Texas Supreme Court Rejects State of Texas Bid to Overturn \$28.8M Harris County Jury Verdict for CC Telge Road, LP

The Texas Supreme Court has rejected a bid from has initially denied the Sstate of Texas' request to reverse the affirmation of a \$28.8 million jury verdict for Vinson & Elkins client CC Telge Road, LP in connection with the right-of-way acquired from the WillowCreek Ranch development for the Grand Parkway toll road pProject.

In a unanimous opinion issued on May 28, 2020, the Houston First Court of Appeals affirmed in all aspects a February 2018 jury verdict in favor of CC Telge. As referenced in the <u>opinion</u>, at trial, the State argued it owed compensation of \$1.3 million and CC Telge requested \$28.8 million from the jury. The Texas Lawbook reported this to be the highest jury verdict ever for a property owner in a Texas condemnation case (The Texas Lawbook, February 7, 2018).

The State petitioned for review from the high courtfiled a Petition for Review with the Texas Supreme Court in November 2020 and in a list of orders issuedon March 5, 2021, the Texas Supreme Court declined to hear Texas' argument that the First Court of Appeals wrongly sided with CC Telgedenied the Petition for Review.

There is a team of V&E lawyers and staff who participated in this case during pre-trial discovery, trial and on appeal. The trial lawyers were <u>Donny Griffin</u> and <u>Billy Dyer</u> with assistance from <u>Cathy Smith</u> on appellate issues.

Read more about the Texas Supreme Court's decision in Law360.