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Troutman Pepper Locke Helps Notch Verdict for Piedmont Park Conservancy in High-Profile Contract Dispute

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ATLANTA – Troutman Pepper Locke secured a defense verdict after an eight-day jury trial in a contract construction dispute in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia. The case, *Be Our Guest Invs. v. Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc.*, concluded on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, with a finding from the jury that the plaintiff, Be Our Guest, breached the lease agreement, resulting in an award of both compensatory damages and attorneys' fees to the Piedmont Park Conservancy, a nonprofit organization in Atlanta that manages the largest public park in the city, Piedmont Park.

Although the jury found both parties breached the lease agreement in some respect, Be Our Guest had asked the jury to award it over \$6 million in damages, including a claim for future lost profits. Instead, following post-trial briefing, on March 5, 2025, the court entered the final judgment, finding that "PPC is entitled to recover \$1,514,370.34" from the plaintiff, Be Our Guest, and entered an award of nominal damages to the plaintiff in the amount of \$171,107.

"The unanimous jury verdict provides relief to the Piedmont Park Conservancy from a lengthy and costly legal battle with a former tenant. We are extremely pleased with the outcome and the jury's finding," said [Jason McLarry](#), Troutman Pepper Locke partner who led the defense.

McLarry and partner [Brett Mason](#) served as trial counsel, with key trial support from associates [Frederick King](#), [Alex Martinez](#), [Nicole Laudick](#), and [Rachel Hendrix](#).

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