

Beasley Allen files suit on behalf of foreman killed in collapse of I-10 twin span bridge during construction in Louisiana

Montgomery, Ala. – Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., filed suit today in Louisiana state court on behalf of the family of Eric Troy Blackmon, who was killed in the Oct. 30, 2008, collapse of the I-10 twin span bridge during construction. Blackmon was employed by Boh Bros Construction L.L.C. as foreman on the project at the time of his death.

Beasley Allen lawyers Jere L. Beasley, J. Greg Allen and Chris D. Glover representing Blackmon's wife, Juanita Ann Craig, and daughter, Brittany Diane Craig, as plaintiffs in the case. Defendants named in the suit include Gulf Coast Pre-Stress, Inc.; State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development; and Volkert & Associates, Inc.

Boh Brothers was hired by the Louisiana DOTD as contractor on a new Interstate 10 twin span bridge over Lake Pontchartrain, between New Orleans and Slidell, La. The new bridge is currently being constructed approximately 300 feet east of the existing I-10 bridge and approximately 30 feet above Lake Pontchartrain. Blackmon and nine other construction workers fell from the bridge into the water below when a girder on which they were standing collapsed.

The suit alleges the defendants learned of problems in the design of the girders that prevented them from being properly secured to the bridge. According to the complaint, the defendants were negligent in remedial measures taken to repair the design issues in the girders.

"This was a terrible incident that resulted in the loss of a loved father and husband," Mr. Beasley said. "Mr. Blackmon and his co-workers that day were doing exactly what they should have been doing. These concrete girders are not supposed to fall. This is something that should never have happened."

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