

# **Partner Found Majority Owner**

Christopher P. Wesierski (Senior Partner/Irvine Office), and Ronald F. Templer (Junior Partner/Irvine) spent two months in Indio trying a case where two partners sued one another over a ranch worth according to the plaintiff over \$50 million dollars. After two months the jury ruled in favor of defendant whom W and Z represented and found that none of the claims plaintiff asserted had any merit.

Plaintiff then brought the second half of the case to the judge based on equitable issues and lost that as well. The trial court ruled in favor of the defense and agreed the plaintiff should not receive anything. The jury and the judge gave money to the defendant based on his cross-complaint and deemed the defendant the majority owner of the property as he had claimed.

The case was unusual as it lasted over six years and involved close to 50 depositions of many people throughout that time period. Defendant hired two experts and plaintiff did as well on top of the witnesses who were numerous.