

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*SilverWing at Sandpoint, LLC v. Bonner County*, Docket No. 45052

The Idaho Supreme Court reversed a district court's ruling in a promissory estoppel case. The case arose from an agreement between Appellant Bonner County (the "County") and Respondent SilverWing at Sandpoint, LLC ("SilverWing") in which SilverWing sought to develop a residential hangar and taxiway adjacent to the Sandpoint Airport. During development the County led SilverWing to believe that the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") had approved plans for the taxiway when it had not, resulting in a substantial change in the construction plans. After trial, a jury returned a verdict in favor of SilverWing under the doctrine of promissory estoppel. The County then filed a motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict ("JNOV"), which the district court denied. On appeal the Idaho Supreme Court found the dispositive issue to be whether the evidence before the jury showed that SilverWing suffered a substantial economic detriment due to its reliance on the County's promises. In a unanimous decision, the Idaho Supreme Court found that the County had fully performed the promises that SilverWing alleged the County had made and as such, it reversed the district court's denial of the motion for JNOV and remanded the case for a redetermination of costs and fees.