

A SPECIAL REPORT

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[The firm] represented Teva Pharmaceuticals in a fraud and contract breach suit arising from a \$2.3 billion acquisition of a Mexican pharmaceutical company. The case settled on extremely favorable terms after only 17 months. [The firm represents] investors in the Alibaba securities fraud case relating to its \$25 billion initial public offering. It emerged that pre-IPO Chinese regulators threatened billions of dollars of fines based on the prevalence of counterfeits. The stock dropped significantly. The suit was dismissed. [The firm was] retained and the Second Circuit reversed. Following expert depositions, it settled for \$250 million.

■ **WHAT'S THE BEST LESSON YOU LEARNED AS A YOUNG LAWYER?** Don't underestimate, but don't overestimate your opponent. In essence, be practical. Assess the case and pursue it with a solid dose of reality.

■ **WHAT'S BEEN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN YOUR PRACTICE AREA AND HOW HAVE YOU ADJUSTED?** Technology. Assume jurors (despite admonitions), judges, witnesses, opponents will look online. Also, provide bite-size information. It's a Twitter world.

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Submitted by Steven Molo, MoloLamken founding partner.

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