

Defense verdict in \$70 million Chinese-manufactured Drywall Litigation

GJTBS successfully defended the Louisiana importer and distributor of Chinese-manufactured drywall against claims brought by homeowners. The bellwether trial was part of the billion dollar Multi-District Litigation pending in the Eastern District of Louisiana involving the tainted building product used throughout the United States Gulf Coast in 2006 and 2007. The lawsuit directly involved claims against the firm's client in excess of \$70 million. Rick Duplantier and Ben Grau, both Directors in the firm's New Orleans office, led the litigation team in the week-long federal jury trial. The jury returned the unanimous verdict in favor of our client after only one hour of deliberations.