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**WHISTLEBLOWER RETALIATION**  
Retaliation - False Claims Act

Verdict: \$1,505,561

CASE/NUMBER: David Lillie v.  
Mantech Int'l Corp., et al. / 2:17-cv-  
02538-CAS-SS

COURT/DATE: USDC Central /  
Feb. 28, 2019

JUDGE: Christina A. Snyder

**ATTORNEYS:**

Plaintiff - Jan T. Aune (The Law Office  
of Jan T. Aune)

Defendant - Jina Lee, Alison N. Davis  
(Littler Mendelson PC)

FACTS: David Lillie filed suit against  
his former employer ManTech  
International Corp. in relation to his  
termination.

PLAINTIFF'S CONTENTIONS: Lillie  
claimed he was illegally terminated  
in retaliation after he reported to  
ManTech that an employee of the  
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
provided him with unauthorized  
access to confidential information of  
a third-party government contractor.  
Lillie alleged violations of the False  
Claims Act and retaliation in violation  
of the California Labor Code section  
1102.5 for whistleblower retaliation.

DEFENDANTS' CONTENTIONS:  
Defendants denied the allegations.

RESULT: The jury returned a verdict  
for Lillie totaling roughly \$1.5 million.  
Pursuant to the verdict, Lillie shall  
receive \$521,983 in past lost earnings,  
\$339,828 in future lost earnings,  
\$321,875 in past emotional distress

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damages, and \$321,875 in future  
emotional distress damages.

OTHER INFORMATION: Relief  
from retaliatory actions, under the  
False Claims Act Section 3730(h)(2),  
plaintiff has a right to two times the  
amount of back pay and interest on  
the back pay. Plaintiff is seeking an  
additional \$521,983 plus interest on  
the back pay from Feb. 6, 2015 until  
the judgment is entered.

In addition, plaintiff has a right  
to attorney fees under the False  
Claims Act, the Defense Contractors  
Whistleblower Protection Act, and  
California Labor Code Section 1102.5,  
according to plaintiff.

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