

Litigator of the Week Runners- Up and Shout Outs

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► Runners-up honors also go to lawyers for the five remaining defendants in an alleged Medicare-related kickback scheme involving a clinical research program testing for opioid addiction risk. Federal prosecutors in the Central District of California last year charged four executives and a sales representative from an Irvine, Calif. genetic testing company and four doctors with fraud alleging they fraudulently characterized \$150-per-test payments as clinical research fees and that the doctors falsified time sheets to conceal kickbacks. But after a flurry of defense filings last month in the run-up to a planned two-month trial, prosecutors dropped all remaining charges. Dr. Daniel Kendall was represented by **Latham & Watkins** partners **Jake Ryan**, **Steven Bauer**, counsel **Katherine Sawyer** and associate **Rachel Suhr**. Defense counsel for Lester Alan Zuckerman included Zuckerman Spaeder firm chair Dwight Bostwick and associate Dan Amzallag and Kendall Brill & Kelly partner Janet Levine. Assaf Tzur Gordon was represented by Bienert Katzman Littrell Williams partners Tom Bienert, John Littrell and associate Alexis Federico. Brian Meshkin was represented by Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth shareholders Jason de Bretteville, Shawn Collins and associate Sean Lobb. Sanjay Bhandari of Buchalter represented Dr. Abraham Cherick. Joseph McMullen of the Law Offices of Joseph M. McMullen represented Ossama Antoine Jawhar.