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RUTTER HOBBS & DAVIDOFF SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS INDUSTRIAL MACHINE WORKS IN FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT

LOS ANGELES (September 12, 2007) – Los Angeles-based law firm Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated recently defended Industrial Machine Works from a frivolous lawsuit, saving the company significant losses and staving off other like-minded plaintiffs seeking a payday at the expense of hard-working and reputable businesses.

Industrial Machine Works is a heavy-duty American diesel machine shop located in Los Angeles, and one of the last factories of its kind. The case, *Thiet Chau dba Double 3 & Trees Transport v. International Diversified Corporation dba Industrial Machine Works*, while sounding complicated, was straightforward in many elements. Double 3 & Trees Transport asserted that some parts or service provided by Industrial Machine Works were faulty and blamed the defendant for substantial out-pocket and consequential damages, including loss of business allegedly incurred by the transport company. The plaintiff asserted claims against Industrial Machine Works for unfair business practices, fraud, negligence and breach of contract and sought compensatory and punitive damages in an amount that would have put Industrial Machine Works out of business.

Given that the failed parts were not retained as evidence, the plaintiff's claims were found to be contrived, and the plaintiff's demands were legally unsupported, the case was decided completely in Industrial Machine Works' favor on August 30 after a six-day jury trial. Judgment on the special verdict is to be entered on September 14 before the Honorable Ronald M. Sohigian in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

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“Industrial Machine Works is a small company,” said Ashley Miller, president of Industrial Machine Works. “Because of our experience with Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff, I can honestly say that I believe in the American judicial system. You hear so many stories about these ridiculous lawsuits being filed in the hopes of a settlement. It’s nice to know that you don’t have to settle with these unscrupulous people and that justice can still prevail for companies like ours who are just trying to offer a quality product for a reasonable price.”

“This is a great example of a plaintiff who got out of control and the courts ensuring that the small business at stake wasn’t held hostage in the process,” said Geoffrey M. Gold, the lead attorney representing Industrial Machine Works for Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff. “You hear a lot about how much ‘simpler’ it is for a business to settle. But there are times when you absolutely should take a case to trial, and this was one of those instances. People should better understand that the pockets of America’s small businesses are not bottomless, that their successes or failures can sometimes be a very thin line, and that businesses like Industrial Machine Works will defend their businesses and their principles to the fullest extent. We are thrilled to have secured this judgment in their favor.”

About Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated

Century City-based law firm Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated represents clients in matters involving business disputes and litigation, real estate, intellectual property, labor and employment, corporate and securities, bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, estate planning and probate litigation. For more than one-third of a century, the firm has represented middle market companies, early stage entities, large corporations and individuals; offering clients thoughtful, focused legal counsel from senior attorneys for competitive fees. For more information, please visit www.rutterhobbs.com.

About Industrial Machine Works

Industrial Machine Works, located in Los Angeles, refurbishes and sells heavy-duty industrial and diesel motor parts. The company, one of the last factories of its kind, has been providing fuel injection, parts, head-blocks and cranks for over 50 years to commercial customers in the heavy equipment, trucking and boating industries. For more information, call (323) 265-7199.

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