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On September 12, 2023, a Riverside County jury returned a defense verdict in a catastrophic injury trial held in Department PS2 in Palm Springs. The plaintiff fell at the JW Marriott Desert Springs while it was in the middle of a two-year construction project which included a total renovation of all 844 guest rooms and common areas. The plaintiff was a guest at the property which had remained open during renovation, and she sustained serious and permanent injuries including a traumatic brain injury, and cervical tear requiring a C4-C7 anterior cervical discectomy and fusion. DRI member **Will Kronenberg** was retained to take over the defense three months before trial to represent the general contractor, who proceeded to trial alone after the remaining defendants settled out, including the hotel ownership group and management company. The court bifurcated the trial pursuant to a request by the defense and the jury returned a verdict of no liability in favor of the general contractor.



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