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For lawyers in high-stakes litigation, success often comes at the expense of other priorities. It's challenging — some say impossible — to manage a complex litigation practice and still engage in substantial community service.

Rich Ostlund manages to do both well; and 2009 was a testament to years of success in both arenas.

Last April, Ostlund led a team in a confidential arbitration in San Francisco, where their client recovered more than \$73.3 million in an action involving claims of fraud against the developer of a \$200-million luxury residential development. The recovery was achieved after two years of intense litigation, the forensic analysis of over a million documents, and a dozen critical, aggressively-contested hearings, each resolved in favor of the client.

It was the latest in a series of outstanding results achieved by Ostlund for the same client, the largest distributor of beauty products in the western U.S., including recovery of \$5.8 million in

Federal District Court in Minneapolis in 2006, and \$3.1 million via arbitration in 2003.

In August 2009, Ostlund went on to recover \$62 million in cash and property in a family business litigation trial in Minnesota.

That's on top of recovering \$23 million for Sutura from Abbott Laboratories in medical intellectual property litigation in Texas in 2008.

Considered individually, these results are impressive. As a whole, they are remarkable, especially since Ostlund has for many years been very actively involved in supporting pediatric disease research. During 2009, he became a trustee of the Minnesota Medical Foundation and serves as Chairman of the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital Philanthropic Board, where he is leading a \$175-million campaign to advance children's health programs at the University of Minnesota.

"I've been blessed with wonderful mentors, gifted partners and a loving family," says Ostlund. "The chance to give back to a community that has been so good to my family provides a sense of perspective that keeps me energized and grounded." ■