

## And The Defense Wins

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DRI members [Franklin Beahm](#) and [Christopher Otten](#) of **Beahm & Green** in New Orleans, Louisiana, successfully defended a hospital liability claim centering on the post-Katrina environment, *Hitchens v. Touro Infirmary*. The plaintiffs, family members of the decedent patient, claimed that the conditions in the hospital caused or exacerbated the decedent patient's preexisting health issues and caused or contributed to her death approximately one month after Hurricane Katrina. The plaintiffs sought damages in the amount of \$800,000. The case was tried to the judge, who took the matter under advisement and entered a defense judgment in favor of the hospital with written reasons in January 2019.