

# Florida Supreme Court Ruling 'Guts the Impact of Punitive Damages' [Daily Business Review]

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Ralf Rodriguez, a member of the firm's Construction Law Group, was quoted in a *Daily Business Review* article. The Florida Supreme Court recently ruled that a trial judge in a wrongful-death action must use judicial discretion on whether a punitive damages award a jury returned is reasonable compared to the compensatory damage award and the injury the beneficiaries suffered. "Attorneys need to maximize compensatory damages in a strict liability or negligence claim if they're seeking punitives," said Ralf. "Attorneys need to educate the jury to recognize that compensatory damages are the driving force behind the litigation, and they can't just depend on punitive damages."

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