

Court Agrees General Counsel Was Fired for Whistle-Blowing; Upholds \$8 Million Verdict

A federal appeals court upheld about \$8 million in damages Tuesday to the former general counsel of a Bay Area laboratory who was fired after telling company officials about possible bribery and records falsification by the lab's employees in China, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Bio-Rad Laboratories fired general counsel Sanford Wadler in 2013, claiming poor performance. The company also claimed it found no evidence of wrongdoing by its employees.

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday found evidence to support the 2017 verdict by a federal court jury in San Francisco that Wadler had acted as a whistle-blower and was dismissed in retaliation for reporting conduct that he "reasonably believed" to be illegal, according to the *Chronicle's* **Bob Egelko**.

Read the *SF Chronicle* article.