Hedrick Gardner Attorneys Secure Favorable Trial Verdict in Twenty-Year Environmental Contamination Case

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Hedrick Gardner attorneys Brian Williams, Brian Akers, and Hunter Walsh secured a favorable verdict for our clients in a highly technical, expert-heavy lawsuit brought against them by a Fortune 500 company represented by a prominent environmental law firm.

Our clients were the general contractor and subcontractor who installed a new fueling system at plaintiff's business. Three separate underground gas leaks that occurred over a decade at Plaintiffs' business allegedly required extensive cleanup, which the company alleged was due to faulty installation by our clients.

The leaks resulted in three separately-filed lawsuits, all handled by our team. The most recent suit went to trial in January of 2026 in Wake County Superior Court.

Going into the week-and-a-half-long jury trial, our clients faced $20 million in exposure. The jury found that one of our clients was not liable and that the second was ultimately liable for approximately $100,000, which is one-sixth of what we had offered to settle the case before trial.

This result reflects the depth of Hedrick Gardner's Construction Law practice in defending contractors and subcontractors in complex, high-stakes litigation.

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