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San Diego attorney A. Daniel Bacalski Jr. won a \$1.3 million federal jury verdict against Campbell Soup Co., the largest award against it in Campbell's 125-year history, company spokesman Jim Moran said. Bacalski's client, Jim Zender, grew cucumbers in Imperial Valley for pickle packer Vlastic Foods Inc. until the breach-of-contract dispute.

"Zender is a farmer without much bargaining power," Bacalski said. "Vlastic Foods committed fraud and then defended their action by claiming Zender defrauded them. It feels good that the jury vindicated our opinion."

Campbell's Irvine attorney Christian F. Dubia Jr. filed a motion for a new trial. "We've always prided ourselves on our relationships with our growers," Moran said. "We couldn't do what we do without them. If the motion (for a new trial) is denied, we probably will appeal. We think the law is on our side."

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