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Worldwide Network Services Verdict Named Largest in Virginia in 2008

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(Washington, D.C.) – The $15+ million jury verdict awarded to Worldwide Network Services (WWNS) in May 2008 was the largest jury verdict of that year in Virginia, according to Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

The case against DynCorp International L.L.C. involved counts of racial discrimination under 42 USC 1981, tortious interference with contract, breach of contract, and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing. The eight-person Eastern District of Virginia jury awarded WWNS over $5 million plus interest in compensatory damages and $10 million in punitive damages. The $15+ million jury verdict was in addition to Judge Gerald Lee’s $2+ million directed verdict entered on May 12, 2008, as well as a $3.2 million payment to WWNS from DynCorp in February 2008 for unpaid invoices.

WWNS, a Washington, D.C.-based telecommunications and information technology provider, worked as a subcontractor to DynCorp in Iraq and Afghanistan under the multibillion-dollar State Department International Civilian Police training program, installing telecommunications equipment and network services. WWNS brought suit against DynCorp in October 2006, accusing the defense contractor of actions designed to force WWNS out of the Iraq and Afghanistan projects.

Lawyers from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C., represented Worldwide Network Services at trial.

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