

## Bird Marella Persuades Judge to Reject Prosecutors' Request for Billion Dollar Fine

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Following the successful defense of Plains All American Pipeline in a four-month jury trial last summer involving an oil spill in Santa Barbara, Bird Marella prevailed at the sentencing hearing held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Plains defense team, led by principals Gary Lincenberg and Ariel Neuman along with principal Naeun Rim and associate Ray Seilie, successfully persuaded a California state judge to reject the prosecutor's demand for a \$1.2 billion penalty and to agree with Plains' request for a \$3 million fine, 1/400<sup>th</sup> of the amount the prosecution originally sought.