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Independent Contractor Status: Employer Prevails in Department of Labor Challenge

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In an article published on September 16, 2015, Annette A. Idalski provides insight into a case involving independent contractor status and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Idalski details a four-year expensive legal battle between Bert Steindorf, owner of Gate Guard Services LP and the DOL. The DOL was dead wrong in its allegations and Steindorf not only won the right to continue to call his gate attendants independent contractors, but the federal government is required to pay Gate Guard's legal fees following a July ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that found the DOL's conduct to be "bad faith." This victory paves the way for oil and gas companies to stand up to government audits and frivolous lawsuits. For the full article, you may [click here](#).