

Hopkins Law Firm Obtains \$475,000 Settlement for Clients in Dispute against Landfill

Hopkins Law Firm principal Bill Hopkins, along with co-counsel Gary Poliakoff of Poliakoff & Associates in Spartanburg, South Carolina obtained a \$475,000 settlement for their clients in a lawsuit against Lee County Landfill of SC, LLC, the owner and operator of the Lee County Landfill in Bishopville, South Carolina. The lawsuit alleged nuisance and negligence against the landfill operator relating to odors emanating from the landfill. Specifically, the clients (an elderly couple) alleged that the value of their property was substantially diminished as a result of the odors and that the wife's pulmonary problems were exacerbated by the odors and release of methane gas from the landfill. The case settled during the second day of jury selection on February 24, 2015. The landfill operator denied both liability and damages arising from the operation of the landfill. The case was filed in the Lee County Court of Common Pleas and the case caption is W.A. Berry and Ruth I. Berry v. Lee County Landfill of SC, LLC.