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### John C. Trimble and Lewis S. Wooton



DRI members [John C. Trimble](#) and [Lewis S. Wooton](#) of the Indianapolis law firm of [Lewis Wagner, LLP](#) have won a pivotal legal victory for the Indiana State Fair Commission in litigation stemming from seven fatalities and multiple injuries in a stage rigging collapse that occurred during the Sugarland concert at the Indiana State Fair on August 13, 2011. A Marion County Superior Court Judge has ruled that the Indiana

State Fair Commission does not have to indemnify Mid-America Sound Corporation, the owner of the collapsed stage rigging. Mid-America Sound had claimed that it had a contractual right to be indemnified by the State Fair, based upon indemnification language on the back of an invoice.

In a ruling on March 10, 2014, the court held that the State Fair Commission is not responsible for indemnifying or defending the company.

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