

## CASE STUDY

# Successfully defended a national retailer against allegations of real estate fraud

## OVERVIEW

A national retailer faced accusations of fraud and a multi-million dollar claim when it sold a commercial property in New England. Our client bought the property, a former gas station located at a prominent intersection, from a previous business and sold it to a native and long-time resident of the community. Despite knowing the property's past use, the buyer claimed that our client fraudulently said the site was environmentally clean.

We tried the case in the plaintiff's home town and presented the jury with witnesses and other evidence that he knew the site was a former gas station and had seen it being remediated. After the other side presented its case, we argued that the plaintiff had not proven his case and moved for a directed verdict, which the judge granted.