

Client Success Story

Background

Micheal Nugent is a businessman with ventures in several countries, the United States and Australia included. One of those companies was a defendant in a breach of contract lawsuit, where, unfortunately, the plaintiff obtained victory based on false allegations, leaving Nugent's business on the wrong end of a \$2.3 million default judgment. Nugent sought an attorney to set aside the default judgment and have a trial on damages. After searching for appropriate and qualified representation, he found Daniel Mestaz.

Challenges

- Obtaining a fair trial on damages after a default judgment was already entered against the company could prove challenging.
- The opponent's misrepresentations could continue during the trial.
- There were many complexities involved in the case; and making matters more convoluted, the main issue was an Arizona matter, but the company had international owners, and those who would be integral to the case were in other countries.



Our Solution

- Daniel Mestaz collected all relevant evidence and documents in preparation for developing his approach to the situation and the trial.
- Using The Chron, all documents were given a bar code for easy reference and presentation to the court.

Outcome

- Attorney Mestaz was able to show the court that the opposing side obtained the default judgment based on misrepresentations and omissions.
- The \$2.3 million default judgment was set aside.
- During a retrial on the issue of damages, the court found that the plaintiff suffered zero damages.
- The client plans to continue using Dan Mestaz for commercial litigation matters going forward (the time frame Nugent estimates is decades).



He masterfully ran a proper legal case. It was very, very masterful – his legal methodology process and how he went through from A to Z to reach the conclusion. There was no trickery - nothing like that. I like the fact that Daniel was clean and clear. I think that Daniel came out very well on this as a person who can run a proper case and the client is not going to feel shortchanged or sold out. He was the man!