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And The Defense Wins

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On October 14, 2016, DRI member [William Kronenberg](#) received a defense verdict in a wrongful death case following a two-week jury trial. Mr. Kronenberg represented the race promoter of the Marysville Raceway, a quarter-mile dirt oval racetrack in Northern California. The case followed the death of a 14 year old, who was working as a member of a pit crew for his cousin's race team, when he was struck and killed by an out of control winged sprint racecar while he was in the pits area. The plaintiffs claimed that their son died as a result of gross negligence in the design of the track, in particular the configuration of the open track exit. Plaintiffs' counsel asked the jury to award \$10 million dollars for the death. Following three days of deliberation, the Placer County Superior Court jury disagreed, finding that the tragic death was not the result of gross negligence and awarded a defense verdict.

William Kronenberg is the managing member of **Kronenberg Law PC**, located in Oakland, California, whose practice focuses on the defense of catastrophic injury claims.

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