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And The Defense Wins

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[Stephen Acker](#) and [Sonie Haneline](#) of **Acker and Whipple** obtained a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in favor of their public school district client, in *KF v. LAUSD*. Plaintiff, a then three and a half-year-old special needs student, claimed to have been sexually assaulted by a bus driver while she was alone on a school bus, resulting in lifetime psychological and emotional injury. Plaintiff's counsel argued that his client had sustained injury sufficient to justify an eight figure jury demand. Following 15 days of testimony and three days of deliberation, the jury found that plaintiff had not proven her case against the school district or its school transportation contractor.

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