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LITIGATOR
OF THE YEAR

WINNER

DAVID LENDER

Weil, Gotshal & Manges

IN JUST THE PAST TWO YEARS, DAVID Lender's settlements in high-stakes pieces of litigation have involved nearly \$30 billion in claims. In an \$800 million antitrust class action against C&S Wholesale Grocers, he secured a defense verdict even after the client's co-defendant accepted a pretrial settlement. One week after that verdict, he brought home another win, this time for Credit Suisse in a Ninth Circuit ruling upholding summary judgment in a decadelong class action that originally involved \$24 billion in potential damages arising out of loans the bank arranged for luxury real estate developers. The decision capped a string of wins he orchestrated throughout the RICO litigation. Lender also delivered a win for Sears in securing a \$5.2 billion sale order after an expedited evidentiary bench trial. He is now representing longtime private equity client Carlyle Group in a series of cross-border disputes stemming from \$400 million of oil it claims it lost when Morocco's sole refinery went bankrupt.