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Judge rules for VA in doctor's civil rights case

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A federal judge on Tuesday ruled that the Department of Veterans Affairs didn't violate a doctor's due process rights in 2006 when it shut down a laboratory, fired him and destroyed samples representing nearly 30 years of medical research into Legionnaires' disease.

Dr. Victor Yu, former chief of the VA's Infectious Disease Section, sued the department to regain his job and reinstate the Special Pathogens Laboratory in Oakland. U.S. Magistrate Judge Maureen Kelly said Yu, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, failed to show that the VA violated his civil rights when VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System officials fired him and shuttered the lab.

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