

## DEFAULT JUDGMENT RELIEF

Armstrong Teasdale's appellate practice includes lawyers skilled in the strict procedures that must be followed to challenge and seek to set aside default judgments. When a defendant is served with a lawsuit and fails to respond, the plaintiff can seek an entry of default judgment, sometimes totaling tens of millions of dollars. Companies subject to default judgments frequently find themselves facing existential crises that could cost them their business, let alone potential PR nightmares and loss of goodwill from stakeholders and the public.

Our attorneys are well versed in the exacting requirements that unwinding a default judgment entails. They are adept at handling motions to set aside in multiple jurisdictions, some of which present significant procedural requirements that are traps for the unwary. In a process that requires adherence to complicated and specific rules and statutes, our lawyers navigate this landscape with precision while remaining mindful of competing business interests and the compressed timeframes in which action must be taken.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Vacated Default Judgment for Pro Bono Client**

Successfully obtained an order vacating a default judgment against pro bono client which allowed her to have her driver's license reinstated.

#### **Reversal of a Default Judgment**

Secured a reversal of default judgment for a large commercial client by demonstrating the original judgment was null and void.

#### **Obtained Order Setting Aside \$2.25 Million Judgment**

Obtained order setting aside a Default Judgment that awarded plaintiffs \$2,250,000 plus costs for injuries allegedly sustained due to the failure of a medical device.

### THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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**Commentary: Recent pitfalls in default judgment litigation**

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