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The partner-in-charge of the firm's Los Angeles office has been a key player in a slew of complex litigation trials recently involving a variety of cases, from antitrust to securities to oil and gas and to health care, in courts throughout the country. One of his highest profile cases came last fall in Los Angeles, when he represented Dole Food Co. against the unprecedented claims of five Nicaraguan men who alleged the company rendered them sterile through pesticide exposure. A Los Angeles County Superior Court jury ordered Dole and the pesticide-maker to pay \$3.3 million in compensatory damages. Jurors also ordered Dole to pay \$2.5 million in punitive damages. But McKnight persuaded a federal judge in March to wipe out most of the damages in the case, including the punitives. The U.S. Supreme Court has announced it will review the case.

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