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On April 6, 2022, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills issued his Statement of Decision in favor of the defense, following a 5-week personal injury trial in Monterey, California. Plaintiff Daniel Kim sustained serious injuries including a broken femur, hip and traumatic brain injury following a motorcycle crash during a track day event at the Laguna Seca Raceway in 2015. His negligence claims against the Sports Car Racing Association of Monterey County (SCRAMP) and the County of Monterey were dismissed on summary judgement based on the written liability waivers, and the case proceeded to trial on a gross negligence theory. The outcome of the case was closely watched due to its implications in sporting and recreational activities, and the favorable defense decision resounded throughout the racing community. An adverse outcome would have threatened the existence of racetracks in California since liability waivers are effective against ordinary negligence claims but are not effective against gross negligence. DRI member **Will Kronenberg** represented SCRAMP and the County of Monterey.

On June 22, 2022, a unanimous Superior Court jury in San Luis Obispo, California returned a defense verdict in favor of the Glenn Martin Company in a personal injury action brought by Plaintiff Paul Richard. Plaintiff, a truck driver for a local freight company claimed to have fallen in the parking lot of an industrial property managed by the Glenn Martin Company. As a result of the fall, Plaintiff sustained serious injuries including a spiral fracture of his right ankle, which ultimately resulted in a below the knee amputation of his right leg. DRI member **Will Kronenberg** represented the Glenn Martin Company, a property management firm based in Arroyo Grande, California. Following a half day of deliberations, the jury rejected all of the claims against the Glenn Martin Company and returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the defense.



Will Kronenberg is the managing member of Kronenberg Law, PC, an Oakland based litigation firm specializing in the defense of lawsuits involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, sexual abuse, and products liability claims. He has tried cases to verdict throughout the Federal and State courts of California, as well as in Montana, Texas, North Carolina, Arizona, and South Carolina. He is often brought into cases to serve as lead trial counsel shortly before trial.