

# Won a Defense Verdict in a Premises Liability Case Involving an Arsonist

SmithAmundsen won a defense verdict for property owners facing premises liability allegations after an arsonist started a fire in their building. A resident of the building died trying to escape the fire after re-entering the building for an unknown reason. The jury trial lasted one week in Cook County, Illinois, as one of the first in-person jury trials conducted live post-pandemic.

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