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Chapman & Spingola wins reformation of deed and compensatory and punitive damages in bench trial in Chancery Division in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

CHICAGO — Chapman & Spingola attorneys, Robert Chapman and Sarah Terman, won a major victory at trial in the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Chapman and Terman represented a physician who entered into a real estate partnership with a family friend and real estate developer. After the transaction was completed, their client learned that his partner had improperly retained for himself a portion of the property that was to be acquired by the partnership. The defendant partner contended the firm's client had agreed to his retention of the property.

"We were gratified that the court was persuaded by the veracity of our client's claims given the complexities of the fact set," said Robert Chapman. Following trial, the court issued an extensive opinion that reformed the deed and awarded \$382,000 in compensatory damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages. Senior Trial Counsel, Jim Chapman, assisted with trial strategy, and Director of Research and Writing, Bob Shapiro, assisted with the pre-trial and post-trial briefs.