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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS: WHY IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION

In an article published by the Daily Journal on January 19, 2012, Brian Kabateck and Cioffi Remmer -- attorneys with Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP in Los Angeles -- reported that as a result of this era of lean budgets, local governments are increasingly teaming up with plaintiffs' attorneys who work on a contingency fee basis. These arrangements, according to Kabateck and Remmer, benefit taxpayers because the plaintiffs' attorneys bear the burdens and costs of litigation, while the public has more resources to pursue significant recoveries against wrongdoers. Court decisions have explicitly approved these arrangements with the most recent ruling coming down in 2010. "The truth is that these partnerships are a win-win for all parties," Kabateck and Remmer wrote.