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Taylor & Walker associate Audrey Marcello successfully defends a workers' compensation death claim.

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Norfolk - Taylor & Walker associate Audrey Marcello successfully defends a workers' compensation death claim, in which a traveling miniature golf course construction employee was a passenger in a fatal accident in Ohio. In *The Estate of Ronald Craig v. American Miniature Golf*, VWC File No. 219-15-88 (November 9, 2006), the Virginia Workers' Compensation Full Commission affirmed the deputy commissioner's finding that the decedent's death did not arise out of and in the course of his employment, as the decedent took part in an extended frolic that was not for the benefit of his employer. The claim was particularly difficult to defend, as all of the witnesses were out of state, and one witness was an inmate in a correctional facility in Ohio. This Opinion is a significant victory as the potential exposure for the workers' compensation carrier was in excess of \$300,000.

Taylor & Walker attorneys represent businesses and employers in workers compensation matters under Federal and State law.

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