

And The Defense Wins

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On November 7, 2017, a jury in Kern County, California, returned a defense verdict in a products liability trial for DRI member [William Kronenberg](#), on behalf of Barbar Inc., a Beverley Hills supplier of beauty and hair products. The plaintiff, owner of a Bakersfield beauty salon, sustained a serious eye injury while assembling a hair steamer manufactured in China and distributed by Barbar, Inc. She underwent four surgical procedures, including implantation of an artificial lens, trabeculectomy and revision surgeries. At trial, plaintiff submitted a \$1.8 million dollar future life care plan, and asked the jury to award a total of \$5 million dollars in past and future damages. Strict product liability theories, including design defect under both the consumer expectations and risk-benefits tests, as well as failure to warn, were presented to the jury and rejected outright, resulting in a complete defense verdict. Mr. Kronenberg is the managing member of **Kronenberg Law, PC**, in Oakland, California, and specializes in catastrophic personal injury cases.

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