of the hotel and her husband were liable to their partner for fraudulently stealing the hotel from him.

This is a perfect example of the synergies between litigation and appellate trial support teams working together to achieve a favorable outcome for our clients. "From my perspective," said Chris Smart, lead trial counsel, "there was nothing more helpful and reassuring at this trial for me and my co-trial counsel Scott Feather than having a sharp attorney like Christine Davis providing appellate trial support and practical advice."

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