

Labor Relations Attorney Discusses Significance of Recent NLRB Decision

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One of the nation's most prominent unions faces a crippling financial blow in the form of a jury award of \$93.6 million for having engaged in unfair labor practices against an employer forced to abandon a facility because of the union's actions. In it's coverage of the case, *Material Handling and Logistics* quoted Columbia Labor Relations attorney Phillips McWilliams on the significance of the decision. He said, "the NLRB decision favoring the IBEW didn't go over well with the ILWU." Regardless of the eventual outcome, Phillips said, the "astonishing" jury verdict represents a significant victory for employers because it demonstrates that unions cannot engage in unfair labor practices with impunity, and there may be significant consequences to any illegal activity.

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