

# Rare FELA Not Guilty Verdict Obtained in a Case Against a Commuter Rail Provider

Jack Sanker and Dennis Cotter successfully represented a commuter rail carrier after an employee injured his knee while stepping down from the bed of his work truck. The incident left the employee with torn ligaments in his knee, which led to reconstructive surgery and then, after complications, a revision surgery. The employee maintained that the truck was unsafe because it lacked the proper hand holds and adequate equipment storage, and violated various statutory rail safety requirements. Amundsen Davis argued that the truck was reasonably safe for its intended purpose and that no statutory or other FRA requirement mandated any other modifications to the truck. The case was tried against the leading FELA plaintiff firm in Chicago.

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