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Shout-out: McKool Smith and Greenberg Traurig Win One for Katy Perry and the L.A. Archdiocese

Talk about unlikely co-plaintiffs: pop star Katy Perry and The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles.

After a 10-day trial in Los Angeles County Superior Court, a jury on Friday awarded Perry and the archdiocese \$5 million in legal fees, and will consider additional punitive damages on December 1.

The dispute involved an attempt by developer Dana Hollister to interfere with the archdiocese's \$14.5 million deal to sell a former convent to Perry and her company, The Bird Nest LLC.

The archbishop and the California Institute of the Sisters of the Most Holy and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary were represented by **McKool Smith Hennigan** lawyers **J. Michael Hennigan, Kirk Dillman, Robert King** and **Robert Mockler**. They were awarded nearly \$3.5 million in fees.

Perry, represented by **Eric Rowen** of **Greenberg Traurig**, was awarded \$1.57 million.

"As we maintained throughout the trial, the actions of the defendant forced our clients into court, and fueled this two-and-a-half year legal dispute," Dillman said in a statement. "We are pleased with the jury's decision that our fees are fair and reasonable."

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