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Alan Ackerman

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It often pays to be contentious in condemnation proceedings, and for Alan Ackerman, the payout to clients has paid off — to the tune of at least a combined \$18.7 million above original offers to his landowner clients over the past year.



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Ackerman, 62, managing partner of Bloomfield Hills-based **Ackerman Ackerman & Dynkowski P.C.**, earlier this month resolved the last of eight landowners' claims to settle a lawsuit for just over \$700,000. The case involved **ITC Holdings Corp.** subsidiary ITC Transmission's 21-mile overhead transmission line through parts of Livingston and Oakland counties. That's compared with less than \$200,000 on the company's original offers to the landowners.

Earlier this year, the firm resolved eight claims to settle a Monroe County lawsuit against **Marathon Petroleum Co. L.L.C.** for \$1.7 million for a pipeline running through the county as part of the company's \$1.9 billion Detroit Heavy Oil Upgrade Project. That's compared with about \$430,000 in the original offers to property owners.

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