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## **JUDGEMENT FOR DEFENDANT MANUFACTURER HOUSE FIRE**

The Forensic Engineering Division of Brosz and Associates is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of a trial involving an alleged defective baseboard heater.

The Plaintiff maintained that the high temperature limit device in the baseboard heater in question had failed to operate, therefore causing the baseboard heater to overheat and start a fire that destroyed his newly built home.

Tests by Brosz and Associates proved that the heater core of the baseboard heater, even with the high temperature limit removed, would rise and stabilize at a temperature determined by its voltage and resistance. The heater element could not overheat and cause the fire as claimed, without the existence of a foreign combustible material in intimate contact with the element.

Judgment was found for the manufacturer. The plaintiffs had failed to convince the court on a balance of probabilities that the heater caused the fire. Brosz and Associates provided forensic engineering services, including testing and court testimony, on behalf of the defendant manufacturer and their law firm.

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