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Steel columns sit on the assembly line at a Manni Sipre warehouse.

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Boston, New York Team Wins \$6 Million Arbitration Award for Italian Company

Attorneys from Holland & Knight's Boston and New York offices secured a \$6 million international arbitration award for European client Manni Sipre (<https://mannisipre.com/en/>) against a large U.S. steel fabrication and erection company, Berlin Steel Construction Co.

Partner **Robert Kaler** (BOS) led the firm's representation of Manni Sipre, with assistance from Associate **Arantxa Cuadrado** (NYC) and Paralegal **Eileen Albini** (BOS).

Headquartered in Verona, Italy, Manni Sipre has been a European leader in pre-processed steel elements, structural components and systems for use in the construction industry for more than 60 years.

Berlin Steel had refused to pay Manni Sipre for accelerating a transatlantic shipment and supply of more than 5,000 tons of high-strength steel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specially fabricated by Manni Sipre in Europe, the steel was essential to the construction of a new U.S. Navy ballistic missile submarine assembly building at the General Dynamics Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut.

After evidentiary hearings in New York in November 2023, the arbitral tribunal recently awarded Manni Sipre the full amount of its claimed damages, plus 10 percent of post-award interest, costs and more than \$1 million in attorneys' fees. The tribunal was constituted under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Arbitration Rules and consisted of Canadian lawyer Robert Wisner and U.S. lawyers Brian King and Neal Eiseman.

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