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TOP VERDICTS OF 2013

TOP PLAINTIFFS' VERDICTS BY IMPACT

Luoshe Printing & Dyeing Co. v. Standard Fiber Inc. et al.

Zhize Huang just wanted his fair share.

In 1999, he invested \$300,000 in a South San Francisco-based textile company, which the majority shareholder sold seven years later without telling him, Huang alleges.

Anshan Li, who owned a majority of bedding and textile distributor Standard Fiber Inc., allegedly sold the whole company for about \$44 million in 2006 and did not tell Huang or pay him proceeds from the deal.

Huang, whose Chinese company manufactured products sold by Standard Fiber, sued for lost profits and breach of contract. The bench trial last year in front of San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Marie S. Weiner focused on whether Huang had an enforceable agreement. *Luoshe Printing & Dyeing Co. Ltd. et al. v. Standard Fiber Inc. et al.*, 502381 (San Mateo Co. Super. Ct., filed Jan. 14, 2011).

Li, represented by a San Francisco-based team with

case INFO

Breach of contract

San Mateo County

Superior Court Judge Marie S. Weiner

Plaintiff's attorneys: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Mortimer H. Hartwell, Howard Holderness, Lyndsey C. Heaton, Eric K. Iwasaki, Lorelei A. Craig, Ashley A. Krupski

Defense attorneys: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Robert P. Varian, Kenneth P. Herzinger, Shireen Qaru

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, argued the \$300,000 Huang provided was not an investment, but a loan that was repaid in 2005.

Weiner disagreed in October and tentatively awarded Huang \$26 million, ruling that Li had breached his fiduciary duty by failing to disclose the sale of Standard Fiber.



MORTIMER H. HARTWELL



HOWARD HOLDERNESS

The pair of San Francisco-based lawyers with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP who represented Huang believe they succeeded by showing inconsistencies between defense testimony and internal records with Standard Fiber.

"[We] feel the decisive factor was the inability of the defense witnesses to testify in a way that was consistent with internal corporate records,

with SEC and other government filings, and with common sense," Mortimer H. Hartwell and Howard Holderness said in an email.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe partner Robert P. Varian said the ruling is not final.

"This case is far from over," he said. "The tentative filing is the first step in a long process."

— Saul Sugarman

Top 10 Plaintiffs' Verdicts by Impact

| Case Name | Type of Case | Court | Judge(s) | Plaintiff's Attorneys | Defense Attorneys |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Rodriguez v. Valley Vista Services Inc. | Employment discrimination | Los Angeles County | Superior Court Judge Susan Bryant-Deason | Shegerian & Associates Inc., Carney R. Shegerian; Kokozi Law Firm APC, Bruce Z. Kokozi | Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, Steven Joffe, Ashley Leach; Tesser Ruttenberg & Grossman LLP, Amy Turner |
| Luoshe Printing & Dyeing Co. Ltd. v. Standard Fiber Inc. et al. | Breach of contract | San Mateo County | Superior Court Judge Marie S. Weiner | Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Mortimer H. Hartwell, Howard Holder-ness, Lyndsey C. Heaton, Eric K. Iwasaki, Lorelei A. Craig, Ashley A. Krupski | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Robert P. Varian, Kenneth P. Herzinger, Shireen Qaru |
| QS Wholesale Inc. v. World Marketing Inc. | Trademark infringement | Central District of California | U.S. District Judge David O. Carter | Covington & Burling LLP, Clara J. Shin, Neil K. Roman, Hope Hamilton, Elizabeth Wang, Matthew D. Kellogg | Blakely Law Group, Brent H. Blakely, Cindy Chan; O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Molly J. Magnuson |
| Antonick v. Electronic Arts Inc. | Copyright, breach of contract | Northern District of California | U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer | Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, Robert B. Carey, Leonard W. Aragon, John DeStefano; The Stuart Paynter Law Firm PLLC, Stuart M. Paynter, Jennifer L. Murray, Sara Willingham | Keker & Van Nest LLP, Susan J. Harriman, Eric H. MacMichael, R. Adam Lauridsen, Tia A. Sherringham |
| Elite of Los Angeles Inc. and San Diego Testing Services Inc. v. Summa Consulting LLC | Breach of fiduciary duty | San Diego County | Superior Court Judge Joel M. Pressman | Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Dooks & Lincenberg, PC, Ekwon E. Rhow, Jessica Kornberg | Eisner, Kahan, Gorry, Chapman, Ross & Jaffe APLC, Robert S. Chapman, Jon-Jamison Hill |
| TransPerfect Global Inc. et al. v. MotionPoint Corp. | Patent infringement | Northern District of California | U.S. District Judge Claudia A. Wilken | Latham & Watkins LLP, Douglas E. Lumish, Jeffrey G. Homrig, Gabriel S. Gross, Michael B. Eisenberg, Joseph H. Lee, Nikolaus A. Woloszczuk; Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP, L. Okey Onyejekwe Jr., Steven D. Chin, Keith J. Mitro, Stefan R. Stoyanov, Robert P. Watkins III | Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, Robert W. Stone, Richard W. Erwine, Amy H. Candido, Matthew D. Robson, Gregory C. Wyckoff, Emma E. Mann-Meginniss, Meghan E. Bordonaro |
| Ubiquiti Networks Inc. v. Kozumi USA Corp. | Counterfeiting, trademark and copyright infringement | Northern District of California | U.S. District Judge Claudia A. Wilken | Morrison & Foerster LLP, Jennifer L. Taylor, Colette R. Verkuil, Alexei Klestoff, Whitney E. McCollum, John Blake, Gabrielle R. Holburt, Tsion E. Lencho, Hector Suarez, Robert T. Petraglia, Jed M. Rich, Eugene Illovsky, Penelope A. Prevolos, Claudia M. Vitesi | Sedgwick LLP, Robert M. Harkins, Jia-Ming Shang |
| America Chung Nam LLC v. Cycle Link (USA) Inc. | Trade secrets misappropriation, unfair competition | Los Angeles County | Superior Court Judge Victor E. Chavez | Latham & Watkins LLP, Perry Viscounty, Jennifer L. Barry, Jake Ryan, David B. Hazlehurst, Nicole Rossi, Patrick C. Justman, Gregory G. Garre, David C. Lee, Michael E. Bern, Parker M. Tresemer, Gina-Monique R. Nicholls, Charles P. Courtenay and Robert D. Crockett | William L. Niu; Thomas Avdeef |
| Sutherland v. 3M Co. et al. | Asbestos | Los Angeles County | Superior Court Judge Michael M. Johnson | Simon, Greenstone, Panatier & Bartlett PC, Stuart Purdy, Jonah D. King; Worthington & Caron PC, Roger Worthington, John Caron. | Archer Norris APLC, Michael C. Osborne, Jocelyn M. Soriano. |
| Gomez v. Aguirre | Personal injury, negligence | Riverside County | Superior Court Judge Ronald L. Taylor | Owen, Patterson & Owen, Gregory J. Owen, Susan A. Owen | Law Offices of Robert A. Walker, Robert A. Walker |