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# Winning

Mark Beck is tactical, aggressive where needed, and always has his client's best interests in mind.

**M**ark Beck is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), an organization that invites the top 1% of the nation's trial lawyers to membership after discreetly contacting every judge and attorney who participated in each of a candidate's trial proceedings.

Here are a sampling of Beck's "client first" accomplishments.

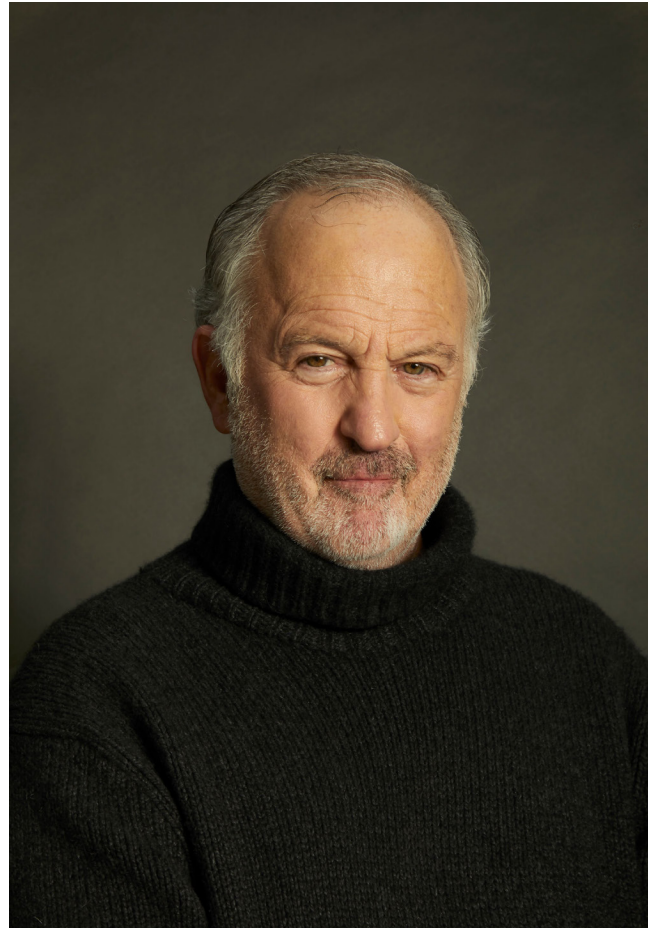
When Sinopec, China's leading oil and gas conglomerate, was sued for over \$5 billion in District Court, Los Angeles, a group of more than 15 Chinese Sinopec lawyers interviewed over 70 U.S. firms vying to defend the company. After meeting the six finalist firms in Beijing, the company chose Beck and his team at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe because of a unique plan Beck proposed. The judgement of the Sinopec lawyers was vindicated when the motion to dismiss filed by Beck's team was granted and no appeal was taken.

The Russian Ministry of Finance chose Beck to find and recover \$165 million in uncut diamonds and gold stolen from Roskomdragmet, its precious gems and metals division. Within months after filing a civil RICO suit in District Court, Beck's team obtained a \$165 million judgment against the thieves and seized over \$50 million in real estate, luxury cars, and other assets.

In the criminal arena, Beck and colleagues succeeded in obtaining dismissal of charges for an array of clients, from a former bank president indicted for the collapse of a San Francisco bank (the FBI had overlooked key documents), to one of California's most successful industrialists charged with environmental violations that never occurred.

Other Beck clients were exonerated on the eve of indictment, from more than 15 chief engineers who allegedly dumped oil at sea from various ships; to a chief engineer at a tony hotel whose supervisee dumped hazardous chemicals down a drain, causing a toxic cloud in the subway on the eve of President Obama's first inauguration; to one of the world's wealthiest men under suspicion for illegally reimbursing political contributions in connection with a civic development plan.

Other clients were exonerated following criminal and civil trials and multifaceted arbitration proceedings, including a COO mistakenly indicted for conspiracy based upon misconstrued SEC testimony; a successful healthcare business owner recklessly sued for rescission of the multimillion-dollar sale of his business following unsustainable allegations of corruption by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); and one of America's leading pathologists sued for defamation by



two police officers allegedly responsible for the death of a local high school star.

With the client's interests foremost and an eye on cost efficiency, Beck has employed a subtle touch when appropriate, as when a box of love letters between a Thai restaurateur and his Thai flight attendant fiancé persuaded the Drug Enforcement Administration that the restaurateur's international telephone calls were not part of a drug conspiracy (the couple was married several months later). On another occasion, DOJ was persuaded to prosecute the gallery owner who sold Beck's client a phony Picasso, yielding Beck's client full restitution on the eve of the gallery owner's sentencing.

Beck, with a skilled support team, offers big-firm wattage with small-firm attention to detail.

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