

WINNING THE UNWINABLE

The National Trial Lawyers has named Chuck one of the Top 100 Trial Attorneys in the *NATION* two of the last three years for a very good reason - he wins the criminal cases which seem "unwinnable".

According to the Department of Justice, United Attorney's Annual Report, almost 94% of all Federal prosecutions are won by the Government. Yet, Chuck just finished a three week trial with a *NOT GUILTY* verdict for his client.

In the case United States vs. B.F. (WDCW CR14-54 75) The Government investigated B.F. for over five years indicting B.F. The Government charged him with: conspiracy to defraud the United States; embezzling money from his employment corporation solicit and reward illegal kickback to subcontractors; making material false statements to the United States Special Agents, and, obstruction of justice. B.F. was facing years if not decades in prison.

The criminal charges stem from the awarding of Government contracts to a minority owned corporation that employed B.F. and the awarding of contracts to subcontractors. Over 10,000 pages of reports and documents were generated by the investigation. Witnesses from Alaska, Washington and Oregon states provided testimony regarding the business of Government contracting and minority owned corporations at trial.

When the dust settled, The Honorable Judge Ronald Leighton found B.F. *not guilty* of all counts. B.F. who has been married for 26 years and has five children and 10 grandchildren, has worked his whole life in the Government contract industry. B.F. said "Chuck saved my life. He really did. He was awesome in the courtroom. . . Chuck had total command. I am able to go back doing the work I love. When the Federal Government charges you with crimes – it is really, really scary. They have unlimited resources, and hey, it's the United States of America that is saying you're a criminal. But Chuck was always confident. He knew the right things to say to me, he learned the Government contracting business and was his performance was unbelievable. If you get into trouble and don't hire Chuck, you are making a big mistake"!

Chuck has been remarkably successfully in the cases he tries in Federal Court. The case of U.S. vs. B.F. is just another example.