# TECHLAW CONNECTION ACHIEVES RAPID EXIT FROM PURPORTED CLASS ACTION

***Haynes and Boone turns to Jenner & Block to Extricate Client from Tollway Dispute***

Last August the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority announced that it would substantially increase tolls on its Chicago system. A group of Tollway users filed suit challenging the Tollway's actions, and sought a preliminary injunction and damages on behalf of all Tollway users. In addition to the Tollway, the group named a Haynes and Boone Tollway consultant client as a co defendant.

Randy Colson contacted Rich Gray in Jenner's Chicago office with the straightforward question: "My client is only a consultant following the Tollway's instructions – can you get it out of this case?" Because defending a purported class action seeking emergency relief can quickly become a very expensive proposition, Rich immediately contacted opposing counsel who, as anticipated, contended that the Tollway consultant was a "necessary party" to insure complete injunctive relief. Randy, Rich and the client quickly developed facts demonstrating the client's subordinate role in implementing the fare increase, while other Jenner attorneys took steps to prepare the pleadings necessary to the Tollway consultant's defense.

Through a rapid series of letters and phone calls, Jenner was able to preview the defense it was preparing and persuade plaintiffs' counsel that his clients did not really want two law firms opposing them. Jenner offered the practical alternative of dismissing the Tollway consultant from the case, without prejudice. Plaintiffs agreed, dismissing the Tollway consultant while the case continues against the Tollway to this day.

This successful collaboration between Haynes and Boone and Jenner & Block is just one of many TechLaw success stories, providing a glimpse into the win-win our member firms achieve for their clients through use of our network.

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