

Gray Reed Secures \$1.2M Verdict and Permanent Injunction in First Harris County Probate Court Jury Trial of the COVID Era

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On October 22, 2020, after a four-day trial in Harris County Probate Court #1, a 12-person jury unanimously found that the trustee Defendant intentionally and maliciously breached her fiduciary duties by refusing to administer trust assets to Gray Reed's clients who were the sole beneficiaries of the trust. After closing argument by Gray Reed Associate [Trey Avant](#), Gray Reed's clients were awarded all of the requested relief including actual damages, exemplary damages and attorney's fees, totaling \$1.2M.

The beneficiaries were represented by Trey Avant and [Aaron Dobbs](#), Chair of the firm's Fiduciary and Probate Litigation Practice Group.

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