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Dykema Launches New National Trial Team

With Fewer Cases Going To Trial, National Firm Recognizes and Responds to Need for Specialized, Seasoned Trial Counsel
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Dykema, a leading national law firm, announces the formation and launch of its new National Trial Team – a group of experienced trial lawyers who have tried hundreds of cases to verdict.

The 27 lawyers on Dykema’s National Trial Team, resident in firm offices in California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Washington, D.C., have taken over 650 cases to verdict, including 94 in the past five years alone. This 27-member team has tried cases covering a wide range of practice areas from product liability to intellectual property, antitrust, securities, employment, and every form of business litigation, as well as across all major industries from automotive to pharmaceutical, aviation, healthcare, financial services, computer technology, entertainment and telecommunications.

Beyond mere numbers, Dykema National Trial Team members have tried some of the biggest cases in the country, including most recently, *Westgate Ford Truck Sales, on Behalf of Itself and a Class of Ford Medium and Heavy Duty Truck Dealers vs. Ford Motor Company* (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland, Ohio), in which members obtained a favorable defense verdict in the retrial of a class action where the original trial (handled by another firm) had resulted in a \$2.2 billion verdict.

Dan Stephenson, Los Angeles-based member of the firm and leader of the Dykema National Trial Team, notes “with fewer cases going to trial all the time, fewer lawyers know how to try cases. The result is that today, many large firms have good litigators but they have little trial experience. Our team has such deep bench strength that, even with minimum advance notice, we can be ready to take any case to trial – anywhere, anytime.” Stephenson, an accomplished trial attorney with over 30 years of experience as a Dykema litigator, once secured a favorable defense verdict for an airframe manufacturer in the biggest case the State of Michigan has ever seen – an airplane disaster trial that lasted 18 months.

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