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THERE ARE MANY BRILLIANT ATTORNEYS IN LOS ANGELES – MASTERS OF THEIR CRAFT THAT CAN PREPARE INDIVIDUALS and businesses for any legal issue that might arise while expertly providing counsel to protect their clients’ assets and livelihoods.

There is also a special breed or attorney that needs to transcend expert comprehension of the legal system – the litigator. Attorneys who go to the proverbial mat to fight for their clients before judges and jury have their own unique sets of skills. In this special section we have gathered some of the very best litigators and trial attorneys in region. These are the lawyers you want in your corner in court.

We’ve alphabetically listed this lineup of superb litigation specialists, along with information about their careers, practice and some of the relevant recent successes they’ve achieved.

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**SEAN ANDRADE**

Partner
Andrade Gonzalez LLP

Sean Andrade is an exceptionally talented and creative lawyer who is well known for his ongoing representation of the nation's second largest school district, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), playing a critical role in leading the District through the recent chapter of numerous difficult and complex, multi-plaintiff tort matters and the subsequent high-stakes efforts to obtain insurance coverage for those same multi-million litigations. Over the last two years, the City of Santa Monica selected Andrade and the firm to represent it in a liability defense when it found itself facing what would be the most difficult, high-profile sexual abuse litigation it has ever seen. Despite the heinousness of the abuse and the involvement of some of the most prominent, highly skilled plaintiff lawyers, the firm has been able to successfully resolve all of the cases in three global settlements.

**MATTHEW BAKER**

Partner
RMO, LLP

Matthew Baker is a partner with RMO LLP. Baker's litigation practice focuses on representing beneficiaries and fiduciaries in contested trust, estate and probate litigation matters; business owners and entities in business litigation matters and partnership disputes; and investors, financial industry employees, and financial institutions in securities litigation, employment litigation, and regulatory matters. Recently, Baker managed all aspects of a matter pending before the Los Angeles Superior Court. The case was dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction. Matthew managed the appeal and conducted the oral argument on same. The opinion from the Court of Appeal was published and has already been cited numerous times for its import to long arm jurisdiction. He also obtained summary judgment on behalf of two co-trustees against another co-trustee. The co-trustee was ordered, among other things, to return over \$1 million in trust assets and permanently removed.

**KERI BORDERS**

Partner, Co-Leader, Food & Beverage Group;
Co-Leader of the Food False Advertising Group,
Los Angeles Office
Mayer Brown LLP

Keri Borders is a Mayer Brown partner, a co-leader of the Food False Advertising Group in the Los Angeles office and a co-leader of the firm's Food & Beverage Group. For more than a decade, she has tackled legal issues where there isn't a lot of precedent in class action suits, continuing to push the envelope with innovative arguments, making case law, and winning cases. With the food and beverage industry under siege by plaintiffs' lawyers for over a decade, some of the nation's biggest, most respected brands have turned to Borders to lead their defense. She has responded with a multipronged strategy and a goal of not only defeating the case at hand, but also developing creative strategies to establish legal precedent through published opinions that will guide and corral these types of cases for years to come.

**CELESTE M. BRECHT**

Partner
Jones Day

Celeste Brecht is a focused and astute attorney who consistently rises to the challenges associated with litigating intense and complicated matters. Over the years, she has solidified her reputation as a "go-to" litigator, particularly for nationwide mass torts. She has successfully argued before the California Courts of Appeal, tried cases in state and federal courts, and obtained favorable jury verdicts and results in a variety of forums. In May 2021, Brecht was the lead trial lawyer in an FDA enforcement action where she defended California Stem Cell Treatment Center, Inc., Cell Surgical Network, Dr. Mark Berman, and Dr. Elliot Lander in a two-week federal court bench trial. In addition to being an exceptional trial lawyer, Brecht is a respected member of the legal community. She is a co-founder of RISE, an all-female group committed to increasing the number of female rainmakers and equity partners in Los Angeles-area law firms.

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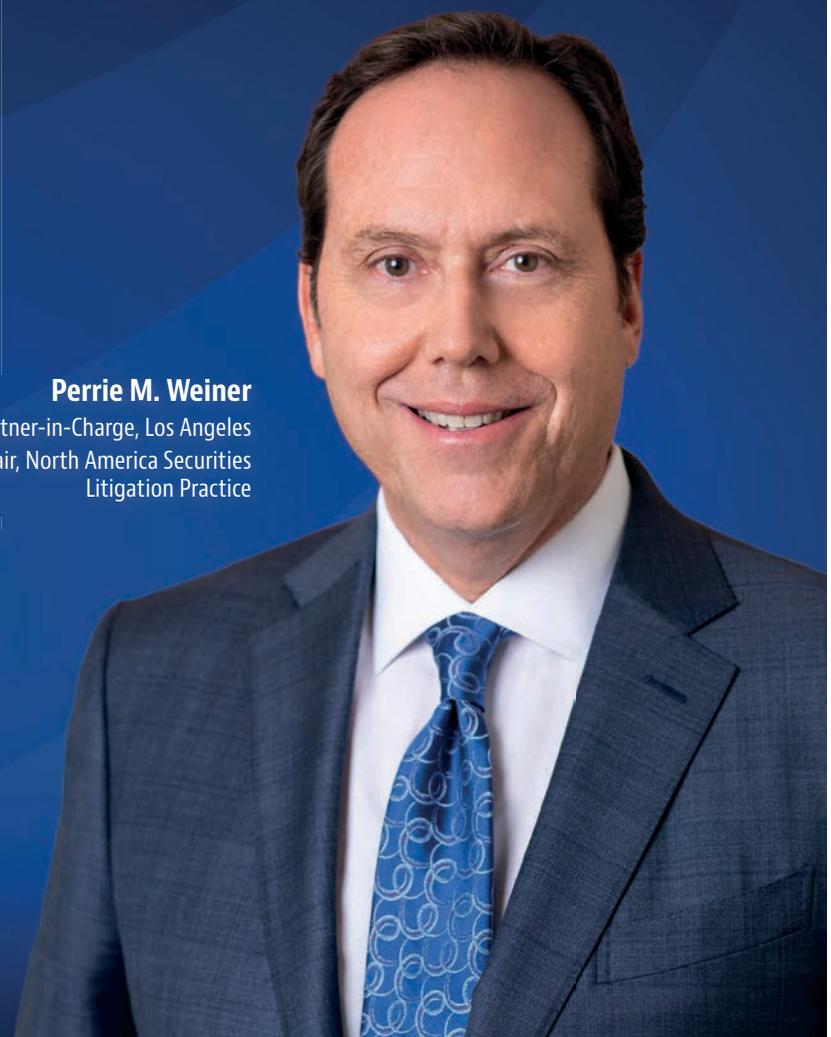


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**MORGAN CHU**

Partner
Irell & Manella LLP

Morgan Chu is a partner at Irell & Manella and one of the most recognized names in IP litigation. Chu has secured many of the world's largest, and in some cases precedent-setting verdicts, judgments and settlements, including most recently obtaining a \$2.2 billion jury verdict in March 2021 for VLSI Technology in a suit against Intel involving microprocessor technology patents. Chu also secured a \$1.2 billion judgment in April 2020 and the largest patent jury award of 2019 for Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and Juno Therapeutics in a suit against Kite Pharma involving a cancer immunotherapy patent. Additionally, Chu argued and won a 9-0 U.S. Supreme Court decision in December 2019 on behalf of NantKwest, persuading the justices to strike down a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy that applicants who appeal to a district court must foot the office's legal bills, no matter who wins.

**MARK CRAMER**

Shareholder
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Mark T. Cramer is a shareholder in the Los Angeles office and chair of the firm's Class Action Practice Group. Cramer advises clients ranging from Fortune 50 corporations to start-up companies about how to manage actual and potential business disputes in the context of their overall business goals. He collaborates with clients, their executives, and in-house counsel to formulate and implement customized litigation strategies. For example, where one client's primary business interest was to resolve litigation to make the company more attractive to a prospective buyer, he negotiated a quick and favorable settlement to eliminate the exposure associated with the lawsuit. By contrast, when a large company was concerned that it was developing the reputation of being an easy mark for frivolous litigation, Cramer engineered a hard-nosed and aggressive defense that resulted in a complete victory for the client.

**MICHAEL DE VRIES**

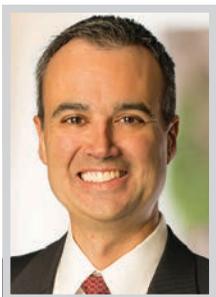
Partner
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Mike De Vries is currently in his fourth in-person jury trial since the start of COVID-19. U.S. District Judge Laura Schofield who presided over Syntel v. TriZetto told jurors it was "in some ways a historic event." Everyone in the courtroom wore face coverings, and counsel and the witnesses stood inside plexiglass boxes when speaking, as a HEPA filter ventilated the courtroom. Kirkland attorneys reported that "you couldn't read the judge's expression, you couldn't read a juror's expression." Counsel was even forbidden from passing notes or whispering to co-counsel who were presenting. Despite the challenges that COVID-19 posed, De Vries secured \$1.62 billion in two separate plaintiff-side jury verdicts won in 2020 alone. In addition to obtaining extremely favorable outcomes for his clients, these trial victories implicate important national and geopolitical issues, influencing IP protection strategies and guiding the adaptation of trial advocacy in technology disputes.

**DANIEL DECARLO**

Partner, Chair of the Intellectual Property & Technology Practice
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith

Since 1992, Dan DeCarlo, chair of the Intellectual Property & Technology Practice at Lewis Brisbois, has focused his practice on complex business litigation concentrating on trademark and Lanham Act claims, and related intellectual property claims. He has served as lead counsel in numerous jury and bench trials and has extensive experience in all aspects of Federal Court litigation including preliminary injunctions, summary judgments, and appeals to the 9th Circuit and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal. DeCarlo ascribes to a litigation philosophy that stresses comprehensive early analysis and evaluation to plan an aggressive and result-oriented approach. He frequently lectures to business groups on intellectual property issues. Among his recent successes have been obtaining a trial victory and sanctions in the form of all attorneys' fees for his client, a martial arts studio franchisee; and winning a unanimous jury verdict for his client Harbor Breeze Corporation.

**WILLIAM DELGADO**

Partner
DTO Law

William Delgado is a seasoned litigator and a leader in the class action and IP arenas, representing names such as Costco, Target, American Honda, Walgreens, Ticketmaster, Penske Media Corporation, and Nature's Bounty. In a recent matter, he served as lead counsel representing American Honda (beginning as three different class actions in Alabama, California, and New Jersey) alleging that Honda vehicles incorporated a defective fuel pump. He obtained a stay of the California suit, and two were consolidated last year. He also secured a victory in a suit alleging a Honda motorcycle had a design flaw. He filed a demurrer arguing that the dealer agreement contained a choice-of-law provision identifying California law including California's statute of limitations, and that plaintiffs could not displace California law with Missouri's law, which had a longer limitations period. Court agreed with AHM's statute of limitations argument, sustaining the demurrer with leave to amend.

**SIERRA ELIZABETH**

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Since joining Kirkland, Sierra Elizabeth has become one of the top litigation partners in Kirkland's Los Angeles office. In June, she won a complete defense verdict on behalf of 3M in the second of a series of bellwether trials pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. Elizabeth has taken a leading role in many complex and high-profile commercial litigations. She has represented well over 50 clients in nearly 20 jurisdictions across the country and abroad, in over 20 industries. She has an impressive client roster including 3M, Toll Brothers, Inc., General Motors LLC, 19 Entertainment and Dick Clark Productions, Goldcrest Film Distribution III Limited, and Royal Bank of Scotland, who she represents in their most significant litigation including contract and business torts, class actions, product liability and toxic torts, and intellectual property and entertainment matters.

**MILES FELDMAN**

Founding Partner
Raines Feldman LLP

Miles Feldman is a founding partner of Raines Feldman LLP. With more than 50 lawyers, Raines Feldman LLP is one of the preeminent business law firms in Los Angeles. Feldman runs the Trials, Litigation and Dispute Resolution department of the firm with more than 15 litigators. A seasoned trial lawyer, Feldman has over two decades of experience handling hard fought and often high-profile cases through trial and appeal, as well as in numerous arbitration forums. Prior to launching Raines Feldman LLP more than 10 years ago, Feldman was a partner with two of Los Angeles' most prominent business litigation firms. Feldman regularly gets results in cutting-edge litigation disputes for some of LA's most forward-thinking and vanguard businesses in technology, media and finance. These include Belkin International, Uproxx, MedMen, United Talent Agency, Julien's Auctions, Haymaker Content, Twentieth Century Fox Television, FilmTools and Westwood Financial Corporation.

**TERRENCE FRANKLIN**

Partner
Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise LLP

Terrence Franklin has developed a reputation as a preeminent trusts and estates litigation attorney in his 30-plus years of practice, handling the most, complex cases involving substantial dollar amounts. While Franklin is well-known for his trusts and estates expertise, he is equally renowned for his commitment to furthering the advancement of minority lawyers. He was recently recognized with the Chambers and Partners Diversity & Inclusion Lifetime Achievement Award for his impressive efforts to promote D&I. Franklin dedicates his time to numerous professional organizations focused on trusts and estates as well as advancing D&I. He is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and helped found the Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity Committee, drafting its mission statement and statement of non-discrimination and inclusion. Franklin also led the charge to establish ACTEC's Dennis I. Belcher Young Leaders program, which supports and develops leaders in the trusts and estates field.

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**GARY FRISCHLING**

Partner
Milbank LLC

Gary Frischling specializes in patent litigation with an emphasis in the technology and life sciences sectors and substantial experience resolving disputes involving technologies as diverse as microprocessor architecture, computers, telecommunications, software, new drugs and drug delivery systems, medical devices, data encryption, biologic therapies and biosimilars. Frischling has an active practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office in connection with inter partes reviews and other proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and on the transactional and counseling side, his practice includes intellectual property licensing, technology development and acquisition deals; intellectual property reviews in connection with mergers, acquisitions and asset purchases. Among his recent successes has been securing a significant victory on behalf of Rosenberger Asia Pacific and related companies, (including the world's third-largest manufacturer of base station antennas), in defense against a trade secret misappropriation lawsuit filed by a competitor.

**JULIE GERCHIK**

Partner
Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen
& Shapiro LLP

Julie Gerchik has proven to be a top litigator in Los Angeles, focusing her practice on a wide range of matters, including complex commercial litigation, financial institution matters, real estate litigation, and entertainment, employment, and technology matters. In addition to being a top litigator, Gerchik has had a tremendous impact on the infrastructure of Glaser Weil – she is currently the Litigation Department hiring partner, the founder and chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, and she created the Litigation Department Training Program. Gerchik has also participated in and organized several notable panels with sitting judges in recent months. For example, she recently represented Alec Gores and The Gores Group, LLC against Gallant Capital and its founders for \$75 million in an ongoing dispute surrounding The Gores Group's investment and return in the fund.

**JUSTIN GOLDSTEIN**

Litigation Practice Chair
Sklar Kirsh LLP

Justin M. Goldstein has extensive trial and appellate experience handling a wide range of business, entertainment, and intellectual property disputes in state and federal courts, as well as in arbitration. Goldstein has spent more than two decades successfully counseling and representing some of the Fortune 500s and entertainment industry's most prominent entities. Goldstein has long had a keen interest in trial practice. While in law school, he served as an extern for a federal district court judge during a sweeping RICO trial of a dozen organized crime members. Goldstein honed his skills second-chairing on matters for Daniel Petrocelli at O'Melveny & Myers for a decade, while also serving as a volunteer City Attorney, handling a number of criminal jury trials as lead prosecutor. Since leaving O'Melveny in 2010, Goldstein has represented both institutional and individual clients on a wide range of litigated matters.

**DAVID GRAELER**

Chair, Litigation Department; and Co-Chair,
Real Estate Group
Nossaman

David Graeler serves as chair of Nossaman's Litigation Department and co-chair of its Real Estate Group. With more than 20 years of litigation and trial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Graeler excels at partnering with his clients to identify their goals and to develop and execute winning strategies to effectively resolve complex business disputes both inside and outside the courtroom. Through the development of his civil trial practice, Graeler has honed his ability to communicate and connect with judges and juries, as well as with clients, witnesses, and other attorneys. His track record of success in high stakes litigation in federal and state courts has earned him numerous awards and accolades, including a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award for litigation. He focuses his practice on the representation of public and private sector clients principally in the areas of real estate, eminent domain, construction, and commercial disputes.



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GENIE HARRISON

President and Lead Trial Lawyer
Genie Harrison Law Firm, APC

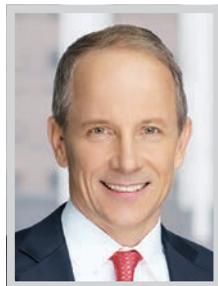
Genie Harrison is a leader among lawyers and a top women’s rights and employment lawyer who handles among the most high-profile sex abuse, sex harassment and equal pay cases each year and devotes hundreds of hours annually giving back to the legal community. Harrison represents women against Harvey Weinstein as a core member of the plaintiffs’ lawyer team to achieve a precedential settlement of \$17 million on behalf of Weinstein’s victims, despite The Weinstein Company’s bankruptcy and Weinstein’s financial ruin. Harrison worked closely with Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times journalists Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey in their explosive expos about Weinstein and The Weinstein Company bankruptcy proceedings. In another example of her many high profile cases, when the women employees of Riot Games were dissatisfied with the proposed settlement of their equal pay class action, they chose Harrison to take over the case.



ROBERT HUDOCK

Managing Attorney
Hudock Employment Law Group

Robert Hudock founded Hudock Employment Law Group in 2015 to deliver tailored legal services to California companies that thrive in vibrant, creative work environments. His clients are often companies looking at new markets and competitive opportunities, that want to recruit the best talent available, while avoiding distracting workplace issues or lawsuits. Hudock is a deeply experienced litigator with over 20 years of practice, who is highly rated by Martindale Hubbell and has devoted his career to employment law for businesses for the last 15 years. He spent several years in “Big Law” and has experience managing large litigation teams. Hudock was drawn to the “human side” of employment law, helping clients overcome challenges presented by difficult issues and sparing them the angst of conflict and worry. Known for his careful case analysis and preparation, thoughtful counsel, and leadership skills, he is a disciplined advocate and tenacious litigator for his clients.



JOHN HUESTON

Partner
Hueston Hennigan

John Hueston has won 34 of 35 trials to date as lead trial counsel. His high-profile, bet-the-company trials and representations of iconic business titans attract worldwide focus and are often historic. Hueston served as lead prosecutor in the successful three-month “business trial of the century” against former Enron CEOs Jeffrey Skilling and Ken Lay. He recovered \$5.15 billion after trial in *Tronox v. Anadarko*, the nation’s largest environmental fraudulent transfer case. On behalf of William Koch in his worldwide crusade against wine fraud as chronicled in the bestseller, *The Billionaire’s Vinegar*, Hueston won an eight-figure recovery after a three-week jury trial in New York. Hueston defeated the SEC’s contempt action against Elon Musk for alleged improper tweeting. Most recently, Hueston in *eBay v. Amazon* obtained a complete defense judgment after a two-week trial in a case promoted by eBay as an international RICO and fraud conspiracy to unlawfully recruit eBay sellers to Amazon.



CHAD HUMMEL

Partner
Sidley Austin, LLP

Chad Hummel is a partner based in Sidley’s Century City office and a member of the Commercial Litigation and Disputes, Antitrust and White Collar practices. As one of the country’s most recognized trial lawyers he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, is listed among the country’s top litigators in the legal directory Chambers USA, and serves as co-leader of his firm’s national trial practice. As this publication noted in last year’s list, Hummel regularly wins “bet-the-company” matters for his clients and achieves multi-million-dollar verdicts that are among the top defense- and plaintiff-side matters in California. Despite the challenges of 2020-2021, Hummel recorded another impressive year. Among his successes was his work on behalf of Cardinal Financial Company. Hummel obtained a substantial unanimous confidential arbitration award against a former employee who had committed serious wrongdoing secretly working on behalf of a competitor.

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Julie R.F. Gerchik

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**JEFF HURON**

Los Angeles Office Managing Member
Dykema Gossett PLLC

Jeff Huron is the managing member of Dykema's Los Angeles office and a member of the firm's Business Litigation group. With over 30 years of experience litigating and arbitrating business, real estate and entertainment disputes, Huron has tried and won multi-million dollar high-stakes cases for his clients. He has substantial experience in appellate matters, having handled more than 50 appeals and writs. Huron's clients include businesses, partnerships, financial institutions, lenders, real estate investors and developers, receivers, and business owners and shareholders. His diverse work includes litigation involving partnership disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contracts, interference with contracts and business relationships, copyrights, trade secrets, class actions, adversary proceedings in bankruptcy, lender liability, easements, escrow, broker, title and construction disputes, malicious prosecution, defamation, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, unfair business practices, and professional malpractice.

**LAWRENCE ISER**

Managing Partner
Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump

Larry Iser is managing partner of revered litigation boutique, Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump. He handles complex litigation matters for extremely high-profile entertainment industry and other corporate clients. Over the past year, Iser represented Sea-World Parks & Entertainment in a number of contentious class action and fraud lawsuits. Recently, he obtained dismissal of a consumer fraud putative class action against SeaWorld relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The suit claimed that Sea-World's continued collection of the monthly installment payments following the closure of the park due to the pandemic violated California's consumer fraud statutes. In September 2020, the lawsuit was dismissed in favor of SeaWorld. In another matter, Iser prevailed in the trial of a lengthy and complex consumer fraud lawsuit conceived of and backed by anti-SeaWorld advocacy group Earth Island Institute. The lawsuit ended with a ruling that neither plaintiff had standing, as well as a final judgment in favor of SeaWorld.

**ROBBIN ITKIN**

Partner
Sklar Kirsh LLP

Robbin Itkin is a partner in Sklar Kirsh's Bankruptcy practice group. Her experience restructuring billions of dollars of debt includes insolvency resolutions in chapter 11 cases and numerous restructurings outside the courtroom. As a mediator, Itkin uses her problem-solving strength to advise both healthy companies and those in distress, leading them to negotiate effectively with their own creditors and counterparties who are in fragile economic straits. Experienced at representing a range of parties in the bankruptcy process, Itkin has protected the claims and interests of debtors, creditors', equity and bondholders' committees, purchasers, and trustees in corporate restructurings and bankruptcies. Her industry experience spans real estate, entertainment, sports, retail, transportation, manufacturing, and hospitality. Many of her clients are high-profile individuals in entertainment, sports, and business. She discreetly guides them through out-of-court workouts and financial transactions, often advising at all stages of business growth and on early signs of distress.

**ROLAND M. JUAREZ**

Partner
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Roland Juarez is known for handling high-stakes labor and employment cases for some of California's largest and most high-profile employers in the temporary staffing, service, manufacturing, and retail industries, successfully defending clients against the most challenging wage and hour, discrimination, non-compete and anti-raiding claims facing employers in California and across the nation. He is currently leading class, collective and other complex employment litigation and has developed a highly-successful unfair competition and employee raiding practice in California. Juarez has been at the helm helping companies navigate the uncharted challenges brought on by the pandemic and by regulation keeping up with technology. He is representing several companies in cases that implicate COVID issues, including a novel question about whether masks and COVID-19 testing via temperature checks can be considered compensable time and reimbursement issues related to work at home.

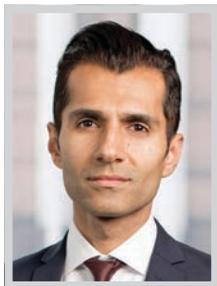
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Thank you **Jeff Kobulnick**
for your tireless work on behalf of our clients.
It is fitting that you are on the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* list of
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MOEZ KABA

Partner
Hueston Hennigan LLP

Moez Kaba is a co-founder of Hueston Hennigan LLP. At the age of 39, he has stacked up an enviable record of trial and appellate victories. Kaba's perfect trial record in trying six cases to verdict or judgment makes him a trusted advisor to his clients. Kaba has prevailed in trials and arbitrations across the nation, including, most recently, a complete win – on all claims – for Amazon in a breach-of-contract and tortious interference suit brought against it by eBay. He also secured a complete defense verdict for renowned research university California Institute of Technology (Caltech) after a four-week jury trial in a \$65 million+ tortious interference and whistleblower case; and a complete plaintiff's verdict for his client William Koch after a three-week federal jury trial on claims of fraud, deceptive business practices and false advertising related to the sale of counterfeit high-end wine, including obtaining a \$12 million punitive damages award.



MITCH KAMIN

Partner, Co-Chair of Communications and Media Industry Practice Group, Co-Chair of Commercial Litigation Practice Group
Covington & Burling LLP

Mitch Kamin is a trial lawyer and co-chair of Covington's Communications and Media Industry Group and the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He helps global media and entertainment companies such as Universal Music, Disney, TikTok and Sony Music handle some of their most complex and high-profile disputes. His practice focuses on civil litigation involving copyright and trademark, contract disputes, class actions, and business torts, and has significant experience with litigation concerning content creation and distribution. His clients are leaders in the entertainment industry – including major companies in film, television, music, sports, and gaming. And, as a former public interest lawyer and CEO of a leading legal non-profit in Los Angeles, Kamin maintains an active pro bono practice including a number of successful challenges to discriminatory policies promulgated by the Trump administration.



RICHARD KAPLAN

Founding Partner
Kaplan Marino PC

Since the start of his career, Richard D. Kaplan has helped moved the legal profession forward and furthered relationships between the bar and bench. As a past president of the Beverly Hills Bar Association he is currently on the Executive Council of the National Association of Bar Presidents. Kaplan manages serious criminal charges that threaten the livelihood and reputations of white-collar clients, including high net worth individuals, entrepreneurs, corporations and their officers and executives. Kaplan's creative strategies during negotiations with authorities have led to numerous acquittals, no-charges-filed, probation and record expungement outcomes for clients. His experience includes fraud, narcotics, vehicular manslaughter, and domestic violence, among others. Several recent representations have involved #MeToo allegations, building code violations and overcharging claims issued by weights and measure agencies. He has assembled a formidable team of professionals and deep resources that support his alternative approaches and customized defense advocacy.



GARLAND KELLEY

Partner & Co-Chair of the Crisis Management & Response Department
Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP

Garland Kelley, partner and co-chair of the crisis management & response department focuses his practice on securities litigation and complex business litigation. Typical matters include class actions, complex business disputes, multi-jurisdictional matters, transnational litigation, corporate investigations, derivative litigation, and matters where there are opportunities to shape the law in meaningful ways. In the last year, Kelley has built out the firm's newest practice with a number of matters, including an internal investigation at NMC, prompted by comments published by short sellers that led to a sharp decline in NMC's share price. Another matter culminated in a complete dismissal with prejudice of a class action lawsuit filed against client, Papa John, a rare example of the dismissal of a securities class action lawsuit at the initial pleading stage.



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**JEFFREY KOBULNICK**

Partner, Intellectual Property Group Chair
Brutzkus Gubner Rozansky Seror Weber LLP

Jeffrey Kobulnick routinely represents clients across a wide range of industries in highly complex intellectual property matters to develop, protect and enforce copyright and trademark rights around the world. His recent professional accomplishments include successfully obtaining shut-downs and transfers of two infringing domain names through Uniform Domain Name Resolution Policy proceeding before the World Intellectual Property Organization. He also obtained partial summary judgment in plaintiff's favor in a copyright infringement case involving infringement of seven Christmas sweater designs. Kobulnick also recently obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendants in a significant copyright infringement case, including an award of attorney fees. He also represented a plaintiff in the amicable resolution of copyright infringement claims involving 18 allegedly infringing textile designs. He also obtained judgment in his client's favor in an opposition proceeding at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

**SARAH KROLL-ROSENBAUM**

Partner
Akerman LLP

Sarah Kroll-Rosenbaum's practice focuses on efficiently and creatively defending companies in complex litigation. She is a trusted strategic advisor to her clients, with whom she collaborates closely to design and execute litigation strategies through the lens of their business priorities. Over the last five years, she has led the defense of nearly a dozen temporary health-care staffing companies in class, collective, and representative actions attacking the industry's business model. For example, on behalf of industry leader AMN Services, Kroll-Rosenbaum argued in the Ninth Circuit in a question of first impression: whether per diem benefits for business-related living expenses were properly excluded from the regular rate of pay when the per diems were not provided when the employees did not work as agreed to in their contracts. AMN prevailed in the District Court. The plaintiff class successfully appealed and AMN is now preparing a petition for writ of certiorari to the US Supreme Court.

**CAROLYN KUBOTA**

Partner
Covington & Burling LLP

Carolyn Kubota is a nationally acclaimed litigator with extensive first-chair trial experience and a near undefeated record in over 20 trials in state and federal courts. Kubota draws upon her twelve years of experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Office when representing major domestic and international companies in their most high-stakes investigations and litigation matters, including serving as national litigation counsel for the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) in hundreds of cases pending in five states in which athletes, including former Olympic gymnasts, contend that the USOC should be held liable for abuse by former USA Gymnastics physician, Dr. Larry Nassar. She also served as counsel for the USOPC in an appeal to the California Supreme Court. In this tort action against U.S.A. Taekwondo and the USOPC, the Court of Appeal held that the USOPC owed plaintiff no duty of care.

**KRISTINE E. KWONG**

Partner
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP

Kristine Kwong is a partner in her firm's Los Angeles office and advises and counsels clients on a wide range of business, corporate, operational and employment issues, including business counseling, contract negotiation and preparation, restrictive covenant and non-compete agreements, executive mobility issues, due diligence in connection with mergers and acquisitions, and range of employment matters. She represents both public and private sector entities in retail, manufacturing, finance, healthcare, hospitality, real estate, and charitable and tax-exempt organizations, including religious entities, federally qualified health centers, educational institutions from K-12 districts, colleges to charter schools, and public sector agencies, municipalities, commissions and special districts in both litigation and transactional matters. She has defended single plaintiff and class action wage and hour matters, claims under the Private Attorney General Act, discrimination, harassment, retaliation claims, non-compete, trade secrets and business and partnership disputes.

Congratulations to our fearless Partner
Devin McRae for taking it to the courtroom
or settling it in the boardroom.



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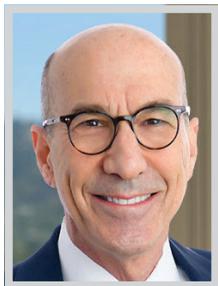


SUSAN LEADER

Partner

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Susan Leader boasts an impressive track record of securing favorable verdicts for clients in highly publicized, bet-the-company cases. Her intense focus in these high-stakes matters, coupled with her well-honed trial skills, make her a “go-to” lawyer for global players, including, for example, Southern California-based companies. Additionally, Leader is an ardent advocate for increasing diversity in the legal profession. Accordingly, as Akin Gump’s West coast hiring partner, she helps steer the firm’s efforts to recruit diverse law students and attorneys throughout the state. Among her recent significant matters, Leader is representing industry leaders in intense high-stakes litigation, including certain investment vehicles managed by PIMCO, a global investment management firm, in a pending multi-defendant action. In June 2020, the court granted defendants’ motion for sanctions against plaintiffs for destruction of material evidence, and ordered terminating sanctions in the form of dismissal of all of plaintiffs’ claims.



RANDALL LEFF

Co-Managing Partner

Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP

Randy Leff is a co-managing partner of ECJ and a partner in the Litigation Department. For more than 30 years, he has tried and resolved “bet the company” business disputes in both state and federal court. His clients value his consistently customized, high-quality legal services with his signature enthusiasm, creativity and passion. His long-term clients are in various industries, including technology, health care, real estate, manufacturing, food and beverages, entertainment, biotechnology industries, and financial services. Leff has built his reputation by developing innovative strategies that recognize the relationship between the immediate legal and the long-term goals of the business. Whether it be litigating a multi-state class action matter involving more than \$100 million dollars, resolving a business dispute before the case is filed, or strategizing business expansion, Leff brings imagination and tenacity to each matter and consistently delivers exceptional results.



GARY LINCENBERG

Principal

Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks, Lincenberg & Rhow, P.C.

Considered among the most experienced, trial-tested, and skilled trial attorneys in the nation, Gary Lincenberg defends businesses and executives facing government investigations in need of a trial-savvy attorney to handle complex civil and white collar criminal litigation. Lincenberg has unparalleled insider knowledge of the prosecuting offices, often trying critical, bet-the-company cases where the client is looking for a proven track record. Lincenberg prevailed in a federal bench trial on behalf of KST Data, Inc., winning a multi-million-dollar judgment against Northrop Grumman, in a breach of contract and implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing suit. The win marked a string of six consecutive victories achieved on behalf of the technology company. Recently, he obtained an appellate victory clearing the way for the demolition of real estate developer Mohamed Hadid’s Bel Air mansion.



MARGARET “MEG” LODISE

Partner

Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise LLP

Meg Lodise is known for handling some of the most complex, high-dollar trusts and estates disputes through trial and appeal. It’s not uncommon for opposing counsel to refer her clients when there is a conflict of interest, demonstrating Lodise’s level of expertise and respect in the trusts and estates community. This respect was underscored by her appointment by the Probate Court as Guardian Ad Litem for the children of entertainer Michael Jackson from 2009 to 2020. In this role, Lodise advocated for the best interests of the performer’s two sons and daughter due to disputes over Jackson’s affairs. Recognized as an industry leader, Lodise is active in developing laws and policies related to estate, trust, probate and conservatorship issues. As chair of the preeminent, invitation-only American College of Trust and Estate Counsel’s Amicus Briefs committee, she aims to improve laws, procedures and professional responsibility.

LEWIS BRISBOIS

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**PAUL LOH**

Managing Partner
Willenken LLP

Paul Loh, is a founding member and managing partner of Willenken LLP, a preeminent, diverse trial and litigation boutique that represents Fortune 500 clients and is located in downtown Los Angeles. Loh has extensive litigation experience and has tried over 120 jury trials, court trials, and arbitrations during his impressive career. He counsels and defends leading corporations in high-stakes litigation with a focus on product liability and major torts, white collar criminal defense and internal investigations, intellectual property, class actions, and complex business litigation. As a result of his substantial trial experience, major companies turn to Loh for some of their most challenging, high-stakes litigation cases and have engaged him just months or weeks before trial, specifically to act as trial counsel. Loh's clients include leading companies such as AbbVie, Procter & Gamble, Motorola Solutions, SunPower, Southern California Gas Company, and Walmart.

**DOMMOND LONNIE**

Member
Dykema Gossett PLLC

Dommond Lonnie was recently appointed to Dykema's Executive Board and is a seasoned trial attorney who provides aggressive and innovative legal representation and advice for his clients in product liability, class action, commercial and toxic tort litigation. He has represented numerous domestic and foreign businesses and has substantial product liability expertise in crashworthiness, airbags/restraints, fires and suspensions/tires/rollovers, brakes and fuel systems cases. As an experienced litigator, Lonnie implements litigation and investigation plans and manages all aspects of litigation and pre-suit claims to successful resolution. One of Lonnie's top cases/matters during the past 18 months include Stroud v. Kia Motors, where plaintiffs sought \$87 million dollars in damages alleging wrongful death and paralysis of a young boy following a severe automobile crash involving a Kia Optima. The jury delivered a defense verdict following the three week trial in Los Angeles Superior Court.

**JOSEPH H. LOW IV**

Head Trial Attorney
Arash Law

During 2020 amid the pandemic, Joseph Low relentlessly continued his civil plaintiff's work, while educating the public through media appearances and other trial lawyers through webinars about the importance of civil lawsuits to address negligence and intentional harm. He used the downtime while courts were closed to share his legal expertise for an array of legal and academic organizations, on topics covering trial advocacy, as well as the intersection of legal and brain health. While Low already draws instant recognition in his legal community for his decades of work, his national brand recognition and familiarity created a diverse profile for an already highly successful attorney. On the military side, Low continues standing up for veterans, calling for changes to a law that allows veterans to be court martialled even after leaving their respective branch of the military.

**D. JASON LYON**

Partner
Hahn & Hahn LLP

D. Jason Lyon is a litigation partner at Hahn & Hahn LLP. His practice focuses on commercial litigation involving complex financial matters and intricate fact patterns. Prior to joining Hahn & Hahn, Lyon was an associate with Latham & Watkins, practicing in the Complex Commercial Litigation and Securities Litigation groups. Among his recent matters has been his work bringing claims on behalf of a large national medical billing provider against a competitor and former employees for misappropriation of trade secrets and related claims. The case was favorably resolved before trial. He also defended against alleged breach of contract, business tort, and extortion claims for client in the medical industry; successfully defending multiple anti-SLAPP motions against cross-complaint in a commercial matter involving and currently defending appeals. He is also currently bringing a seven figure direct and derivative for fraud and theft by management in a closely held meat processing company.

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THOMAS MADRUGA

Partner
Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill

Thomas Madruga is widely considered to be one California's preeminent litigators, with his trial skills having been recognized by state and national peer groups, bar associations, and media outlets. He oversees the firm's entire litigation practice; serves as trial counsel in a variety of complex matters relating to employment, torts, civil rights, excessive force matters for cities and school districts; and also serves general counsel to several school districts in Southern California. Madruga recently served as lead counsel for California School Risk Management and Ventura County School Self-Funding Authority, (which include the representation of 49 separate school districts in Southern California) in the landmark case of *Martinez v. Gavin Newsom et al*, a class action brought in the US Federal District Court, Central District against the Governor, the CDE, and the districts in California regarding COVID closures. Madruga represented was successful in having the case dismissed by the District Court.



DAVID MARCUS

Partner-in-Charge, Los Angeles Office; Vice Chair,
Litigation/Controversy Department
WilmerHale

David Marcus, the partner-in-charge of WilmerHale's Los Angeles office, has 30-plus years of experience as a trial lawyer, both in private practice and as a government prosecutor. Earlier in Marcus' career, he served as a prosecutor in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and, from 1994-2000, he was an assistant United States attorney in the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. During that time, Marcus served as the executive assistant US attorney, responsible for the day-to-day management of the 240-lawyer office. He was also a member of the Major Frauds Section, where he investigated and tried complex white-collar crimes. Since leaving government in 2000, Marcus has litigated and tried commercial cases in state and federal courts across the country. He also defends companies and individuals in criminal investigations and has conducted internal investigations for public companies.



DANIEL D. MCMILLAN

Partner
Jones Day

Daniel McMillan is the co-leader of Jones Day's global construction practice. He is recognized as a leader in the construction industry by Fortune 500 project owners, contractors, design professionals and public entities who turn to him for his advice on the largest, most complex, and most challenging and unique projects located in California, throughout the United States, and across the globe. He served as the lead trial lawyer representing the Transbay Joint Power Authority in the Millennium Tower litigation, one of the highest-profile construction cases in the United States. McMillan was instrumental in structuring and implementing a creative and extended mediation process leading to successful resolution of the case, the funding of a retrofit of the tower, and dismissal of the litigation in November 2020. McMillan also served as lead trial counsel for LA Metro in one of its most important cases, successfully defeating a challenge to Measure M.



DEVIN MCRAE

Partner
Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae

Devin McRae routinely represents A-list talent in contested litigation matters, including Shannen Doherty in a highly publicized insurance coverage bad faith action against State Farm. The suit claims that Doherty was forced to pay out of pocket after her home was severely damaged by the Woolsey Fire. The case, which highlights how State Farm failed its insureds after a catastrophe while spending massive amounts on celebrity endorsements, is set for jury trial in July 2021. McRae also represented Federal Trade Commission attorney and screenwriter Nick May in a lawsuit alleging that "Ozark" co-creator Mark Williams wrongfully claimed a writing credit on the upcoming Liam Neeson film "Blacklight." The case was settled with McRae's client receiving complete relief sought in the action. McRae also handled a now-settled lawsuit filed by event production company Todo Productions regarding unpaid services.

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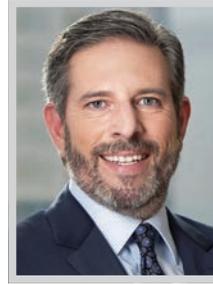
Partner & Chairman
Michelman & Robinson, LLP

Sanford L. Michelman is a powerhouse litigator who, in many ways, has revolutionized the way midsize law firms approach the practice of law and business. Just over 22 years ago, Michelman co-founded Michelman & Robinson, LLP, then a two-person shop in the San Fernando Valley. Fast forward to the present, and the firm now has scores of employees operating out of five offices in three states – California, Illinois, and New York – and is sought after by companies, large and small, in the advertising and digital media, banking and financial services, cannabis, entertainment and music, health care, hospitality, and insurance spaces, to name a few. Having handled countless, noteworthy class action cases and “bet the company” litigation matters considered the most challenging, Michelman has, over the years, become a formidable presence in courtrooms nationwide, representing insurers, broker/agents, underwriters, private equity groups, banks, and advertising and media companies.

**SKIP MILLER**

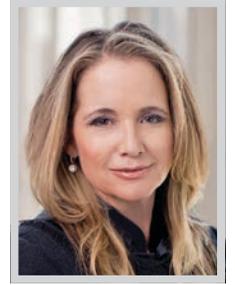
Partner
Miller Barondess, LLP

With over 40 years of experience, Skip Miller is an accomplished litigator and trial lawyer. A major client for Miller and the firm is LA County and its Board of Supervisors. In conjunction with County Counsel, Miller handled the County’s enforcement of Governor Newsom’s emergency health orders amid COVID-19. He secured injunctions against cities attempting to prevent “Project Roomkey,” Newsom’s \$150 million program to house homeless; obtained an injunction against a mega-church defying indoor service restrictions; and enforced County health orders on gyms refusing to follow restrictions. He also led negotiations in a historic agreement in federal court between the County and City of LA to shelter homeless people living in freeway encampments. Miller currently represents the County in litigation regarding photographs taken following the tragic helicopter crash that killed nine individuals, including Kobe Bryant and his daughter.

**PETER MORRISON**

Partner
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Peter Morrison is head of the LA Litigation Group and co-head of Skadden’s West Coast litigation practice. He is a highly sought-after litigator on matters involving federal and state securities laws, duties of corporate directors, SEC and stock exchange inquiries and investigations, contests for corporate control, and tax reporting matters. Chambers USA 2021 ranks Morrison among California’s leading securities litigation attorneys. He has a strong strategic mind, is very knowledgeable of the subject matter and is very attentive.” Among his many publications, Morrison is co-author of the treatise Mergers and Acquisitions Deal Litigation Under Delaware Corporation Law. One of his recent work highlights has been on behalf of Baidu, Inc. and two of Baidu’s senior officers in securing the dismissal of a federal securities class action alleging the company had misrepresented its ability to comply with Chinese internet content regulations.

**ANN MARIE MORTIMER**

Managing Partner of the Los Angeles Office,
Co-Head of Commercial Litigation Practice
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

This year, Fortune 50 companies -- among them, giants in their industry -- have increasingly sought the counsel of Ann Marie Mortimer, founder and managing partner of Hunton Andrews Kurth’s Los Angeles office, to confront the novel challenges and regulation endemic to our increasingly virtual world, including Fortune 1 big box retailer Walmart in one of the first alleged CCPA actions in the state of California and Yahoo! (Now Verizon) closing the chapter in what is reported as the largest data breach in history with a highly favorable settlement. Growing her relationship with Facebook, Mortimer is the lead attorney solely representing the social media giant as plaintiff to enforce its terms and protect its users. Mortimer is at the forefront of novel cybersecurity litigation threatening the fundamental business of global brands. She has first-chaired high-profile cases to resolution and decodes technical allegations into common-sense themes.

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JOHN NADOLENCO

*Managing Partner, Los Angeles Office
Mayer Brown LLP*

Attorney with Mayer Brown for over 25 years, John Nadolenco is managing partner of the Los Angeles office, former member of the firm’s Global Partnership Board and former co-lead of its Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Consumer Litigation & Class Actions practices. He focuses on high-stakes cases, including trials, class actions and challenges to government regulations. His work – like serving as lead counsel in *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*, which resulted in the United States Supreme Court making it harder for plaintiffs to bring no-injury lawsuits – has had a far-reaching impact. On March 22, 2021, a Los Angeles trial court awarded Nadolenco’s client Rostack Investments Inc. \$69 million – one of the year’s largest judgments in California – in an 11-year-old case involving one of Hong Kong’s wealthiest families. The judgment followed a nine-day bench trial that culminated in a Perry Mason moment, with key parts of the heiress defendant’s testimony proven false.



CHERYL A. ORR

*Partner
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP*

Cheryl A. Orr is a partner in Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP’s Los Angeles office. Orr handles general litigation matters, with a particular expertise in insurance coverage law, including general liability, professional liability, advertising injury, directors & officers, and construction defect. In addition, she is part of the firm’s water law practice group, having experience in rate-making and water rights litigation. She is also a Certified Specialist in Appellate Law in the State of California. As an appellate specialist, Orr handles civil appeals and writs in the California Court of Appeal, the California Supreme State and in the Ninth Circuit. Orr has a number of successful appeals to her credit, including several published opinions in the insurance field. In April of 2021, Orr was instrumental in securing entry of a quiet title judgment in an action involving an oil and gas drilling lease in Ventura County.



ANTHONY PACHECO

*Shareholder
Vedder Price P.C.*

Anthony Pacheco is a litigation shareholder in Vedder Price’s Los Angeles office and a member of the firm’s Chambers USA-ranked Government Investigations & White Collar Defense group, focusing on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations and complex business litigation, including civil and criminal trials. Pacheco’s clients include public and private companies, medical centers, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, laboratories, software companies, brokerages, financial institutions, municipalities, universities, studios, post-production companies, high-level executives, doctors, lawyers, accountants and nonprofit entities. He has handled over 100 internal investigations and has managed sensitive public relations issues dealing with federal and state criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, regulatory, administrative and parallel proceedings. He is currently representing a number of businesses and individuals in connection with pending Grand Jury investigations, State Attorney General enforcement actions, and state criminal matters.



BRIAN J. PANISH

*Founding Partner
Panish Shea & Boyle LLP*

Brian Panish has obtained some of the most significant jury verdicts and settlements in U.S. history on behalf of plaintiffs, including a \$4.9 billion verdict in the landmark products liability case *Anderson v. General Motors*, six verdicts in excess of \$50 million, and more than 100 verdicts and settlements in excess of \$10 million in personal injury, wrongful death and business litigation cases. He consistently serves in a leadership role in the largest personal injury cases in the state and country including the Woolsey Fire, the Thomas Fire and the North Bay Fire Litigations, as well as the Porter Ranch/Aliso Canyon Gas Well Blow-out Litigation, the Asiana Airlines Crash Litigation, the Olympus Superbug/CRE Litigation, the DePuy ASR Hip Implant Litigation and the Chatsworth Metrolink disaster. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Panish obtained numerous landmark results for his clients including a \$23,720,996 bench trial award in Los Angeles County Superior Court.



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JONATHAN PHILLIPS
Partner
Larson LLP

Jonathan Phillips is well-regarded for his employment litigation and counseling and criminal defense work in California. As the lead partner of Larson LLP's employment litigation and counseling practice, Phillips regularly defends employers in high-stakes single-plaintiff and class action wage and hour, discrimination, and wrongful termination suits; represents executives in high-profile employment matters arising from executive compensation agreements and separation agreements; conducts internal investigations; and advises clients on regulatory and compliance matters. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he offered practical advice for employers through thought leadership pieces and webinars. He partnered with AT-RISK International, a leading provider of global security protection, to identify key areas for employers to focus on when implementing a work-from-home policy. Phillips later presented new considerations for workplace violence programs and participated in a management forum discussing vaccinations and return-to-work policies.



CHRISTOPHER PISANO
Partner
Best Best & Krieger LLP

As a founding member of Best Best & Krieger LLP's Los Angeles office, Partner Christopher Pisano represents public agencies and private corporations in a variety of litigation matters. Over the last year, he represented many California public agencies in pandemic-related litigation, from "Hero Pay" ordinances to business shut-down and restriction orders to jail inmate rights. Already a leader in the State on public law disputes, Pisano is now breaking new legal ground in successfully defending local agencies to address the health, safety and economic crises their communities are facing. He led the BB&K litigation team that was first in the nation to successfully defend a city's ordinance requiring grocery workers to receive fair compensation for providing essential services during the pandemic. His success for Long Beach buoyed other cities, including West Hollywood and Coachella, which asked Pisano to defend their "Hero Pay" ordinances.



DEBRA POLE
Partner
Sidley Austin LLP

Debra Pole is an award-winning trial attorney with extensive jury trial experience in federal and state courts involving mass tort litigation, class actions, and complex litigation. She is a partner in Sidley's Los Angeles Litigation group and a former member of the firm's Executive Committee. She trains, supervises, and manages many lawyers and paraprofessionals in the Products Liability and Mass Torts practice and is recognized globally as a leader in the products liability area. She is perhaps best known for supervising numerous defense law firms, both domestically and internationally, involved in complex pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Pole has played a major role in many high profile trials throughout her career and has registered important victories. In the past year her most significant accomplishments have come in her work co-leading the Sidley team defending Gilead Sciences in a series of product liability actions challenging Gilead's life-saving HIV medications.



HILARY POTASHNER
Partner
Larson LLP

A Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and the twice-selected former Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, Hilary Potashner has been continually recognized throughout her over 25-year career as being among the top trial lawyers in California and the nation. Since joining Larson LLP in 2019 in her first private sector position after serving for years as the Federal Public Defender, Potashner has taken on many of the firm's top white collar defense matters, investigations, and complex civil cases, as well as achieving appellate victories. She successfully defends individuals facing charges in both state and federal court in matters involving conspiracy, wire fraud, bank fraud, healthcare fraud, and bankruptcy fraud. In her civil practice, she represents both plaintiffs and defendants in intellectual property and contract disputes, civil forfeiture, misrepresentation, negligence, civil theft, and garnishment cases.

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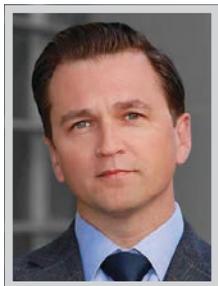
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MARVIN PUTNAM
Partner
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Marvin Putnam leads the national litigation team in Latham’s Entertainment, Sports & Media industry group and has been referred to as a “go-to for studios and networks that need to conduct an internal investigation.” Putnam offers clients an exceptional combination of litigation experience with keen insight on the entertainment and media industry. With numerous successes at trial and appellate courts, he represents clients ranging from leading entertainment companies and investors, to individual producers and talent, in high-profile matters with true market impact. Putnam also often advises on complex entertainment and media transactional matters with an eye to limiting clients’ potential litigation or exposure.



SCOTT RAHN
Founder and Managing Partner
RMO, LLP

Los Angeles litigator Scott Rahn resolves contests, disputes and litigation related to trusts, estates and conservatorships, creating a welcome peace of mind for clients. He represents heirs, beneficiaries, trustees and executors. He utilizes his experience to develop and implement strategies that swiftly and cost-effectively address the financial issues, fiduciary duties and emotional complexities underlying trust contests, estates conflicts and probate litigation. Driven by a commitment to provide relief to people grieving the loss of a loved one, Rahn collaborates closely with clients. He pursues and defends claims involving incapacity, incompetence, undue influence, breach of fiduciary duty, and other similar areas of dispute. His advice and counsel includes prevention and remediation of financial elder abuse. He has extensive experience in courts, arbitration, mediation and dispute resolution forums across California as well as in key retirement centers in the United States and through strategic partnerships in international locations.



DEAN RALLIS
Of Counsel
Hahn & Hahn LLP

For more than 30 years, Dean Rallis has focused his practice in the areas of business reorganization, corporate insolvency, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, commercial transactions, as well as the acquisition of assets and businesses in bankruptcy court and out-of-court workouts. He has functioned as lead counsel for secured creditors, debtors, creditors’ committees and purchasers in the bankruptcy, restructuring and liquidation of companies. Rallis has extensive experience in real estate, business and commercial transactions and workouts, manufacturing, retail, healthcare and transportation industries. He has appeared on behalf of clients in matters pending throughout the country. He recently represented class representatives in connection with an approximate \$10 million class claim against the debtor, Galileo Learning, which held the largest unsecured claim in the case. Rallis negotiated the terms of a settlement agreement and plan of reorganization resulting in the full payment of the claim.



STEPHEN RAUCHER
Attorney
Reuben Raucher & Blum

Stephen Raucher’s practice emphasizes general business litigation, including real estate and contract disputes. He also has an impressive track record in helping clients resolve insurance coverage issues. Raucher has tried and arbitrated numerous cases to decision, and has extensive experience at the appellate level as well. Raucher has devoted substantial amounts of his time to improving the legal profession and the administration of justice. Among his recent matters, he assisted a landlord in obtaining an insurance defense for habitability case and thereafter settling the case utilizing insurance proceeds. He also obtained a binding arbitration award for a client in a long-running family dispute over real estate business, resulting in a monetary award of \$400,000 plus indemnity rights worth over \$1 million. He also obtained a summary judgment for a real estate developer client, defeating fraud and quiet title claims.

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**TIMOTHY D. REUBEN**

Managing Principal / CEO
Reuben Raucher & Blum

Tim Reuben has litigated all types of business and tort cases, including real estate, construction, entertainment, copyright and trademark, trust and estates, employment, securities, antitrust, insurance, unfair competition, professional negligence, and complex civil matters. One of his recent cases was a complex matter involving an employee who left a recruiting company and set up a competing firm. Reuben represented the employee, who sued under PAGA for violations of the Labor Code because commissions were not fully paid by the company which deducted illegitimate expenses before calculating commissions. The client was sued back for misappropriation of trade secrets because he set up a competing company and had taken some of the company documents on his departure. Since the case is still ongoing, the result is not yet in, but Reuben's strategy put the case in LA County and defeated the request for a preliminary injunction.

**EKWON RHOW**

Principal
Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks,
Lincenberg & Rhow, P.C.

Ekwon Rhow has established himself as one of the country's leading trial lawyers. He represents corporate and individual clients in complex controversies related to commercial, entertainment, class actions, and intellectual property. A significant facet of Rhow's practice involves class action lawsuits. He has succeeded in defending clients in numerous industries and has a favorable reputation among federal judges for his trial presentation mastery. Notably, he has been appointed as lead counsel by the California Federal Judge overseeing the federal TikTok privacy class action lawsuit – one of the most high-profile class action lawsuits in American history. Rhow was installed as one of the three co-lead counsel by the Illinois Federal Judge overseeing the same federal TikTok privacy class action suit. Businesses, both local and global, entrust Rhow with their most complex matters. He recently attained a complete defense decision on behalf of a long-standing client, JM Eagle involving over \$1 billion in claims.

**DAVID RING**

Partner
Taylor & Ring

David Ring is recognized as one of the top trial lawyers for sexual abuse victims in the nation. For 30 years, he has represented girls, boys, women and men who are survivors of abuse with record-setting results and precedent setting jury verdicts, and his cases regularly make news headlines. In 2020, Ring filed a case in which Diego Stoltz was killed by bullies at his middle school in Moreno Valley, attracting national media attention, and ultimately, changing bullying programs across the nation. Ring also filed a case in Rhode Island against a prestigious Catholic boarding school due to conduct by the school in attempting to cover-up a crime committed by its teacher. In the past two years, Ring has obtained record-breaking results, including a \$45 million jury verdict against LA County and its department of children services for a young girl who was repeatedly sexually abused in her home that was under DCFS supervision.

**ELLEN ROBBINS**

Partner
Akerman LLP

Ellen Robbins is a trial lawyer with extensive experience litigating a broad spectrum of cases in state and federal courts, arbitrations and the International Trade Commission. She joined Akerman in August 2018 after 26 years at Sidley Austin. Robbins is as comfortable litigating multi-forum and "bet the company" cases for large public companies as she is representing individuals and smaller entities in more routine matters. Among her most notable representations, Robbins served as trial counsel in the Microsoft/Motorola smart phone patent litigation, including a landmark bench trial setting royalties for standard-essential patents, a subsequent jury trial where she obtained a favorable jury verdict for Microsoft, and ITC proceedings where she obtained an exclusion order. In another notable matter, she secured a \$40 million judgment for a Fortune 500 company in a bench trial involving claims of alter ego and fraudulent transfer, which judgment was affirmed by the Seventh Circuit.



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Reginald Roberts, Jr., a co-founding partner and a co-managing partner of Sanders Roberts LLP, has been handling complex employment and business litigation issues for over 15 years, relentlessly defending public and private clients in matters that stand to critically impact their lives and livelihoods: from discrimination and harassment to wrongful termination, breach of contract to insurance coverage disputes, premises liability to wrongful death. Roberts is a top-notch employment defense trial lawyer and a persuasive advocate for his clients who range from global corporations and financial institutions to municipalities and individuals. He handles cases from pre-litigation all the way through trial, in both state and federal courts. He assists his clients in navigating complex and sometimes challenging employment scenarios that may garner public attention while simultaneously minimizing risk and addressing concerns beyond just monetary impact. He has established an excellent track record when it comes to defending cases at trial.



JENNIFER ROMANO

Partner
Crowell & Moring LLP

When stakes are high and corporate reputations hang in the balance, an array of the nation's largest companies turn to Jennifer Romano, a partner in the LA office and a former Management Board member. As co-chair of the Litigation Group, Romano plays a leading role in defending clients in commercial litigation and against consumer class actions, particularly in the healthcare space. She regularly represents her clients in state and federal courts as well as in arbitration. Among her recent successes was her work on behalf of the Regents of the University of California amid the COVID-19 pandemic, when the DHS announced it would rescind visas of international students enrolled in online classes. Romano and her team went to work and the Administration backed down and reverted to the status quo. The win was largely made possible by the swift, decisive action by UC in filing the lawsuit.



JEFFREY ROSENFELD

Partner
Alston & Bird

Jeff Rosenfeld has extensive trial experience defending a wide variety of class actions and high-stakes litigation in both state and federal courts across the nation. He regularly counsels and represents clients in corporate governance and partnership disputes, as well as in a variety of other claims typically experienced by individual and corporate stakeholders. Rosenfeld has an accomplished track record of defeating threatened and actual claims at every stage of litigation, including at trial. He has also negotiated settlements of numerous matters without litigation. Recent matters include serving as lead counsel to Fairchild Semiconductor (now ON Semiconductor) at trial in a suit alleging various claims of breach of warranty; and serving as lead defense counsel in significant litigation pending in Los Angeles Superior Court regarding payment of an alleged \$25 million-plus broker's commission in the sale of a pharmaceutical company.



MATHEW ROSENGART

Partner
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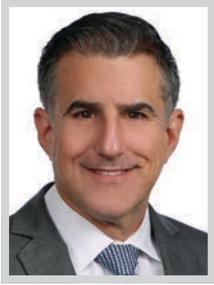
Mathew Rosengart, a former federal prosecutor, is one of the most influential litigators and trial attorneys in Los Angeles. Rosengart is widely known as a "go to" litigator both for Hollywood's elite and Corporate America and has perennially been recognized as one of the nation's preeminent litigators. Within the past 12 months alone, Rosengart won two evidentiary court hearings for his clients Steven Spielberg and Keanu Reeves, while also achieving a major, milestone victory for professional basketball player Jimmy Butler, in a case in which Rosengart's successful litigation strategy was described as "novel" and "innovative." Rosengart is routinely called upon by other A-list luminaries such as Sean Penn, Ben Affleck, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Academy Award nominees and winners Michael Mann and Kenneth Lonergan, and rock star Eddie Vedder. He also represents large corporations including Verizon, for whom he serves as lead counsel in cases from New York to Los Angeles.

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**MICHAEL ROTH**

Partner
King & Spalding LLP

Michael Roth serves as strategic lead for high-profile clients sued under California's consumer protection laws and in complex business disputes. From enforcement actions by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and New York Attorney General, to class actions under California's Unfair Competition Law and Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Roth is an accomplished business litigator who has successfully defended scores of consumer class actions and bet-the-farm cases, and often represents clients through the appellate process. Among his recent work, Roth leads the defense in various actions against RD Legal, an innovative financial services company that offers lump sum payments for portions of future settlement or judgment proceeds. Also, on July 16, 2020, Roth secured a victory for Old Navy in a false advertising class action. After having a demurrer sustained without leave to amend, Roth prevailed on a motion for reconsideration and a motion to dismiss a subsequent appeal.

**DANIEL ROZANSKY**

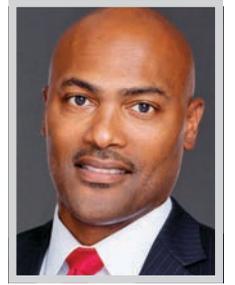
Partner
Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP

As lead attorney for SA&M's Media and Entertainment Litigation practice, Daniel Rozansky is at the forefront of Hollywood's most high-stakes disputes, including Hollywood Unlocked, Inc. and Jason Lee Johnson v. Lifetime Entertainment Services, A&E Television Networks, Home Brewed Productions for which Rozansky served as lead counsel for defendants in a copyright and right of publicity violations claim over defendants' use of a clip from an interview with celebrity recording artist K. Michelle discussing the sexual assault allegations against R. Kelly. Defendants incorporated the clip in "Surviving R. Kelly" season 2. The case was dismissed. He also served as lead trial counsel for Funrise in a licensing dispute against Space Race, the rights holder and producer of television series "Space Racers." Funrise received a complete defense verdict (\$1.065 million) after a 10-day arbitration.

**JASON RUSSELL**

Partner
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Jason Russell is the new Head of Skadden's Los Angeles office. He has earned a reputation as a highly skilled litigator with particular experience litigating some of the most high-profile cases in sports and entertainment and consumer products, as well as complex class actions. Known widely for being a relatable and persuasive orator, Russell has defended high-profile clients in their most critical and diverse matters, such as Christie's, Inc. in obtaining the dismissal of a putative nationwide class action in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; Red Bull North America in the defense of multiple putative class actions across the country and in responding to congressional investigations into the energy drink industry; Este Lauder in the dismissal of a series of class actions relating to marketing and packaging statements on cosmetics products; and The NBA in connection with its imposition of discipline against former Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

**JUSTIN SANDERS**

Founding Partner and Co-Managing Partner
Sanders Roberts LLP

Justin H. Sanders is the founding and co-managing partner of Sanders Roberts LLP. His practice focuses on business litigation, general liability defense and criminal investigations involving medical professionals. He represents Fortune 100 corporations, businesses and individuals in an array of litigation matters, including general commercial matters, breach of contract and fiduciary duty claims, catastrophic accidents, negligence, misrepresentation, fraud and criminal investigations. He is known as a forceful trial lawyer and a detailed deposition taker. Some of his clients include Ford Motor Company, Morgan Stanley, Southern California Edison, Honda Finance, the City of Los Angeles, and a host of other businesses and public entities. He has tried multiple cases to jury verdicts in federal and state court on behalf of Fortune 100 corporations and individuals. In 2010, Sanders successfully represented the first Latina neurosurgeon in the history of the State of California in a licensing dispute and has since represented numerous medical professionals.

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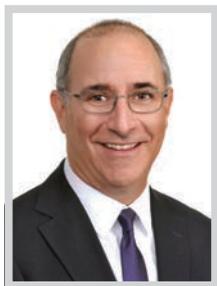
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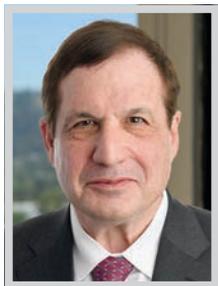
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Andrew Selesnick is a shareholder in Buchalter's Los Angeles office, and is a member of the firm's Litigation and Health Care Practice Groups. With more than 20 years of experience as a health care and commercial litigator, Selesnick represents health care providers in numerous areas of litigation, such as seeking reimbursement from insurance companies or defending government investigations. He also advises management on how to successfully navigate a complex regulatory environment to take advantage of business opportunities while minimizing risk. Selesnick has taken approximately 15 jury trials (to verdict), multiple bench trials, and more than 75 arbitrations. Selesnick recently represented VEP Health-care Inc. in its merger with US Acute Care Solutions. Together, the companies form the largest physician-owned provider of integrated acute care medicine and the third-largest provider of emergency medicine services in the U.S., serving more than seven million patients annually in approximately 300 hospital-based locations.



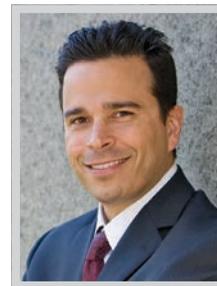
PETER SELVIN
Partner
Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP

Peter S. Selvin, chair of ECJ's Insurance Coverage and Recovery Department, is a business trial lawyer with more than 30 years of experience. While he specializes in the areas of insurance coverage and international litigation, his experience has touched many different areas of law, including real estate, intellectual property and professional liability disputes. Within those areas, Selvin's practice includes both trying cases and counseling clients on how to avoid litigation. Chief among his strengths is his ability to counsel clients and help achieve strategic business solutions. In 2014 Selvin was selected as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum – an honorary trial lawyers association whose members have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts. He has been published in numerous business and legal publications, including the International Financial Law Review, Executive Counsel, Risk & Insurance and Global Counsel. His publications have also appeared around the world.



JASON SHEASBY
Partner
Irell & Manella LLP

Jason Sheasby, a partner at Irell & Manella, continues to demonstrate why he is one of the leading IP litigators in the nation, scoring a string of significant trial victories for clients in complex patent battles against some of the world's largest companies. Among recent wins, in November 2019 and January 2020, Sheasby secured back-to-back \$200 million and \$102 million jury verdicts for United Services Automobile Association (USAA) in separate patent trials against Wells Fargo involving mobile remote deposit technology. Juries in each case found that Wells Fargo willfully infringed USAA's patents for the technology. Sheasby also successfully represented USAA at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, defeating numerous attempts by Wells Fargo to challenge patents that support the \$200 million and \$102 million jury awards. Additionally, in August 2020, Sheasby scored a major victory for PanOptis against Apple in the first U.S. patent jury trial since the pandemic began.



AMNON SIEGEL
Partner
Miller Barondess, LLP

Amnon Siegel is an experienced trial attorney with significant victories for plaintiffs and defendants in jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations. Siegel's practice focuses on complex civil litigation matters in the automotive, entertainment, technology, real estate, consumer products and financial services industries. In 2017, Siegel obtained one of the top 10 verdicts in the country, a \$256 million verdict against Nissan. Siegel is committed to helping the community during the uncertain and difficult times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past year, he has successfully represented the County of Los Angeles against numerous lawsuits challenging the enforcement of emergency health orders, such as contact-tracing, stay-at-home orders, and orders restricting activities to reduce the spread of the virus. For example, Siegel successfully represented LA County against a Beverly Hills sushi restaurant after the county issued its COVID-19 contact-tracing order; and also obtained a preliminary injunction against a mega-church defying indoor service restrictions.

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ROMAN SILBERFELD

National Trial Chair and Los Angeles Partner
Robins Kaplan LLP

When Robins Kaplan decided to name its first-ever national trial chair, the choice was obvious. Roman Silberfeld, the firm’s managing partner in Los Angeles for over two decades, has earned more than 80 trial victories, including the biggest award ever granted in a Hollywood accounting lawsuit (\$319 million with interest) over profits from ABC’s “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.” Over more than 45 years and across wide-ranging subject matter, he has established a record of courtroom success aided by an easy-going, gentlemanly manner that has won over scores of judges and juries. Silberfeld has played a major role in multiple mass tort and complex litigation matters. He has achieved trial and appellate victories in contract, antitrust, product liability, intellectual property, and professional negligence litigation. He recently served as co-lead counsel for the country in a national class action against Wells Fargo that yielded a settlement of \$432.4 million.



THADDEUS STAUBER

Partner
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Thaddeus Stauber, a Complex Commercial Disputes partner in the Los Angeles office of Nixon Peabody, leads the firm’s Arts and Cultural Institutions team advising the world’s leading cultural institutions, foreign sovereigns, international art collectors, dealers, artists, universities, foundations, estates, and individuals in all aspects of art law. From putting together the transformative SFMO-MA-Fisher family deal that changed the modern art museum model – to representing the estates and families of legendary artists such as Pablo Picasso – to leading high-profile courtroom wins and groundbreaking crossover deals – to advising next-generation artists like Sterling Ruby, Stauber understands the art industry and international cultural marketplace. Stauber and his team have successfully represented their clients’ interests in trials and proceedings throughout the U.S. and arbitral bodies worldwide, including controversies spanning the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Latin America. He has personally argued cases in six different federal circuits, along with numerous state courts.



JOHN TAYLOR

Partner
Taylor & Ring

John Taylor is considered one of California’s most respected trial lawyers having tried more than 125 cases and obtained record-setting verdicts/settlements on cases that range from police misconduct and civil rights violations to horrific sexual abuse, complex personal injury, and wrongful death. Within the past two months, Taylor has obtained several record-breaking successes: a \$5 million settlement, the largest in the nation on behalf of a female trainee truck driver who was raped by her supervising co-driver; and a \$950,000 settlement, the largest from a skilled nursing facility that illegally dumped a man on LA’s Skid Row. Recently, in a high-profile case, Taylor filed a lawsuit on behalf of the wife and children of Kurt Reinhold, a Black man who was shot and killed by the OC Sheriff’s Deputies in September 2020 in a case that garnered national media attention.



SUSAN VARGAS

Partner
King & Spalding LLP

Susan Vargas is a partner in King & Spalding’s Trial and Global Disputes group. She defends leading manufacturers of automobiles, consumer products, pharmaceutical products and medical devices in high stakes litigation. She represents Allergan, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Lamborghini and Volkswagen, among others. As a former in-house lawyer, Vargas brings a unique approach to product liability cases. She knows how to balance the legal, business and budgetary constraints every general counsel must contend with in high profile cases. Susan is sought after by companies for her results oriented approach and her ability to minimize the drain on corporate resources from protracted discovery disputes. She was recently selected as national counsel for luxury sports car company Lamborghini and also recently led a team that won two summary judgment motions and three summary adjudication motions in hotly contested product liability lawsuits for Johnson & Johnson, among other high profile matters.

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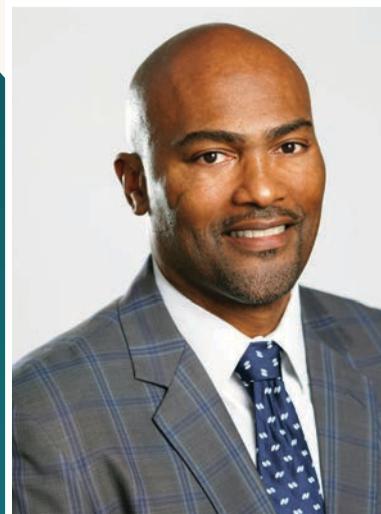
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BELINDA MARTINEZ VEGA

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Belinda Martinez Vega, co-chair of Venable’s West Coast Litigation Group, focuses on complex commercial litigation, including matters involving unfair business practices, securities litigation, intellectual property, real estate, contract disputes, and fraud. She has significant experience in all aspects of litigation, from discovery to depositions, trial, and appellate work. Vega actively counsels clients on corporate compliance and conducts internal investigations to government inquiries and allegations of misconduct. Vega is a highly visible supporter of public service. She is a director of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions, to which she was appointed as commissioner by Mayor Eric Garcetti. (LAFPP manages more than \$28.74 billion in assets.) She also serves on the executive board of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, a nonprofit that builds parks and gardens for inner-city communities in Los Angeles. A trusted advisor, Vega has become a go-to voice on issues related to environmental, social, and corporate governance.



TOMMY WANG

President & Managing Partner
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Wang IP Law Group, P.C., led by its president and managing founder Tommy Wang, specializes in the development and active protection of the intellectual property of inventors, entrepreneurs and business owners in the United States and worldwide. Under Wang’s stewardship, the firm provides end-to-end solutions that anticipate client needs while protecting their investments so that their enterprises thrive. Wang and his firm are known for an international presence, with clients and contacts in South America, Europe and throughout Asia. With a team of multilingual attorneys trained in science and engineering, Wang has built a go-to law firm for clients who need help with all aspects of IP, from concept to contract negotiation to product launch. Wang’s IP Law work provides the opportunity for clients to conveniently and cost-effectively localize their IP and business law needs in one office.



PERRIE WEINER

Partner
Baker McKenzie

Perrie Weiner is the partner in charge of Baker McKenzie’s Los Angeles office and Chair of the firm’s North America Securities Litigation Group. He also is a leading member of the firm’s Lease Litigation & Restructuring Practice, which he formed to address client issues associated with COVID-19, and has quickly become a thought leader in this emerging niche area. Weiner is also a core member of the firm’s SPAC Rapid Response Team, created to address SEC enforcement and related securities litigation issues associated with SPACs and de-SPACs, with a particular focus on the Asian markets. With more than 30 years of experience, Weiner’s practice focuses on securities litigation and enforcement matters and complex business litigation. He advises private equity funds, including hedge funds, broker-dealers, underwriters, placement agents and issuers in SEC and FINRA enforcement proceedings, and in white collar criminal proceedings.



ALEX WEINGARTEN

Partner
Venable LLP

Alex Weingarten is a preeminent trial lawyer who represents musicians and entertainment industry professionals in high-stakes business, probate, and entertainment litigation. Clients look to Weingarten to handle “bet the company” cases, protect their integrity during the public litigation process, and suggest novel strategies. He is aggressive in optimizing results and finding the most direct route to victory. He recently defended 5 Seconds of Summer and Vevo against copyright infringement claims over their hit song “Youngblood.” This suit has significant implications for the music industry in determining what standard to apply to prove whether a given composition violates the copyright of another. He is also representing Selena Gomez in a suit against developers of the app-based game Clothes Forever for their unauthorized use of her name and likeness. This action will have monumental significance concerning the protection of entertainers against unauthorized use of a person’s name, likeness, or identity.

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Willenken partner Jason Wilson has over 30 years of litigation experience, including substantial trial and appellate experience. During his notable career, Wilson has tried 15 cases to a jury, judge, or arbitrator. He is frequently retained as trial counsel by Fortune 500 clients, often just weeks before trial. He focuses on complex commercial business litigation, representing Fortune 500 companies across a range of industries in real estate, energy and utilities, environmental, intellectual property, class action, and complex business matters. Wilson's representative clients include Jan-Pro Franchising International, Southern California Gas Company, McDonalds, Southern California Edison, and Walgreens. His recent courtroom triumphs include defeating a claim that a commercial bank wrongfully honored a letter of credit; winning a trademark infringement action; prevailing in a fraudulent conveyance action; defeating a breach of contract claim brought against a premier hotel chain; and winning a fraud action with an award of punitive damages.



JEFFREY WOLF
Founding Partner
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For approximately 20 years, Jeff Wolf has represented clients in accident and injury cases. In the beginning of his career, he worked for the defense which provides him with the understanding and knowledge of the defense mind-set. Since then, he has had the privilege of representing individuals and their families in trying times after tragedy has struck. He approaches every case with persistence and a fierce search for the truth, yet understanding that civility is a critical part of the practice of law. It has been Wolf's passion to help people who have suffered injury or injustice. He focuses his efforts, through aggressive investigation and discovery, on building a case that is ready for trial when the trial date comes. He finds that settlements come when he demonstrates to the defense that he is prepared to try the case in front of a jury.



JAMES J. YUKEVICH
Founding Partner, Managing Partner
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With over 30 years of courtroom experience in jurisdictions across the United States, James Yukevich has developed a reputation as a skilled trial lawyer who understands how cases are won. With every client, he leverages his extensive experience to customize legal strategies that are unique to each situation and matter, employing tactics that result in favorable verdicts. Recognized for 12 Top Defense Verdicts by the Los Angeles Daily Journal over the last 15 years, Yukevich is a frequent speaker on issues involving civil litigation, trial practice, mass tort, and products liability. In his most recent trial win, Yukevich secured a unanimous defense verdict in favor of his client, Ferrari North America, Inc.; the verdict took jurors less than 25 minutes to deliberate. The 2019 verdict secured Yukevich his 12th Daily Journal Top Defense Verdicts designation.



RAFFI ZEROUNIAN
Partner and Los Angeles Market Leader
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Raffi Zerounian is at the forefront of an industry-leading trademark and copyright practice representing a broad base of clients and well-known brands. His clients range from startups to established technology companies like Jupiter Networks and GoPro, to producers of alcoholic beverages like Jack Daniels and Jackson Family Wines, to media companies like Skydance Productions, and public entities like The Regents of the University of California. Zerounian's specialty is handling trademark disputes for well-known brands and companies. He has a pragmatic, personalized, and effective approach to his practice, which has resulted, long-standing client relationships. Zerounian's practice encompasses all facets of trademark litigation and enforcement as well as trademark counseling, clearance, and prosecution. He has pursued hundreds of trademark-enforcement disputes and has been lead counsel in many federal court trademark infringement actions. He also manages domestic and international trademark portfolios and has overseen opposition and cancellation proceedings.

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