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Letter from the Publisher



The Los Angeles Business Journal was proud to host our second annual Top 100 Lawyers event on the evening of Thursday, May 18th at the Biltmore Los Angeles. This exciting event shone the spotlight on the region’s outstanding legal community by recognizing Los Angeles’ top 100 lawyers for their legal achievements, community involvement and impacts on the profession. In addition, we also presented several specialty awards to those who continue to excel in profession in unique and impactful ways.

Considering the fact that the Los Angeles region has long been known for its status as a hub for legal though leaders and record-setting attorneys, being a standout in that field is particularly impressive.

The 100 lawyers listed throughout this section (to be exact, there’s actually 101 this year) have demonstrated exceptional legal skill and achievements across the full spectrum of responsibility, exemplary leadership and contributions to the Los Angeles community at large.

On the basic surface, some of the particular abilities and traits that help to make a Lawyer stand out include responsiveness, analytical skills, good research skills, speaking skills and listening skills. Beyond that there are many strategic intangibles that take quality attorneys to the next level. Each of the professionals listed in these pages are experts and thought leaders in their respective areas of specialty and each have had a hand in helping the legal system function and thrive here in Southern California.

In the following pages we share biographical information on these legal stand outs and shed some additional light on some of the premier examples of business law practitioners among us today.

Many thanks to our sponsors, who helped to make this event possible: Baker McKenzie; BDG Law Group; Buchalter; Clark Hill PLC; Foley & Lardner; Hueston Hennigan LLP; King & Spalding; Lagerlof, LLP; Locke Lord LLP; Loeb & Loeb LLP; and Thompson Coburn LLP.

We hope you enjoy this special section, which contains some unique insights on what exactly it means to be a leading attorney in today’s business climate.

Best regards,

Josh Schimmels
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Simran Bindra

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Post and Simran Bindra for being selected among the Top 100 Lawyers in Los Angeles!

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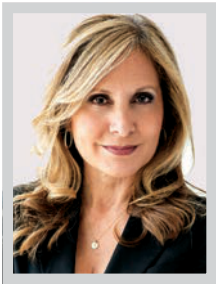
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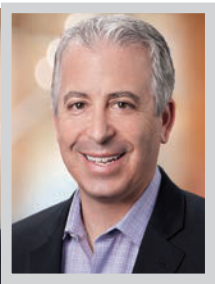
—*Los Angeles Business Journal*



ANGELA AGRUSA
DLA Piper

DLA Piper partner Angela Agrusa handles high-stake matters that command headlines and shape legal precedent. From Chipotle to T-Mobile, Agrusa has successfully defended her clients in more than 50 putative class actions with combined potential exposure of over \$100 billion in just the last five years alone, including Danone in first-of-its-kind impact litigation, and her track record has resulted in long-term partnerships with iconic brands Danone, Hilton, Chipotle and Motel 6.

Within DLA Piper, Agrusa serves as the managing partner of the firm’s Los Angeles offices, growing the DLA Piper LA Office to over 120 attorneys and tripling its revenue in the last four years. She is an active, successful recruiter and has brought in several high-profile lateral partners in recent months. She also serves as co-chair of the firm’s Class Action and Mass Action Litigation Group and its Food and Beverage sector.



ANDREW APFELBERG
Greenberg Glusker LLP

Andrew Apfelberg, a partner at Greenberg Glusker LLP, is a corporate and finance attorney for middle-market companies throughout the United States. Apfelberg often acts as outside general counsel to his clients, providing advice on a business’ significant transactions whether it’s a merger or acquisition, private equity or other financing, joint venture or licensing deal.

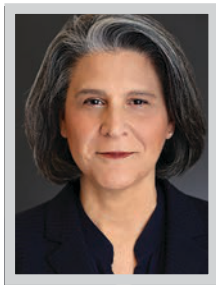
Apfelberg has a considerable depth of experience in the branded consumer products and manufacturing and distribution industries as well as representing high net worth individuals and their family offices. His strong business and finance background results from his education from USC’s Marshall School of Business and from working in investment banking prior to going to law school. This experience enables Apfelberg to more effectively structure transactions and negotiate agreements to maximize the value to the client and increase the likelihood of getting the deal closed.



JEFF ATKIN
Foley & Lardner LLP

With over two decades of legal experience, Jeff Atkin serves as a trusted business advisor to his clients on a diverse range of legal matters. He is a recognized leader in the clean energy and renewables space, and his areas of practice include renewable energy, project finance, private placements, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, life sciences, real estate development and equipment procurement and leasing.

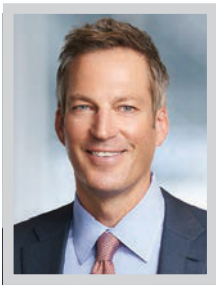
Atkin is passionate about assisting clients with improving their environmental and social impact – representing developers, investors, lenders and landowners in the construction, project development, infrastructure acquisition and financing of renewable energy generation facilities, including wind, solar, hydro, geothermal and biomass facilities and other non-energy related project development. As the former managing partner of Foley’s Los Angeles office for the previous seven years, Atkin oversaw 110 lawyers and business professionals, supervising the strategic growth of the office and the expansion of Foley’s presence locally.



ELENA BACA
Paul Hastings LLP

Elena Baca is the global chair of Paul Hastings’ leading Employment Law Department, influencing a team of approximately 80 labor and employment lawyers in multiple offices around the world. In addition to her leadership roles at the firm, Baca dominates adversaries in courtrooms throughout the nation. With decades of experience and a nuanced approach to counseling clients, she continues to be a powerhouse. Baca is recognized as one of the top trial lawyers in her field, with an exceptional record of accomplishments and trial victories that stand out not only for their sheer volume, but also for the ways in which the decisions are shaping the future of law.

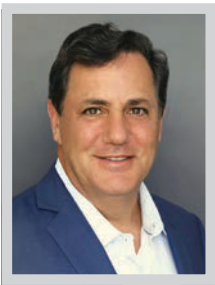
Baca’s experience ranges from defending an array of class actions, to advising on employment issues impacting the C-Suite, to complicated, high-profile litigation asserted against some of the most recognized companies in the world.



RYAN BAKER
Waymaker LLP

One of California’s elite trial and appellate lawyers, Waymaker LLP founding partner Ryan Baker wins trial verdicts and appeals in high-profile and high-stakes cases across the country. Skilled with cases involving intellectual property and innovative or disruptive technology, Baker built Waymaker (formerly Baker Marquart LLP) into one of the nation’s premiere trial and litigation boutiques. The firm is known for success in litigation at the intersection of innovative technology and complex legal issues.

Waymaker, which Baker managed from inception, has a stellar record of achievement at both trials and appeals. The firm Baker has built over the past 17 years is widely recognized for its excellence in many areas, with a particular focus on complex litigation, intellectual property and fintech/cybersecurity. Baker successfully guided Waymaker through the turmoil of the pandemic and in 2021 the firm changed its name to reflect its growing diversity and commitment to a collaborative culture.



ADAM BASS
Buchalter

Adam Bass joined Buchalter in 1993 and after 20 years became president and chief executive officer in January of 2013. Under his leadership, Buchalter has experienced substantial growth having tripled in size growing to more than 400 lawyers and opening seven new office locations in Napa Valley, Sacramento, Seattle, San Diego, Portland, Salt Lake City and Denver.

As chair of the Family Office & Wealth Management Practice Group and co-chair of the Social Media Influencers Industry Group, Bass’ practice includes the representation of companies of all sizes and financial institutions in both transactional and litigation matters. He is often called upon to handle general business matters for his corporate clients. Further, his areas of expertise include regulatory matters at the local, state and federal levels, as well as government procurement. His experience includes corporate, loan workouts, creditors’ rights, real property, labor relations, public contracting and regulatory compliance.



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BRIAN BERGMAN
BDG Law Group

Brian J. Bergman, shareholder at BDG Law Group, is highly regarded for his work in the areas of eminent domain, inverse condemnation and environmental litigation for public entities. Bergman has a demonstrated track record of obtaining superior results for clients on large, complex public works projects, including extensive transportation projects throughout California. Bergman and the firm recently represented Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) in eminent domain matters in conjunction with the Purple Line Extension. The case involved complicated environmental contamination issues associated with the taking of a parcel for use as a maintenance yard. BDG was able to negotiate a multi-million-dollar reduction in the value of the property prior to trial. Bergman is also representing the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority in eminent domain proceedings for a BART extension project, including multiple takings necessary for the planned Downtown San Jose BART station.



SIMRAN BINDRA
Thompson Coburn LLP

Simran Bindra provides strategic banking and finance counseling to his clients and represents owners and developers of commercial real estate in the acquisition, disposition and financing of assets. He has previously served as general counsel for a Los Angeles-based real estate developer with interest in hotel and office assets and prior to that served as external counsel to owners and developers in all aspects of the real estate life cycle, from entity and joint venture formation to acquisition of assets to the financing and disposition of the same, with a particular emphasis on hospitality and office assets. Bindra represented Western Alliance Bank in multiple financings secured by mortgage servicing rights under servicing agreements with Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Ginnie Mae, including financing to subsidiaries of publicly-traded Annaly Capital Management along with master repurchase facilities for purpose of financing mortgage loans.



DANIEL BIR
Polsinelli

For 20 years, Daniel Bir has immersed himself in his clients’ businesses and their particular goals and objectives to efficaciously represent them in the areas of product liability, catastrophic injuries and commercial disputes. From initial pleadings through arbitration or trial, Bir assists businesses through all stages of litigation on a variety of issues and in a variety of industries. Bir litigates matters throughout the United States and has taken hundreds of depositions of both lay and expert witnesses. He has successfully argued discovery and dispositive motions and has resolved several cases through mediations and settlement conferences. His efforts in this area have resulted in decisions that assist clients in future cases and in developing long term litigation and business strategies. To this end, Bir recently received summary judgment in a matter involving a young athlete who suffered a traumatic brain injury.



JEFF BJORK
Latham & Watkins LLP

Jeff Bjork was recently named managing partner for Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles, a role in which he’ll coordinate the efforts of more than 270 lawyers and professionals who support them in the firm’s two LA offices located in Century City and Downtown Los Angeles. He takes on this leadership position while maintaining an industry-leading restructuring and bankruptcy practice, in which he represents public and private companies, creditors and investors in all aspects of restructuring matters. Bjork previously served as the global vice chair of Latham’s Restructuring and Special Situations Practice Group. Widely recognized as a leading restructuring lawyer in the US, Bjork is a fellow in the prestigious American College of Bankruptcy. With 25 years in practice, Bjork has represented debtors, creditors, sponsors, boards of directors and investors in all aspects of restructuring distressed companies.



BRAD BRIAN
Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP

Brad D. Brian, the first elected chair of Munger, Tolles & Olson, is recognized as one of the top trial lawyers globally. A fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Brian represents some of the largest companies in Los Angeles and throughout the country in their most important matters. Brian’s practice spans a wide range of industries and includes a ‘who’s who’ roster of clients, such as PG&E, MGM Resorts, Southern California Edison, Activision, Jacobs Engineering, Bechtel, Transocean, Sotera Health, Sterigenics, Fortress Investment Group, the Kobe Bryant Estate and some of the largest law firms in the country. Brian has sustained a career as one of the world’s top trial lawyers because he goes beyond the typical outside counsel, becoming fully immersed in his clients’ teams and meeting their needs as a true business partner.



TAMARA BUSH
Dykema Gossett

Tamara Bush is the leader of Dykema’s nationally ranked product liability and class action litigation practice group. She is a proficient trial lawyer, representing clients in products liability matters, commercial disputes over contract performance, business torts and trade secrets. Tamara handles matters in federal and state courts across the country, both at the trial and appellate levels. She is a skilled litigation strategist, managing the defense of large-scale class, collective and multidistrict actions involving high-value product liability, breach of warranty and statutory claims. Included in Bush’s experience is a substantial amount of work in the defense of product liability actions on behalf of manufacturers, distributors and/or designers of automobiles, trailers, forklifts and other consumer products. She has a strong, active practice with the firm’s Automotive Industry Group, which has been recognized as one of the strongest in the nation by The Legal 500.



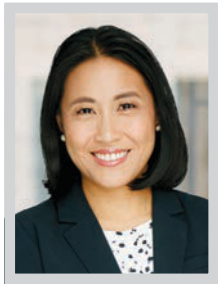
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VICKI CHOU
Hueston Hennigan LLP

Vicki Chou is a key member of Hueston Hennigan’s White Collar and Investigations team. A seasoned trial and appellate attorney, she previously served as a deputy chief in the US Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California. Chou secured a unique plea agreement for one of the highest-profile criminal defendants in the “Varsity Blues” college admissions case, a declination for Southern California Edison in the criminal investigation of the deaths caused by the California wildfires and secured a favorable plea agreement for the former dean of USC’s School of Social Work in connection with federal corruption charges in an alleged bribery scheme involving a public official.

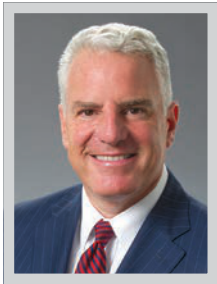
Chou is also currently serving as trial counsel in a criminal case alleging that former Outcome Health CEO Rishi Shah and other executives ran a \$1 billion fraud scheme at the Chicago-based company.



MORGAN CHU
Irell & Manella LLP

Morgan Chu has secured many of the world’s largest — and in some cases precedent-setting — verdicts, judgments and settlements, resulting in actual payments totaling more than \$9 billion. His decades-long career stands apart for its impact and influence. Defense representations have comprised an equal share of his career, and he has scored a series of wins that have been named top defense verdicts of the year.

In just the past year, Chu has obtained nearly \$3.3 billion in awards for VLSI Technology in patent trials against Intel involving microprocessor technology. In November 2022, he convinced a jury to award VLSI \$948 million plus running royalties, and in a separate case in April 2022, he secured a \$2.3 billion judgment for VLSI – the largest patent judgment in US history. His strategy included ensuring that technical issues surrounding the infringement were easily understandable for jurors.



DAN CLIVNER
Sidley Austin LLP

Dan Clivner, a global leader at Sidley Austin, is managing partner of the firm’s 140-lawyer Los Angeles offices, among the top 10 in LA, and co-head of its 440-lawyer global M&A and Private Equity (PE) group. In the past five years, he has elevated the firm’s global M&A / PE practice from 40th place to third place nationally (Q1 2022) in Bloomberg’s rankings by deal value. Under his leadership, Sidley Austin was named by Law360 a Practice Group of the Year in 2022 for Private Equity.

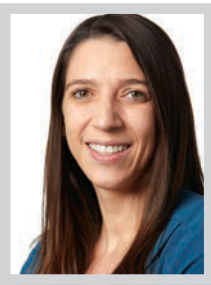
In addition to maintaining one of the most prolific and influential M&A and PE practices in the country, Clivner continues to handle some of the firm’s most high-profile transactional matters for clients. His extensive experience includes matters in PE, M&A and corporate governance and advising executives, boards, management, special committees and investment banking firms on domestic and international corporate transactions.



NANCY SHER COHEN
Lathrop GPM

Nancy Sher Cohen is a partner and a leader of the Insurance Recovery & Counseling Group. Lathrop GPM recruited Cohen in late 2017 seeking the right individual to rejuvenate and bring local visibility to its Los Angeles office and national visibility to its insurance recovery work. She helped build the Los Angeles office from two lawyers to over 10 and catapulted the firm’s policyholder capabilities and profile to one of the largest practice groups in the US.

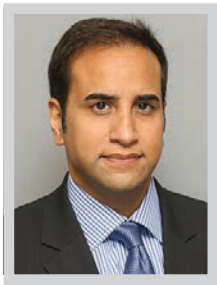
A lawyer of 40-plus years, Cohen entered the legal world when the glass ceiling was still very much intact, especially in litigation departments. She often stood alone as a sole female on large teams, but that has never stopped her. Cohen has held lead positions at several top-tier national law firms and has served as lead counsel in the prosecution of many insurance coverage lawsuits resulting in recoveries over \$1.5 billion.



MARA CURTIS
Reed Smith LLP

Mara Curtis is a partner in the Labor & Employment Group of Reed Smith. Her practice focuses on counseling and litigating wage and hour matters. At only 39, Curtis has already distinguished herself as one of the nation’s leading lawyers in wage and hour law for cutting-edge industries, particularly the gig-economy, transportation, health care and retail sectors.

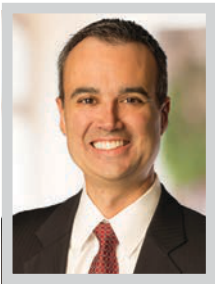
Curtis has played lead roles in many of the most significant wage and hour cases of the recent past—many of which involve high-risk operational, classification and/or business model challenges that make them fundamentally different from other employment litigation—including obtaining the first published decision by the Ninth Circuit and the first published decision by the California Court of Appeals upholding the dismissal of a claim brought under PAGA on the grounds that the PAGA letter failed to assert the fact and theories underlying the claim.



JON DARYANANI
Perkins Coie LLP

Jon Daryanani is the managing partner of the Los Angeles office for Perkins Coie, LLP, and a partner with the firm’s Labor & Employment practice. He focuses his practice on all aspects of employment and labor litigation and client counseling, including trade secrets and employee mobility litigation. Drawing on his extensive experience, Daryanani represents clients in civil litigation, including class actions and administrative proceedings, involving wage and hour, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination and misappropriation of trade secrets claims.

Daryanani routinely partners with his clients to serve a resource and general counsel for all aspects of his clients’ business operations. In his advice to employers, which include high-profile clients in business and media, he provides strategic planning on various employment and operational business matters. As a former certified public accountant with a Big Four accounting firm, Daryanani brings a unique insight to his practice and advice to his clients.



WILLIAM DELGADO
DTO Law

William Delgado, managing partner of minority-owned law firm DTO Law, which he co-founded in 2019, is a relentless litigator with an unmatched obsession for superior results. Delgado approaches litigation with a clear focus: win, as fast as possible. To do that, he dives into his clients’ business so that he has a clear understanding of what matters, what doesn’t, what creates leverage and what triggers a successful outcome.

The key to Delgado’s success? Never be complacent. Every morning, he combs various legal publications for issues of relevance to his clients, sending them updates on issues they are currently facing, or he foresees they might face. He also takes time to develop associates and junior partners at his own firm to impart the lessons he has learned on his business development journey so that they, too, can build their own books of business.



JOSHUA DRISKELL
Lagerlof, LLP

Joshua Driskell has extensive experience and has built a strong practice in the areas of estate planning, trusts and taxes. He has been able to bring in and serve clients exceptionally all while managing the largest law firm in Pasadena. As managing partner of the firm, Driskell brings a background representing businesses and individuals and a keen attention to detail to leading the firm.

Driskell is a member of the Pasadena Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the California Bar Association. Driskell also created a charitable extension of the firm Lagerlof, LLP called Lagerlof Cares. The nonprofit has raised \$30,000 for local Pasadena nonprofits and has donated school supplies, food items and much more to the local community. He also served and currently serves on nonprofit boards: Pasadena Fire Foundation, Pasadena Museum of History and Leadership Pasadena.



JOHN EXNER
Jackson Lewis, P.C.

John Exner is a principal at Jackson Lewis, P.C., a national labor and employment law firm with 60+ offices and 950+ attorneys. Exner leads the immigration practice in the firm’s Los Angeles office, which includes a team of exceptional immigration attorneys and paralegals who support Jackson Lewis clients throughout Southern California and the firm’s West Coast offices.

Throughout his career, Exner has consistently pursued a wide variety of challenging employment-based immigration cases and represented employers of all sizes and nearly all industries – including healthcare, technology, FinTech, professional athletics, entertainment, manufacturing, gaming, fashion and engineering. He has a broad range of experience with employment-based visas. Clients consistently turn to him for his ability to interpret and utilize complex immigration regulations to accelerate companies’ ability to attract and retain talent. Employers rely on Exner to identify the most effective means of securing US work authorization and visas for global talent.

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**Partner-in-Charge of Baker McKenzie’s
Los Angeles office and Chair of the Firm’s
North America Securities Litigation Group**



MILES FELDMAN
Raines Feldman

Miles Feldman is a founding partner of Raines Feldman LLP and is the chair of the Trials, Litigation and Dispute Resolution department of the firm. 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.

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, MedMen, United Talent Agency, Julien’s Auctions, Haymaker Content, Twentieth Century Fox Television, FilmTools and Westwood Financial Corporation. Feldman was the driving force and architect of several landmark cases that changed practices in the entertainment industry and corporate law. The cases involved California’s seven-year employment rule, copyright fair use, the Talent Agency Act and the descendability of rights and publicity.



SHEILA FIX
Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP

Sheila Fix is a partner in the Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman Los Angeles office where she serves as a member of the firm’s labor and employment practice group. She concentrates her practice on toxic tort litigation, toxic injury, catastrophic injury, employment and construction. As part of her employment practice with the firm, Fix provides workplace training on risk management, as well as discrimination and harassment awareness initiatives. She is also experienced in conducting compliance audits and overseeing internal investigations. Her litigation practice includes defending firm clients against sensitive discrimination, harassment and wage claims. She regularly litigates disputed claims under Title VII, the ADA, FLSA, FMLA, FDCPA, FCRA and related state and local laws.

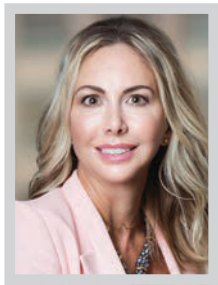
Throughout the course of her career at the firm and while simultaneously serving on the United States Navy Judge Advocate General (“JAG”) Corps, Fix has tried over 75 cases, including 20 jury trials.



ALAN FRIEL
Squire Patton Boggs

As chair of Squire Patton Boggs’ Data Privacy, Cybersecurity and Digital Assets Practice, Alan Friel leads a global team of professionals who keep the firm’s clients ahead of the curve with cutting-edge transactional, regulatory, policy, cybersecurity and contentious capabilities in dynamically evolving data and digital markets. Having served as general counsel for several years in the 1990s, Friel has the expertise to advise clients on making practical and informed business decisions.

With more than three decades of relevant experience to address the intersection of law and technology, Friel is a thought leader in digital media, intellectual property, data privacy and protection, and consumer protection law. Friel remains at the forefront of emerging media and tech, advising publishers and other online services, advertisers, ad tech companies, marketing services providers, data brokers, e-commerce merchants, software and SaaS/PaaS providers and other data controllers and processors of all sorts, on related legal issues.



MICHELLE GASAWAY
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Michelle Gasaway is regularly sought after for her unique, broad experience with an extensive range of complex capital markets transactions that leverage her in-depth knowledge, both of the clients’ business and industry and of the latest trends in the capital markets, to provide customized, comprehensive service to her clients. She is one of the key partners who has helped to establish Skadden’s leading, full service global capital markets practice in California that boasts a unique variety of capabilities across the entire spectrum of capital markets financings and related transactions, not only as compared with peers on the West Coast but also nationally.

Having been at the forefront of some of the most impactful deals of the capital markets, Gasaway’s effectiveness stems from taking a commercial, practical and customized approach to each client’s individual goals, business and transaction needs, which is reflected in the diversity of her practice and clients.



LISA GILFORD
Sidley Austin LLP

Lisa Gilford is one of the nation’s preeminent first-chair trial lawyers. She represents a diverse range of high-profile clients in the automotive, pharmaceutical, communications, oil and gas, aerospace and chemical manufacturing, sports and higher education fields. Gilford is routinely engaged to lead her clients’ most challenging and significant class actions, multidistrict litigation, products liability matters and large-scale commercial disputes.

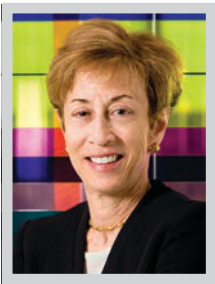
Particularly adept at handling matters with scientific or technical aspects, Gilford frequently works with engineers, physicians, computer scientists, economists, and other technical experts to prepare them for deposition and trial. As a result, she is often retained to provide litigation mitigation and counseling services for clients and is similarly in high demand to provide contingent liability and litigation risk assessments in connection with large corporate transactions. She is skilled at managing and coordinating crisis litigation with multiple legal challenges and sensitive public relations issues.



SCOTT GIZER
Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae LLP

Scott Gizer, operations partner of Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae, is a national trial and appellate lawyer who has achieved stellar results for his clients over the course of his career. Scott is also the go-to coverage counsel for all of the major title insurers in the United States. Even though he is based in Los Angeles, in addition to California, Gizer’s clients call upon him to litigate cases in Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Connecticut, Florida and Washington.

Gizer has tried over 20 cases as lead counsel before juries, judges and arbiters and has been lead appellate counsel in numerous cases. Based on his outstanding results at trial, integrity with his clients and opponents, and ability to find cost-effective resolutions when possible, Gizer has attracted and retained a wide range of clients that range from Fortune 500 companies to local businesses and business persons.



PATRICIA GLASER
Glaser Weil

Patricia Glaser is head of Glaser Weil’s Litigation Department and tops the short list of trial attorneys in the nation sought after for high-stakes litigation. Respected as a business trial lawyer, she also provides general legal counsel to publicly and privately held companies across a range of industries, including entertainment, intellectual property, real estate, banking and securities. Her clients include Fortune 500 companies, major studios, real estate investors and developers, financial institutions and high-profile entertainers and public figures.

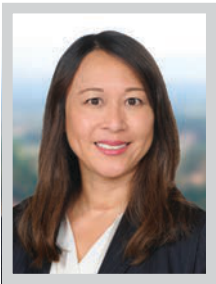
Since founding the firm, Glaser’s tenacious style of litigating, an unmatched level of personal attention to clients and effectiveness in managing and training her teams, has distinguished and defined Glaser Weil’s litigators and built the Firm into what it is today. Under her leadership, the firm’s attorneys have cemented a premier market reputation, earning victory after victory for a broad range of clients.



MICHAEL GOLD
Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP

Michael Gold is chair of JMBM’s Cybersecurity and Privacy Group and counsels businesses in a wide variety of matters, including data breach and security incident responses and investigations, regulatory investigations, crisis management, development of computer-based information retention systems, forensic investigations of computer systems and computer and internet privacy matters.

Gold assists clients in developing and implementing information management and governance best practices and developing policies and compliance structures for protecting personal and company information. He counsels clients on information security and privacy law compliance issues; assists clients in developing policies and processes to comply with information security and privacy laws; negotiates technology agreements relating to information security and privacy; and defends litigation and arbitrations. He incorporates his knowledge into practical legal advice so that all stakeholder interests are taken into account when information security and privacy strategies are developed and deployed.



VALERIE GOO
Crowell & Moring LLP

For over two decades, Valerie Goo, managing partner of Crowell & Moring’s Los Angeles office, has represented some of the world’s leading companies in complex litigation involving trademark infringement, unfair competition, trade secrets, false advertising and consumer class actions. She has tried numerous cases in federal and state courts across the country and holds a successful record in representing clients in commercial litigation and intellectual property matters, including eight- and nine-figure disputes.

Goo currently represents several large companies in fiercely fought intellectual property, commercial disputes and trade secrets cases between competitors. One example of her recent success is her work on behalf of Lockheed Martin. Goo led the Crowell team in a commercial and trade secrets litigation matter, with rulings constituting a complete defense victory in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs sought over \$500 million in alleged damages.

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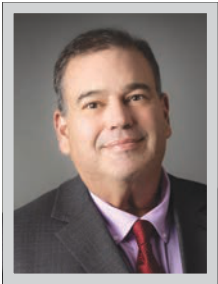
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CHRISTINA N. GOODRICH
K&L Gates LLP

Christina Goodrich is an intellectual property litigator in the Los Angeles office of K&L Gates LLP – a fully-integrated full service global law firm. Goodrich has experience litigating complex civil cases in federal trial and appellate courts across the nation. She has trial experience in the International Trade Commission on a large patent infringement case and first chair arbitration experience in a complex and lengthy action in which she and her team secured a complete defense verdict.

Goodrich has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeals, including a case resulting in a published decision in a matter of first impression. She has consistently held numerous important leadership roles at the firm over the past 10 years, while managing a busy litigation practice, belies her dedication to excellence, invocation, and mentorship.



STEVEN GUBNER
BG Law

Widely regarded in the insolvency world as the “involuntary bankruptcy go-to lawyer,” Steve Gubner, managing partner at BG Law, is known for adeptly managing sensitive issues surrounding involuntary bankruptcy filings, as well as helping clients navigate potential pitfalls and solve problems before they occur. He is also known for creating novel law.

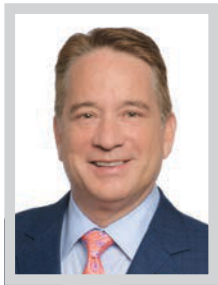
A recent case and an important win Gubner obtained for his client, directly led to the creation of a new law that prohibits non-disclosure agreements obligations from being discharged in a bankruptcy. In a case of first impression, with no prior on-point decision anywhere in the country, he persuaded the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York to rule that NDA obligations were not “claims,” and because only “claims” are subject to being discharged in bankruptcy, NDA obligations cannot be discharged.



LAWRENCE HADLEY
Glaser Weil

Glaser Weil Intellectual Property Department chair Lawrence Hadley has extensive experience in complex intellectual property litigation involving computer hardware and software, integrated circuit and processor design, wireless communications, medical devices, internet communications, compression and storage. He is well respected for vigorously and successfully representing clients going up against tech giants such as LG Electronics, Samsung and Apple and is consistently sought-after as a creative problem solver whose deep and broad knowledge of intellectual property law allows him to decisively counsel his clients through complex litigation and achieve precedent-setting results.

For more than a decade, Hadley has cemented himself as a highly-regarded thought-leader in intellectual property legal issues. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America and provides tremendous leadership to the firm and his team and acts as a mentor to junior attorneys as they develop their careers in intellectual property law.



PATRICK HARDER
Nossaman

Patrick Harder, chair of Nossaman’s Infrastructure Group, is widely known for leadership in the field of public-private partnerships (P3s) and other innovative project delivery methods such as design-build and construction manager at-risk. Public agencies actively seek his guidance in procuring some of the largest, most important projects in the country.

Clients have confidence that Harder can mitigate risks, solve problems and advance their projects smoothly and successfully – often through cutting-edge approaches. In fact, while working with the State of Florida and its advisors, he helped create a model for the use of availability payment P3 structures that laid the groundwork for such transactions across the United States. Among his efforts has been his work serving as leader of the legal team advising on a \$4.9 billion APM train system to ease access in and out of the Los Angeles International Airport.



MIRA HASHMALL
Miller Barondess, LLP

Mira Hashmall is an accomplished trial lawyer with a record of success in federal and state courts, and in arbitration. Hashmall began her practice at a large, international law firm representing clients in complex litigation matters and defending employers in labor and employment disputes. Since joining Miller Barondess, Hashmall has continued to diversify her practice and has achieved Top Verdict recognition on both the plaintiff and defense side. She represents clients at every stage of litigation, from pre-litigation counseling to appellate proceedings, and is sought out to handle complex litigation involving business matters that have a broad legal impact.

In addition to her complex business practice, Hashmall defends private and public employers in high stakes litigation involving claims of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour and wrongful termination. She also defends cases involving disability discrimination and accommodation, and family and medical leave rights.



GARY HECKER
Munck Wilson Mandala, LLP

Gary Hecker has more than 41 years of legal experience in technology and entertainment law in the Los Angeles market. He began his professional career as a mechanical engineer. His engineering and science background, combined with his longstanding involvement in the Los Angeles entertainment community positioned Hecker for a dynamic and high-profile Los Angeles-based legal career. He has represented many of the nation’s leading technology companies as well as celebrities and entertainment clients in patent, trademark and copyright law litigation and transactional matters.

Throughout his legal career, Hecker has been known as the tech-savvy, go-to lawyer for the businesses of well-known technology and entertainment leaders, including luminaries such as Steve Jobs, Steven Spielberg, Mark Burnett, Maria Shriver and Byron Allen. He also testified twice on behalf of Apple Computer, Inc. before the US House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.



ILEANA HERNANDEZ
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Leader of Manatt’s Health Care Litigation practice, Ileana Hernandez is the go-to adviser for health insurance and managed care organizations facing the gamut of complex litigation issues. While many litigators settle cases before they make it to a courtroom, Ileana is a true trial lawyer known for guiding clients through every stage of litigation – from pre-litigation counseling through trial and appeal – and she represents clients in state and federal courts, mediations, arbitrations and administrative hearings.

Hernandez’s recent representations include successfully defending Health Net from a lawsuit seeking an eight-figure award in damages. She also co-led the Manatt team representing Blue Shield in a wrongful death lawsuit. She and her team filed a motion for summary judgment on the basis that the plaintiffs were not entitled to recover in this case because the decedent and his family lied about employment status and falsified documents to fraudulently obtain coverage.



CRAIG HOLDEN
Lewis Brisbois

Craig Holden is a dedicated, accomplished leader both within Lewis Brisbois and in the legal industry as a whole. He serves as a national co-chair of Lewis Brisbois’ Complex Business & Commercial Litigation and White Collar Defense Practices. In addition, he serves as vice-chair of the firm’s Government Relations Practice. In these roles, Holden consistently delivers the highest level of service to firm clients and successfully achieves their business objectives, while serving as a trusted mentor and advisor to his colleagues and more junior attorneys.

A skilled first-chair trial attorney, Holden manages a wide range of domestic and international commercial matters, with an emphasis on litigation, trials and arbitrations involving complex and contested business transactions, intellectual property, unfair competition, entertainment, investment and high-stakes disputes. His clients range broadly from multinational companies and entrepreneurs to entertainment companies and businesses of sovereign Indian nations.



NINA HUERTA
Locke Lord LLP

In 2000, Nina Huerta moved to Los Angeles to pursue her legal education at the University of Southern California and was the first in her immediate family to pursue law. Huerta joined Locke Lord as a first-year associate and was elected to partnership in January 2012. She was appointed office managing partner for Los Angeles in June 2016 and became one of the first Latinas to serve in this role for any major law firm. Huerta also serves on the firm’s Executive Committee.

Huerta focuses her practice on defending companies in complex and class action litigation, typically involving labor and employment claims. She has defended employers in litigation involving wage and hour claims brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act, The California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, alleged worker misclassification, claims of discrimination and harassment and alleged violations of family and medical leave laws.



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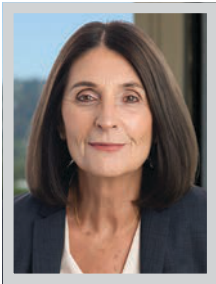
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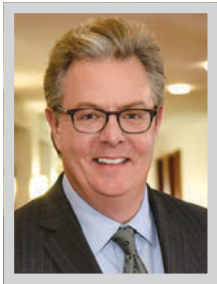
BRADFORD HUGHES
Clark Hill PLC

A capital member of Clark Hill at merely 38, Brad Hughes is an exemplary leader within Clark, the industries he serves, and the community. Voted “Mentor of the Year” by firm associates for his tireless work in training young litigators to become trial attorneys and client advocates, he has also been lauded for his sophisticated and pragmatic approach to the COVID-19 pandemic, guiding hospitality, retail and commercial businesses to safe, prosperous futures. Underlying Hughes’ success is his awareness that clients think like business-people, not like lawyers, and his application of unique skills, knowledge and problem-solving to craft creative and business-focused resolutions for them. Hughes works with clients to identify, manage, mitigate and educate them on the ever-increasing risks which threaten their business. He surrounds himself with a diverse team of brilliant attorneys who cohesively learn from each other while representing clients in negotiations, settlement discussions or jury trials.



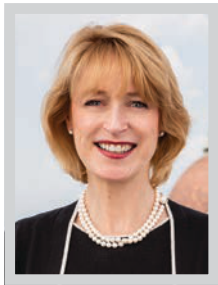
DEBRA JAMES
Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP

Debra L. James is a partner in the Real Estate Department at Ervin Cohen & Jessup. She has over 30 years of experience in real estate law. She concentrates her practice on solving problems on a wide area of transactions. Her areas of practice include real estate acquisitions and dispositions; leasing, development and construction; title work; real estate tax appeals; and entity formation and structuring. James has represented all sides of real estate transactions: owners, purchasers, landlords, tenants, lenders, borrowers, developers, contractors and small businesses. She has extensive experience in acquisitions and divestitures, including purchase and sale of commercial real estate for development; residential estates; shopping centers; multi-unit residential complexes; and industrial buildings and centers. James has represented a national hospital chain in the divestiture of 13 skilled nursing facilities located across the United States and has experience with real estate transactions involving health care facilities.



MARC KENNY
Squire Patton Boggs

As deputy practice group leader for Squire Patton Boggs’ Global Corporate Practice in Los Angeles, Marc Kenny helps lead one of the world’s largest corporate law firms, providing comprehensive legal services spanning all aspects of complex local, cross-border and multi-jurisdictional corporate transactions and matters. Since joining Squire Patton Boggs in early 2020, Kenny has played a pivotal role in the firm’s continued investment in strengthening its corporate and M&A capabilities on the West Coast, particularly in Southern California. Kenny is a highly regarded transactional lawyer with a robust network in the middle market deal community and an impressive breadth of expertise representing sophisticated clients in a range of complicated corporate transactions. His practice focuses on domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private securities offerings and other strategic transactions representing private equity fund, independent sponsors and family offices, as well as public and private corporations.



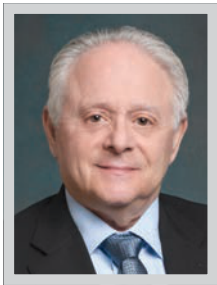
CHRISTIANNE KERNS
Hahn & Hahn LLP

Christianne Kerns is the first female managing partner of Hahn & Hahn LLP, a well-respected law firm in Pasadena which has been serving the Southern California area since 1899. Under her leadership, the firm has transitioned from being one of Southern California’s elite, white shoe boutique firms to most recently earning the prestigious Women’s Business Enterprise National Council’s certification as a majority Women Owned Business with more than 85% of the firm’s personnel identifying as women and/or members of traditionally marginalized groups. As managing partner, Kerns is responsible for strategy and leading the firm; developing, implementing and driving organizational goals, procedures, and policies; managing all aspects of the firm’s operations as well as firm lawyers and the firm’s executive director; collaborating with other partners; and business development and maintaining positive client relationships. In addition, Kerns still maintains her practice as a member of the firm’s business law department.



DANA KRAVETZ
Michelman & Robinson

Dana Kravetz is one of the most sought-after employment lawyers in Los Angeles. He is also the firm managing partner of LA-based Michelman & Robinson, LLP, where he represents some of the most admired companies in LA. He brings a unique vantage point to his work on their behalf—that of a manager and business owner—and assigns practical applications to the employment issues confronting clients. It is Kravetz’s breadth of practice area knowledge and his solutions-based approach to employment law that makes him so effective. He is also a hospitality industry authority, which explains why so many companies in that sector look to him for counsel. At the helm of M&R, Kravetz has positioned the firm as a go-to service destination for clients in the advertising & digital media, banking & financial services, energy, insurance, music & entertainment, retail & apparel, sports, technology and hospitality spaces.



BARRY KURTZ
Lewitt Hackman

Barry Kurtz is the chair of the Franchise and Distribution Practice Group at Lewitt Hackman law corporation in Encino. His department is one of the largest of its kind in California. Kurtz is a certified specialist in franchise and distribution law designated by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization and a certified franchise executive under the auspices of the International Franchise Association. Kurtz also has a wealth of experience in related business matters – including corporate, mergers and acquisitions, business transactional law and commercial real estate leasing. Kurtz represents franchisors, manufacturers, franchisees and distributors in a wide range of matters, including the review and preparation of domestic and international franchise registration and disclosure documents; work-out arrangements with distressed franchisees; the development and enforcement of system-wide standards; franchisor and franchisee disputes and termination matters; and acquisitions and dispositions of franchised and independent units and businesses.



MICHELLE LA MAR
Loeb & Loeb LLP

Michelle La Mar is the Global Chair of Loeb & Loeb's Employment and Labor Department, leading a diverse group of employment lawyers in the firm's seven offices around the world. La Mar litigates class actions, single plaintiff cases, representative actions (such as PAGA) and collective actions in state and federal courts, as well as before arbitrators and administrative agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Civil Rights Department (formerly known as the DFEH), the Federal Department of Labor and California's Labor Commissioner.

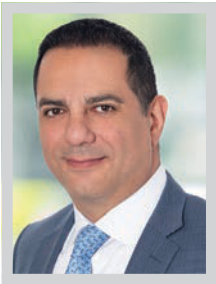
With a reputation for understanding client concerns and needs, La Mar utilizes her litigation knowledge to fashion internal workplace strategies, policies and procedures that meet client goals and sidestep litigation. La Mar regularly helps numerous domestic and international companies navigate the complex and often confusing rules and regulations faced by employers in the United States.



KEVIN LALLY
McGuireWoods LLP

McGuireWoods Downtown Los Angeles partner Kevin Lally, a member of the firm's nationally recognized Government Investigations & White Collar Litigation Department, joined the firm in 2019 after serving as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California for nearly two decades, most recently as senior litigation counsel in the Major Frauds Section. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Lally prosecuted some of the largest and most difficult cases in the Central District and distinguished himself as an outstanding trial lawyer, having convicted every defendant who proceeded to trial against him.

After joining McGuireWoods, Lally hit the ground running, winning dismissal of a case alleging civil rights, wiretapping and stored communications act violations for a client in just 30 days. He continues handling high-profile white-collar cases and investigations.



DAVID LARI
Cox, Castle & Nicholson

A partner in Cox Castle's Los Angeles office, David Lari is team leader of the firm's LA Real Estate Development Team and is one of California's leading transactional attorneys specializing in complex commercial real estate matters.

Lari represents several of the nation's largest REITs, private equity groups, funds, developers and investors within the healthcare, life sciences, industrial, office and other commercial real estate sectors, handling a broad range of sophisticated, high-profile real estate matters. He specializes in assisting institutional and entrepreneurial real estate players navigate their legal needs, including acquisitions and dispositions, mergers, joint ventures, management agreements, ground leases and development agreements throughout the country. Lari is a nationally recognized leader in the healthcare real estate arena and has successfully completed over \$10 billion in healthcare and life sciences transactions. He represents public and private companies in the acquisition, development and operation of a wide variety of assets.

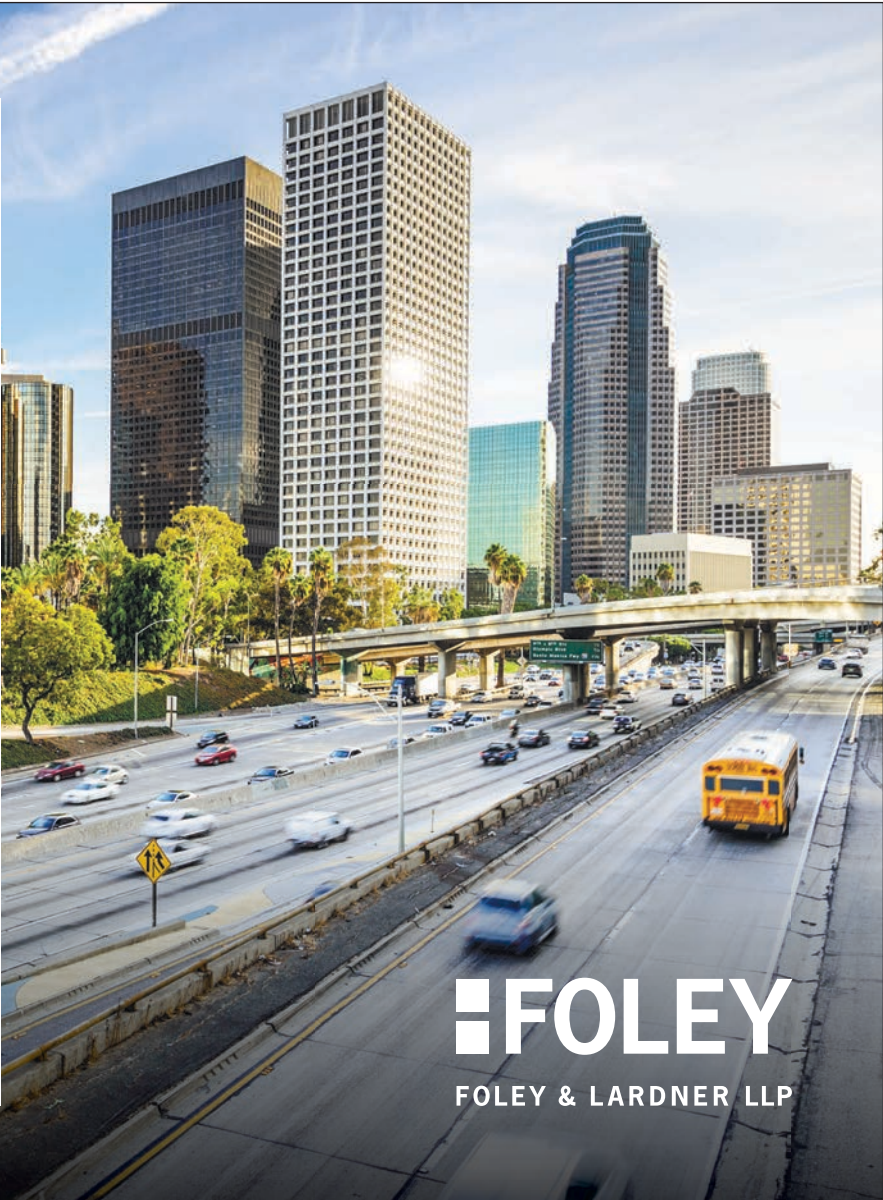
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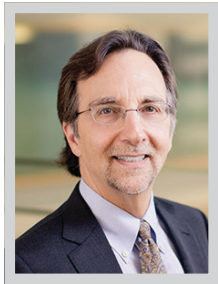


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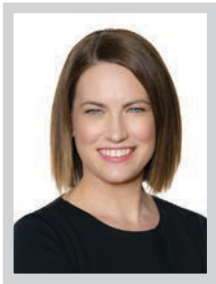
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DAVID LASH
O'Melveny & Myers LLP

David Lash is the architect and leader of one of the country's finest pro bono programs. He has been successful in being a visible and effective public interest leader. He has led the effort to use the law to preserve liberties, including civil rights, reproductive rights, housing rights and more. He was recently awarded the LA County Bar's highest accolade, the Jim Robey Community Service Award, and UCLA Law School is recognizing his place in the community at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of its Public Interest Program.

During just the past year, Lash produced and had distributed virtually to every lawyer in the County a 4.5 minute video, "Housing Justice Is Racial Justice," that used well-known celebrity voices to urge the region's lawyers to get involved in representing tenants facing the loss of their homes. This led to a significant upsurge in pro bono support.



DIANA LEIDEN
Winston & Strawn LLP

Winston & Strawn partner Diana Leiden provides extensive and unique insights into the media and entertainment space due to her significant experience with related copyright, trademark and right of publicity litigation matters, as well as her experience advising clients on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and its application to new technology/Internet issues. However, it is Leiden's innate propensity for leadership, her relentless commitment to improving her practice and her love of innovative problem-solving that set her apart as an exceptional attorney.

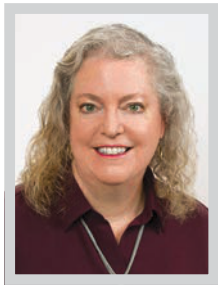
Leiden's expertise is shaped by her wide range of clients she represents in trademark and trade dress matters in the entertainment, technology, fashion and health care industries along with numerous internet service providers, large media corporations, technology companies, retailers and others in high-stakes litigations across a wide variety of industries. Her career is a veritable roadmap of major wins and landmark decisions.



ADAM LEVIN
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP

Over the course of two decades, Adam Levin has championed a legal defense rooted in First Amendment principles for media companies in certain discrimination and wrongful termination cases, and has firmly established himself as the unquestioned counsel of choice for virtually every major studio entertainment-industry defendant – including Warner Bros., Fox and Paramount. Every studio general counsel has Levin's name at the top of the call sheet due to his ability to minimize disruption from discrimination and harassment actions, among others, remains constant.

Levin represents employers in all areas of labor and employment law, including serving as lead counsel in numerous employment discrimination, wrongful termination and trade secret/unfair competition cases, labor arbitrations, National Labor Relations Board hearings and other administrative proceedings. He counsels clients on compliance with FMLA, ADA, Title VII, FEHA, FLSA, ERISA, NLRA and state employment laws.



MEG LODISE
Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise LLP

In her 30-plus year career, Meg Lodise has established an impressive reputation for successfully handling some of the most complex and high-dollar trusts and estates disputes.

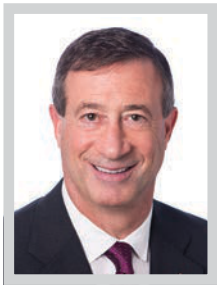
Among her high-profile representations and underscoring her respect in the trusts and estates community, Lodise was appointed by the Probate Court as Guardian Ad Litem for the minor children of entertainer Michael Jackson, a responsibility she carried out soon after Jackson's death in 2009 and concluded in February 2020 with his youngest child, Prince Michael Jackson II turning 18. In November 2021, Lodise was requested by Mark Klaver, Counsel for the Government of Canada's Trade Law Bureau, to act as an expert and testify. She produced a comprehensive written report and, testified in a five-day arbitration on California trust law in connection with a NAFTA Chapter 11 dispute where the parties' standing to make a multimillion-dollar claim centered on whether an oral trust was validly formed under California law.



VALERIE LOZANO
Quinn Emanuel

Valerie Lozano is a seasoned trial lawyer based in Los Angeles who has tried a dozen cases for both plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts across the country for a wide variety of clients, including Qualcomm, Google and IBM. Her practice focuses on complex business disputes, with an emphasis on intellectual property. As trial counsel, Lozano has never lost a jury trial: when representing plaintiffs, she has always obtained every dollar sought, and when representing defendants, she has always obtained a complete defense verdict.

For example, in 2019, Lozano obtained every dollar Qualcomm sought from Apple in a patent infringement lawsuit in the Southern District of California. In 2021, she obtained a \$120 million judgment after a seven week jury trial in California state court on behalf of a small, family-owned oil production company against Chevron, while also successfully defeating Chevron's \$52 million cross-claim.



SAM MAIZEL
Dentons US LLP

Sam Maizel leads Dentons Distressed Healthcare efforts nationwide as a partner in Dentons' Los Angeles Office. He is a nationally recognized expert in the unique issues that arise in the restructuring of healthcare industry entities. Maizel co-led the representation of Verity Health System of California, Inc. and 16 related entities in their chapter 11 cases—the second largest nonprofit hospital bankruptcy case in American history with more than \$1.4 billion of debt. The court approved the sale of Verity's hospitals and senior living facility, and confirmed the joint plan of liquidation, which resolved complex litigation and created a liquidating trust for the benefit of creditors.

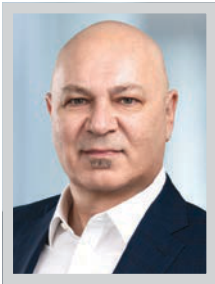
Previously, Maizel was a partner in a national bankruptcy firm headquartered in Los Angeles, and previous to that, as a trial attorney in the US Department of Justice's Commercial Litigation Branch, he represented the federal government in US bankruptcy, district and appellate courts.



CAROLINE MANKEY
Akerman LLP

Caroline Mankey, an IP partner at Akerman, is a seasoned trial lawyer representing diverse clients in the entertainment, arts, fashion, retail and technology sectors. She represents her clients in disputes involving copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, defamation, licensing and other contract rights, rights of publicity, business interference and partnership disputes.

For more than 25 years, Mankey has served as lead trial counsel in numerous trials and arbitrations, prevailed on dispositive motions at the trial level and on appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal, including a number of high profile cases. Mankey's first trial experience was protecting the rights of The Three Stooges in a case in which the California Supreme Court published what has become seminal right of publicity jurisprudence. In addition to her extensive trial experience, Mankey is skilled at strategically positioning her clients' cases for optimal settlements.



CONSTANTINE MARANTIDIS
Lewis Roca

Constantine Marantidis is a partner in Lewis Roca's Intellectual Property Group. He represents clients in diverse technology areas, including aerospace, materials science, propulsion, medical devices, automotive, mechanical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering, life sciences, optics, nanotechnology, chemicals, oil, gas and energy, defense and security as a result of his degrees in aircraft and aeronautical engineering and engineering mechanics. He manages significant patent portfolios for his clients and provides counseling on various patentability issues, including design-around issues and those stemming from the launch of new products in the marketplace.

As an example, Marantidis obtained patents for SpaceShipOne and for the Martin Jetpack. Designed for suborbital flight, the spacecraft made news on June 21, 2004, when it became the first private-crewed, commercial craft to leave Earth's atmosphere and reach the edge of space. Marantidis also provides counsel to publicly traded corporations, startups and individual inventors.



NATALIE MARTIROSSIAN
Goodwin Procter LLP

Natalie Martirossian is a partner in the Business Law Department at Goodwin Procter LLP and is a member of the Technology group at the firm. She specializes in the emerging growth/venture capital sector, and has extensive experience representing clients in a wide range of corporate transactions including venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and SEC compliance. She also advises clients on general corporate representation and governance matters across the corporate lifecycle, from the pre-formation stage through to public companies.

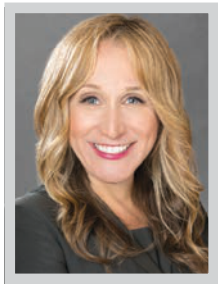
Martirossian began her career in Goodwin's Silicon Valley office, but since 2016 has been resident in its Los Angeles office and has contributed to the tremendous growth of the firm's presence in the technology and emerging company/venture capital space in Southern California. What makes Martirossian successful is her strategic thinking, business acumen and dedication to her clients.

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Michelle La Mar
for being honored in
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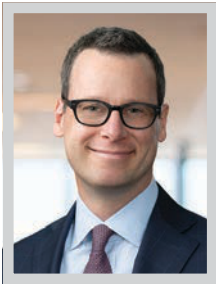
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DEBRA MEPPEN
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Debra Ellwood Meppen is known in the labor and employment bar as the “dragon slayer” for her track record of negotiating seemingly impossible and potentially explosive disputes that could tie up companies in endless litigation.

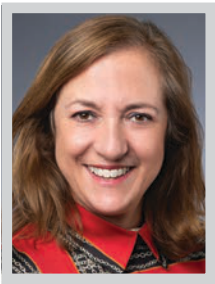
Meppen is the chair of Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani’s National Labor and Employment Law Practice Group, with a particular focus on the entertainment industry. She has an active employment litigation and counseling practice defending celebrities, and both private and public entities against claims of discrimination, retaliation, FMLA, wrongful termination, defamation and harassment claims. In addition, she handles large-scale class action litigation throughout California and nationally. She regularly counsels employers on hiring practices, terminations, workplace investigations, reductions in workforce issues, and litigation avoidance practices. Her clients rely on her to provide a comprehensive plan that includes how to handle various types of litigation relating to labor and employment issues.



BRIAN R. MICHAEL
Morrison Foerster LLP

Brian R. Michael is a partner in Morrison Foerster’s Securities Litigation, Enforcement and White Collar Defense Groups. With more than two decades of unique experience as an in-house leader, in private practice, and as a federal prosecutor, Michael is routinely engaged to represent entities in high-profile, high-stakes white collar criminal cases, internal investigations, securities and regulatory enforcement matters, complex litigation and trials.

Michael’s practice also focuses on providing crisis management and compliance counseling, including on anti-corruption, cybersecurity, FinTech, blockchain technology, trade sanctions and workplace conduct matters. Michael has experience leading global risk assessments and helps companies design and implement effective compliance programs. Before returning to private practice in 2017, Michael spent five years as deputy general counsel at 21st Century Fox and more than eight years as an assistant United States attorney in New York and California.



LINDA MICHAELSON
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton

Linda Michaelson is the practice group leader of Sheppard Mullin’s 200+ attorney Corporate and Securities practice. Michaelson represents individuals, privately held companies and publicly-traded corporations, primarily in the entertainment and digital media, advertising, technology, fashion and apparel, renewable energy, financial services and healthcare industries. Michaelson has led Sheppard Mullin teams involved in the acquisition of companies producing content and providing other services, including for major motion picture studios, television networks, independent production companies, digital media companies and investors, such as Sony Pictures Entertainment, Lionsgate and others.

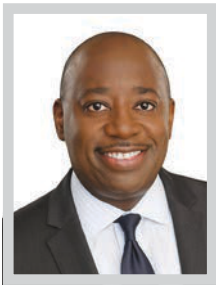
Michaelson advised Sony Pictures in its acquisition of a controlling interest in Industrial Media, whose portfolio includes “90 Day Fiancé,” “So You Think You Can Dance” and “American Idol.” As part of the acquisition, Sheppard Mullin also assisted Sony in bringing on Industrial Media’s CEO as president of nonfiction entertainment and Industrial Media’s president as co-president of nonfiction entertainment for Sony Pictures Television.



SANFORD MICHELMAN
Michelman & Robinson, LLP

Sanford Michelman is one of the most celebrated litigators in Los Angeles and continues to be the attorney C-suite executives and business leaders turn to when faced with “bet the company” litigation matters considered the most challenging. He is also a dynamo in boardrooms nationwide, representing insurers, broker/agents, underwriters, private equity groups, banks and advertising and media companies. He is known for being among the most prolific rainmakers in the country.

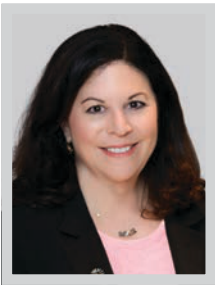
At Michelman & Robinson, LLP, Michelman oversees a business that is thriving despite economic headwinds. Where other law firms are treading water or scaling back, Michelman is engineering measured growth throughout M&R’s seven offices spanning California, Texas, Illinois and New York. The firm now boasts a roster of approximately 80 lawyers, a number that is slated to meaningfully increase this calendar year. He has established himself as one of the most notable lawyers in LA.



DARRELL MILLER
Fox Rothschild LLP

The founding chair of Fox Rothschild’s national Entertainment & Sports Law Department and managing partner of the firm’s Los Angeles office, Darrell D. Miller is known throughout the industry for negotiating trailblazing deals that enable clients to leverage their talent to create sustainable careers and unlock innovative business opportunities. Miller represents many of the industry’s leading artists, including A-list talents such as Angela Bassett, Courtney B. Vance and Chris ‘Ludacris’ Bridges – internationally respected clients who trust him to be a catalyst, growing and diversifying their brands in an ever-changing media and entertainment landscape.

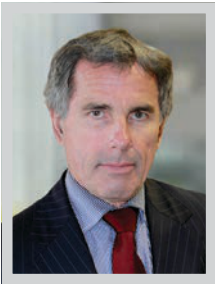
Miller also represents in demand producers, writers and showrunners. A tireless advocate with long-standing industry relationships, Miller helps writers, directors, producers, executives, companies and non-profit organizations achieve success across film, TV, music, streaming, theater and new media platforms. As a testament to his brand-building strategies, Miller is consistently listed among Hollywood’s top dealmakers by national industry publications.



ELISSA MILLER
Greenspoon Marder LLP

Elissa D. Miller is a partner in the Bankruptcy & Reorganization practice group at Greenspoon Marder. As a well-established bankruptcy lawyer and fiduciary, Miller represents secured and unsecured creditors, creditors’ committees, and trustees in both Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. She is a member of the Chapter 7 Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee in the Central District of California and serves as a Chapter 11 trustee.

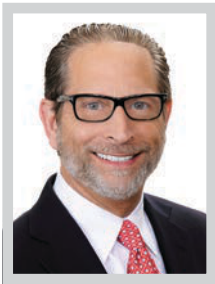
Miller is currently serving as the Chapter 7 Trustee of the infamous law firm of Girardi Keese and for individual Mark Slotkin – an entrepreneur who controlled many luxury residential rental properties and Antiquarian Traders an established antique warehouse in Los Angeles, among many other matters. The highly publicized Girardi matter has earned media attention from notable publications. Miller has been pursuing collections of fees owed and more than 100 claw-back claims.



SKIP MILLER
Miller Barondess, LLP

Skip Miller is an accomplished trial lawyer with victories for high profile clients, including successfully representing investors who put a billion dollars into Internet incubator Idealab; winning a \$7 million judgment against musician Michael Jackson in a jury trial in Santa Maria; and prevailing in the Ninth Circuit and district court in a series of civil rights cases brought against the City of Los Angeles and the City of Beverly Hills and their Mayors, Chiefs of Police and City Council members.

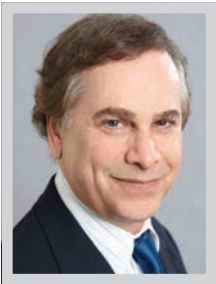
Miller also prosecuted trade secret/unfair competition cases for a manufacturing conglomerate, a private equity company and for the top hotel in Beverly Hills; defended the maker of Seven Jeans in a multi-hundred million dollar partnership dispute; and represented high-tech and manufacturing companies, including a public company in China with over 500,000 employees for which he won a \$46 million jury verdict.



ROBERT 'BOB' MILLMAN
Littler Mendelson P.C.

Bob Millman joined Littler in the fall of 1974 right after law school as the firm's 18th attorney and is now a senior shareholder at the firm. As the founder of Littler's two Los Angeles offices and former chair of its board of directors, he has been an integral part of the growth, development and success of the firm for almost 50 years.

At the age of 30, Millman faced the biggest challenge of his career – opening the firm's first Los Angeles office without a client base or name recognition in the area. With his business acumen, optimism, boundless energy and a determination to succeed, Millman went on to open, not one, but two offices in Los Angeles that are still thriving today. Thanks to his early contributions and tireless work, Millman has helped Littler grow its presence in Southern California.



BURTON MITCHELL
Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP

Burton Mitchell is chair of JMBM's Taxation, Trusts & Estates Department. His practice spans more than 45 years and focuses on taxation, estate planning, probate, trust law and administration, trust disputes, nonprofit entities and tax-effective financial planning within a family. Mitchell generally represents individuals, closely-held businesses, institutional trustees, partnerships, limited liability companies, entrepreneurs, other professionals and various members in the entertainment industry.

As chair of his department, Mitchell oversees one of the leading tax, trusts and estates practices in California, and one of the most active practices within the firm. In his practice, Mitchell always prioritizes the needs of the client. His philosophy is, "on time, and on budget." Serving high net worth individuals, many with ancillary businesses, Mitchell has found efficiencies in the delivery of trusts & estates services that allow for a significant economic contribution to the firm.

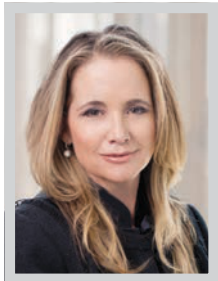
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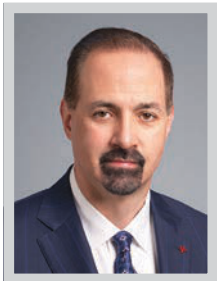
ANN MARIE MORTIMER
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Ann Marie Mortimer heads Hunton Andrew Kurth’s commercial litigation practice and served as first chair defending Yahoo! in class actions stemming from reportedly the largest data breach in history with over three billion accounts impacted. She is the founder and managing partner of the firm’s Los Angeles office. Mortimer is at the forefront of novel cybersecurity litigation threatening the fundamental business of global brands, counseling Fortune 50 companies on the novel challenges and regulation endemic, including Fortune 1 big box retailer Walmart and name brand retailer Bath & Body Works, Inc. in some of the first alleged California Consumer Privacy Act actions in the state of California. Mortimer won a pivotal victory for Walmart in a putative class action including alleged violation of CCPA – one of the first decisions dismissing a CCPA claim on the merits that went on to impact other CCPA claims.



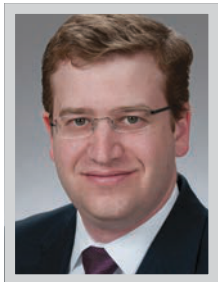
JOHN-PAUL (JP) MOTLEY
Cooley

John-Paul (JP) Motley is the partner in charge of Cooley’s Los Angeles office and practices within the firm’s public companies group. He focuses his practice on advising public and private companies and their board of directors on transactional and corporate governance matters. Motley represents clients in equity and debt capital market transactions, ranging from IPOs and secondary offerings to high-yield, convertible and investment-grade debt issuances. He also assists clients with Securities and Exchange Commission reporting and disclosure issues. His clients include those within the technology, retail, airline, energy, engineering and construction, automotive, recreational vehicle and financial services industries. After joining Cooley as a partner in March 2022, Motley quickly became a firm asset. The firm appointed him as partner in charge of the newly-established downtown Los Angeles office in 2022. He dedicates himself to growing the nascent office through strategic hires and providing high-quality representation to his clients.



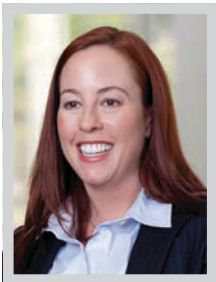
TONY NATSIS
Allen Matkins

Tony Natsis frequently serves as lead legal counsel on some of the largest and most high-profile real estate deals on the West Coast and the country. In the past decade, Natsis has closed commercial office leases exceeding 50 million square feet, has worked on real estate purchase contracts with a total consideration of more than \$30 billion, on development transactions with a total consideration in excess of \$25 billion, joint venture transactions with a total consideration in excess of \$25 billion, and has represented clients in office building portfolio investment sales transactions involving more than \$75 billion of consideration. Natsis is continually sought out by some of the largest national land owners, such as J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Blackstone Real Estate, Brookfield Properties, Healthpeak Properties, Vornado Realty Trust, The Related Companies, The Irvine Company, Boston Properties, EQ Office, Kilroy Realty and many others.



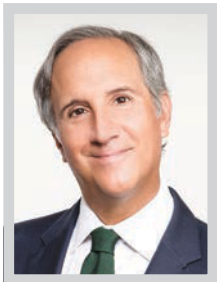
DAVID NEMECEK
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Kirkland & Ellis partner David Nemecek has significantly impacted the banking and restructuring sector through his innovative design and implementation of liability management exercises. These transactions utilize provisions of clients’ debt documents in, often novel, ways to improve clients’ negotiating leverage with lenders and drive out-of-court recapitalization transactions. Liability management exercises often employ creative tactics to persuade creditors to participate in the transactions. Nemecek’s specialty is helping stressed companies navigate turbulent times by developing and executing cutting edge financing transactions. His efforts over the past several years helped save companies from near-term bankruptcies, helped avoid bankruptcies (and better position other companies to emerge from bankruptcy) and helped protect hundreds of thousands of jobs. Notable efforts include liability management exercises at Envision Healthcare, Bed Bath & Beyond, IPC, Travelport, TriMark, Boardriders, Tupperware, PetSmart, Macy’s, Cineworld, Neiman Marcus, Cirque du Soleil, Guitar Center and California Pizza Kitchen, among others.



ANA O'BRIEN
Latham & Watkins LLP

Ana O'Brien was recently named deputy office managing partner for Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles, a role in which she'll work with OMP Jeff Bjork to coordinate the efforts of more than 270 lawyers and professionals who support them in the firm’s two LA County offices in Century City and Downtown Los Angeles. O'Brien takes on her new leadership position while also serving as global co-chair of the firm’s REIT Industry Group. A former chair of the Los Angeles office’s Tax Department, she maintains her industry-leading tax practice, which focuses primarily on the federal taxation of real estate investment trusts (REITs), corporations and partnerships in a variety of US and international contexts. She often advises clients in Los Angeles and nationally on tax issues associated with mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, financing transactions and joint ventures.



RICK OLIVAREZ
Olivarez Madruga Law Organization

Rick R. Olivarez, founding and managing partner of Olivarez Madruga Law Organization (OMLO), is widely considered to be one of Southern California’s leading legal practitioners. He dedicated the early years of his career to providing essential legal services to municipal, education and public agency clients. Shortly after the 2008 recession, Olivarez made the decision to continue building upon his reputation for providing the highest quality counsel, at fair and affordable rates, and establish his own firm, offering specialties in public agency law, labor and employment, real estate development, contract law, environmental compliance, redevelopment, construction law, premises liability, tort law and legislative advocacy. Olivarez’s innovative leadership and expertise in serving his clients has enabled him to develop OMLO into Southern California’s premier minority-owned law firm while ensuring OMLO remains an inclusive, diverse and supportive work environment for its team – reflecting the diverse makeup of the clients and communities it serves.



CHRISTOPHER PELHAM
Norton Rose Fulbright

Christopher Pelham has been obsessed with law since he was 13 years old. As a freshman in high school, he would watch the courtroom intrigue unfold on his favorite show, *Law & Order*, and scrutinize every dramatic twist and turn. He still loves the complexity of law, but these days, he watches the drama unfold from inside the courtroom, rather than his childhood living room.

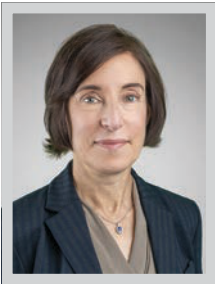
Now an experienced trial lawyer at one of the world's oldest and most-respected law firms, Pelham has been involved in countless real-life legal dramas. Clients call on him to help resolve sensitive and complex issues through commercial dispute advocacy, internal investigations, compliance counselling and representations before government agencies and regulators. The more complex, the better. His knack for complexity has served him – and his clients – well over the years. His breadth of experience extends well beyond that of typical litigators.



STACY D. PHILLIPS
Blank Rome LLP

Stacy D. Phillips is one of the country's most well-known and respected family lawyers and litigators, handling primarily high-net-worth and high-profile divorce cases. She has skillfully guided her clients through critical transitions for nearly 40 years, including complex divorce actions, high-conflict custody cases, domestic violence matters, same-sex dissolutions, paternity cases and pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements. Phillips is known for her skilled negotiation, aggressive advocacy and compassion, whether in litigation, mediation or collaborative divorce.

Phillips is one of Southern California's most sought-after attorneys. But what sets her apart from other attorneys is the breadth and depth of her leadership, involvement, giving and commitment to her clients, her firm and colleagues, young professionals, the legal industry and the Greater Los Angeles community. Phillips is an author, philanthropist, mentor and in-demand speaker and commentator on family law and other issues in the news.



ROBYN POLASHUK
Covington & Burling LLP

Robyn Polashuk has more than 20 years of experience in network distribution and content licensing, both as a lawyer for Lifetime Television as well as in private practice, currently as co-chair of Covington's Entertainment and Media Industry Group. Her practice encompasses some of the most precedential deals in the television industry, having a significant impact on how content providers make their programming available to viewers. She is called upon by an extensive number of networks and content owners, such as The Walt Disney Company, Fox Corporation, NFL Network, Ovation, Pac-12 Networks, Paramount Global, PBS, TV One and TelevisaUnivision to advise on distribution agreements and transactions for both traditional and online video platforms and business models.

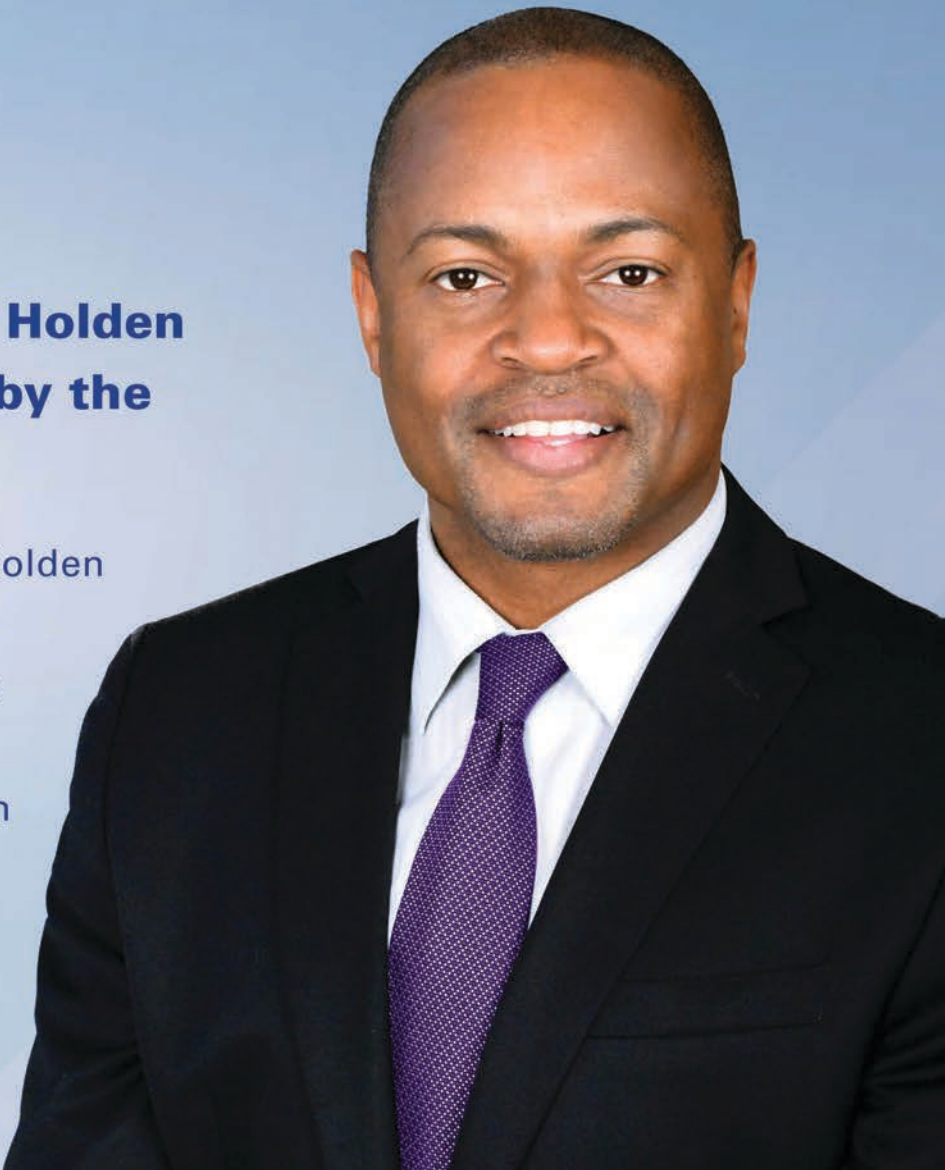
Increasingly, Polashuk acts in an advisory capacity to assist content owners with developing strategies, and mitigating risks, in connection with the monetization of content, data and advertising on digital streaming and direct-to-consumer platforms.

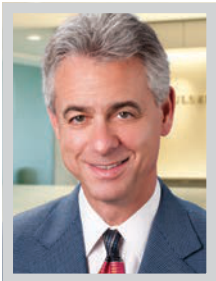


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Lewis Brisbois congratulates our Partner Craig Holden and the other exceptional attorneys selected for inclusion on *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Top 100 Lawyers list. A trusted leader and mentor who consistently displays unwavering dedication to clients, colleagues, and the firm, we are proud to honor Craig as he receives this well-deserved recognition.

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JEFFREY POMERANTZ
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

Jeffrey Pomerantz is widely considered to be one of the nation’s preeminent restructuring attorneys. He has recently been heralded for his role as lead debtor counsel in the contentious and high-profile chapter 11 bankruptcy of investment advisor Highland Capital Management LP, which filed for bankruptcy protection because of over \$1 billion of litigation claims. Highland’s plan was confirmed in 2021 and affirmed, in substantial part, by the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2022. Petitions for certiorari concerning the legality of exculpations and third-party releases are currently pending in the United States Supreme Court. Litigation related to the case has expanded across multiple US and international jurisdictions.

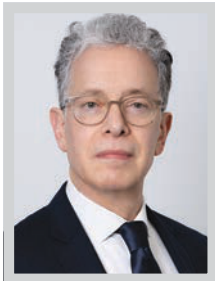
As a member of PSZJ’s management committee and a co-chair of the firm’s creditors’ committee practice, Pomerantz’s practice includes representing companies, creditors’ committees and private equity funds in financial restructurings and merger-and-acquisition transactions both in and out of court.



JENNIFER POST
Thompson Coburn LLP

Jennifer Post leads corporate clients in sophisticated transactional work. She serves as primary outside counsel to a variety of individuals, institutions and companies, including entrepreneurs, venture capital firms and emerging companies, as well as domestic and international public companies.

Post is managing partner of Thompson Coburn’s Los Angeles office and is a member of the firm’s Management Committee. She is the first LGBTQ+ attorney to lead an office since the firm’s founding in 1929. Post founded Thompson Coburn’s Blockchain and Digital Currency practice, which serves a broad range of clients engaged in that transformative technology and she co-chairs the firm’s Emerging Company practice. She is also the vice chair of the firm’s Corporate & Securities group. Post places an emphasis on the mentorship and development of younger partners and associates in both the firm’s LA office and across the Corporate department and serves as a mentor.



ANDREW RAINES
Raines Feldman

Andrew Raines envisioned a place where the best lawyers could collaborate in an environment of mutual respect and support. The goal was self-actualization for the firm and its members. He saw the legal profession as needing to drastically improve one major element: the happiness of its members. This translates into a spirit of enthusiastic service to the firm’s clients. And the rapid growth and success of Raines Feldman LLP is evidence that happiness combined with insightful advice and counsel works.

As a founding partner of the firm, Raines brings to the practice of law decades of real world business experience as a real estate investor. Raines believes in mentorship, instilling in the firm’s attorneys the values of hard work and dedication which launched the firm’s growth and accomplishments. He is a partner to his clients and watches over their business interests to preserve and protect their success.



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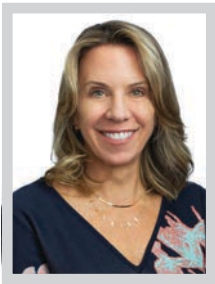
ANGELA REDDOCK-WRIGHT
Signature Resolution / Reddock Law

Recently inducted into the prestigious College of Labor & Employment Lawyers as well as the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Angela Reddock-Wright is an employment mediator, arbitrator, workplace and Title IX investigator. She has practiced as an employment and labor law attorney for 27 years. After working as an employment litigator for 15 years, in 2011, she opened the Reddock Law Group and transitioned to becoming a full-time neutral. In addition to having her own firm, Reddock-Wright is a member of the panel of mediators and arbitrators at Signature Resolution, a private dispute resolution firm with offices throughout California. She began her journey as a neutral 12 years ago and has been a full-time neutral for more than three years. She is a past president of the Southern California Mediation Association and is a member of the panel of mediators with the US District Court, Central District of California.



MATHEW ROSENGART
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Mathew Rosengart has been recognized as one of the nation's foremost litigators and a go-to litigator for Hollywood's elite and corporate America. He led the historic fight to free Britney Spears from the shackles of a 13-year conservatorship which, among other things, stripped her of fundamental civil rights and liberties. Rosengart achieved three swift victories for his client: Britney was allowed to choose her own lawyer (Rosengart); her father was removed as her conservator in a landmark decision that was the subject of breaking news stories on major networks and outlets throughout the US and the world; and the entire conservatorship was later terminated. Rosengart's other clients include Steven Spielberg, Sean Penn, Keanu Reeves, Lena Dunham, Michael Mann, Arcade Fire, iconic artist Peter Max's daughter and companies like Verizon. His major recent matters include his successful representations of Verizon in several False Claims Act cases throughout the country.



KRISTINA ROYCE
Blank Rome LLP

Kristina Royce has established herself in a highly competitive field as one of the preeminent family law attorneys in Los Angeles. For more than two decades, she has dedicated her law practice to advising distinguished individuals in high-stakes divorce and custody matters. In 2020, Royce was tapped by her firm Blank Rome to co-chair its bi-coastal Matrimonial & Family Law Practice, one of the largest such practices in the country with 35 attorneys. In this leadership role, Royce consults firm attorneys on matters, mentors younger attorneys and keeps a vigilant eye on the practice group's productivity. Through a series of high-profile representations for a client roster that includes A-list celebrities, professional athletes, C-suite executives and other high-profile individuals, Royce is evolving the practice of matrimonial law, ushering in a shift that better suits the needs of many modern-day spouses.

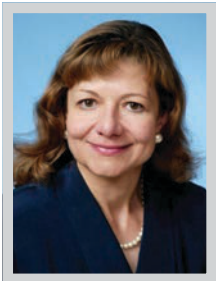
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KELLI SAGER
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Kelli Sager has spent more than 37 years representing media and entertainment companies, including broadcasters, film producers and distributors, newspapers and magazines, and Web publishers, as well as individual journalists and authors. She joined DWT as a partner in 1994 to develop the firm’s media and entertainment practice in California, which has grown to include more than 30 lawyers statewide (and more than 60 nationally), who handle litigation, production work and transactional matters in the media/entertainment industry.

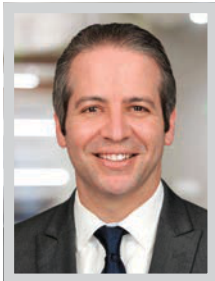
Sager has argued dozens of times in federal and state appellate courts, including many times in the California Supreme Court and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, achieving results for her clients that include precedent-setting rulings protecting their rights to gather and disseminate content to the public. These include cases establishing the public’s and press’ rights of access to court proceedings and government documents.



ROBIN SAMUEL
Baker McKenzie

Robin Samuel leads a team of 30+ attorneys and business professionals as head of Baker McKenzie’s California Labor & Employment practice group. Samuel co-chairs the firm’s Workforce Redesign service line, which helps clients address issues with changing work dynamics and models across the globe, including the incorporation of AI into employment and recruiting, new ways and models of working, and employee mobility. As a member of the North America Steering Committee for the Employment and Compensation practice, Samuel helps provide leadership and strategy for one of the firm’s key firm practice groups.

Samuel has practiced as a litigator and employment attorney for just under 30 years. Clients consider Samuel a trusted advisor who can help them achieve business goals in a legally compliant and efficient manner, and they trust Samuel with their most sensitive, high stakes matters. Samuel handles federal and state litigation across the US.



TODD SCHERWIN
Fisher Phillips

Fisher Phillips’ Todd Scherwin is a powerful and effective advocate for Los Angeles-area business clients facing thorny employment issues and perilous lawsuits. One of California’s premier labor and employment attorneys, Scherwin has blazed a trail in the ever-evolving world of California employment law through highly successful advocacy – including a track record of victories for employers and, recently, sitting at the counsel table before the US Supreme Court. He has also led the firm’s burgeoning Los Angeles office since 2013, opened a Woodland Hills office in 2021, and founded (and co-chairs) the firm’s Sports Industry Team.

Scherwin recently won summary judgment in Los Angeles Superior Court for a leading restaurant chain against a former employee’s wrongful termination, harassment and discrimination claims and served as Counsel of Record in the US Supreme Court for amicus curiae Restaurant Law Center, a public policy organization affiliated with the National Restaurant Association.

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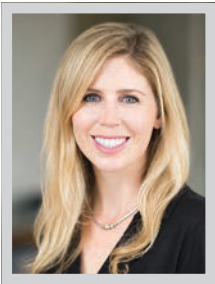




JOSHUA SCHNEIDERMAN
Snell & Wilmer

Joshua Schneiderman is a corporate and securities partner in the Los Angeles office of Snell & Wilmer. Schneiderman advises clients on a wide range of transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and public and private offerings of debt and equity securities. He also advises clients on matters related to franchising. He also advises public and private companies on corporate governance matters.

Schneiderman is an instrumental member of the corporate and securities practice group who was voted into the partnership after just two years with the firm. He has served as lead counsel on sophisticated mergers and acquisitions and financing matters, assisting clients with access to much needed capital in turbulent financial markets. He is excellent at managing a deal team and serving as the point person to coordinate the flow of work and responsibilities among investment bankers, accounting firms, public relations firms and legal specialists.



JESSICA SGANGA
Knobbe Martens

Partner Jessica Sganga is a rapidly rising leader within intellectual property firm Knobbe Martens and the Los Angeles legal community. Her practice focuses on domestic and international trademark, unfair competition, copyright, data privacy, advertising and internet law. Sganga represents clients across a broad range of industries, including the food and beverage, cosmetic, fashion, e-commerce and entertainment space. She also worked as seconded in-house counsel for Monster Energy. This experience allowed her to take an active role in business decisions and provided her with insight into business drivers and concerns surrounding trademark protection and enforcement.

Sganga is a member of the firm's Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Steering Committee and serves on the firm's Mentor Committee and Summer Associate Activities Committee. Sganga profoundly values the guidance and mentorship she has received throughout the years and, in return, has prioritized the professional development and career trajectory of future generations of Knobbe attorneys.



MICHAEL SHERMAN
Stubbs Alderton & Markiles

Michael A. Sherman is a partner and chair of Stubbs Alderton & Markiles' Business Litigation Practice. Sherman brings decades of experience in successfully handling disputes and litigation in an extraordinarily diverse array of industries and businesses. His peers in the legal community describe him as the consummate trial lawyer, and he approaches every trial as an opportunity to tell his client's story, in order to win.

Sherman has managed to maintain a trial, litigation and dispute practice that emphasizes achieving great results for clients in areas as varied as real estate acquisition and development, intellectual property/technology, energy, pharmaceuticals/drug development, securities, healthcare, environmental, consumer products, finance, apparel and others. Sherman excels at guiding clients through the perilous waters of disputes and conflicts in virtually any type of business dispute, and in being expertly skilled in helping clients achieve great results in settlement all the way through trial, if required.

Where great work and great people come together.

Polsinelli is proud to congratulate **Daniel Bir** for being recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as one of the **2023 Top 100 Lawyers**.

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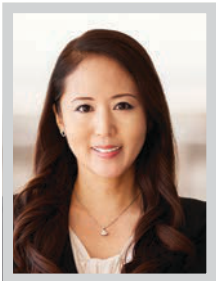


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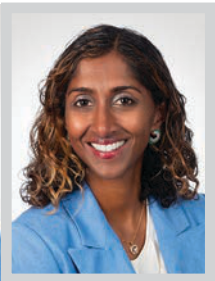
The choice of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Polsinelli PC, Polsinelli LLP in California, Polsinelli PC (Inc) in Florida.



MIWA SHODA
Jenner & Block LLP

Born and raised in Japan, Miwa Shoda passed the country’s bar exam when the passing rate was only 2.5%. She began her career at one of Japan’s premier law firms and with the blessing and support of that firm, she traveled to the US for her LL.M degree and passed the California and New York bar exams in her second language. Shoda then made the unheard of transition from visiting attorney to associate followed by partner at an AmLaw 100 firm.

Since joining a US firm with no Asia footprint, Shoda has been pivotal in representing Japanese companies facing legal issues in the US. Calling on her international education and understanding of the business cultural differences, Shoda developed her skills for navigating Japanese clients through domestic issues. She has a strong ability to articulate complicated legal concepts and strategies across practice areas in complex litigation and sophisticated transactions.



KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Susman Godfrey LLP

Kalpana Srinivasan is Susman Godfrey’s first female managing partner in the Susman Godfrey’s 40+ year history and the first to be named managing partner after climbing the ranks starting as associate. Srinivasan is also among a rare cadre of diverse, female lawyers who regularly try and win big-ticket intellectual property cases before judges and juries. She secures landmark victories for her clients across complex IP law including patent, copyright and trade secret. In 2023 alone, she is serving as lead counsel in six intellectual property matters set for trial or arbitration this year – spanning issues from trade secrets related to the health care triggers to patents covering networking and landmark WiFi technology.

Srinivasan litigates cases that are reshaping the landscape of intellectual property law across patent, copyright and trade secret. She is currently serving as lead counsel on many cutting-edge intellectual property matters across the country.



JULIA STRICKLAND
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

For more than three decades, Julia Strickland has been at the forefront of counseling, advocating and dispute resolution within the financial services sector, having litigated a myriad of individual, class action and bet-the-company cases. As chair of Stroock’s Financial Services Litigation, Regulation and Enforcement Group, a member of Stroock’s national Executive Committee and managing partner of its Los Angeles office, Strickland has amassed a diverse and talented team of litigators who service the most sophisticated global financial services entities.

Strickland’s significant professional accomplishments have resulted in many honors and awards. Chambers wrote that Strickland “is routinely sought after by clients for her compliance counselling and representation in regulatory proceedings, in addition to her general commercial litigation work. She is smart, effective, well-connected and well regarded by judges.” Her clients say she has an “uncanny ability to anticipate opposing counsel,” as well as being “very customer-focused and practical.”

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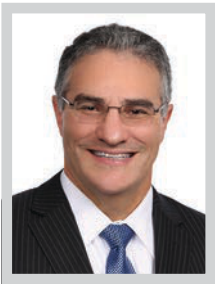


KENNETH SULZER

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP

Ken Sulzer is one of the top labor and employment law attorneys in California and nationally, having been involved in many well-known high stakes matters on behalf of clients. He specializes in complex class-action litigation and has represented and advised clients on a wide variety of matters, including, discrimination litigation, trade secrets and non-compete issues, US Department of Labor investigations and issues involving employment tax, drug testing, employee privacy, and sexual harassment law.

Sulzer has handled industry-defining matters and has broad experience in working with industry sectors including healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, college and professional sports, real estate and death services. He has particular expertise in matters involving the outsourced economy. As managing partner of Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete’s Los Angeles / Century City office and as the chair of the firm’s California Practice, Sulzer provides guidance to California clients and oversees the operations of the Los Angeles office.

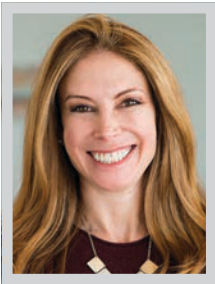


DARON TOOCH

King & Spalding LLP

Daron Tooch focuses on managed care litigation and has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for healthcare providers in civil actions and arbitrations against health plans, having tried over 100 cases before juries, judges and arbitrators in federal, state and administrative courts. He represents hospitals, medical groups, physicians, pharmacies, laboratories, surgery centers and home health companies in arbitrations and in federal and state courts. In 2017, he obtained the second highest verdict for breach of contract claims in California.

Tooch has successfully represented a number of hospitals challenging out-of-network payments by health plans. Under California law, health plans are required to pay hospital a reasonable value for emergency and post-stabilization services to health plan members. Tooch has repeatedly challenged health plans for not paying reasonable amounts. In January, Tooch obtained a verdict of \$105,887,963 for Pomona Valley Hospital against Kaiser that amounted to 77.5% of its charges.




STACI TRAGER

Nixon Peabody LLP

At age 30, Staci Trager stepped away from a thriving career in fashion and switched to law. That decision charted a course for her to become an impactful attorney. Having served 19 years as an attorney, including the last nine as a partner in Nixon Peabody’s Los Angeles office, Trager has built a powerhouse practice serving one of the world’s largest industries.

The time she spent in her clients’ shoes as a fashion industry leader gives Trager a unique perspective on the legal challenges and opportunities in this space. Clients appreciate her ability to advise them in the boardroom and defend them in the courtroom. From representing a major international fashion retailer in establishing its US operations to resolving copyright and other infringement claims against her clients to representing a major apparel company before the Supreme Court, Trager’s clients confidently engage her to handle their most complex legal needs.



Stacy D. Phillips
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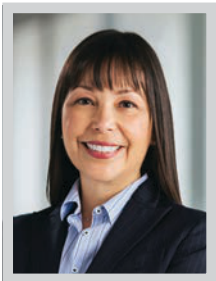


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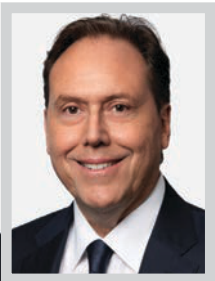




BELINDA VEGA
Venable LLP

Belinda Vega is a partner in Venable LLP’s Los Angeles office, where she focuses on complex commercial litigation, including matters involving unfair business practices, securities litigation, intellectual property, real estate litigation, contract disputes and fraud. She is also a co-chair of Venable’s West Coast Litigation Group.

Recently, Vega was a key member of a team that obtained a complete defense verdict in a \$25 million California jury trial alleging breach of duty and fraud against a hospitality company and its CEO. She was also a key member of a team that won a complete defense verdict in a lawsuit alleging breach of fiduciary duty and fraud against a hospitality company and its CEO. Beyond her legal accomplishments, Vega dedicates considerable time to various nonprofit organizations. She was also recently appointed to the Board of Airport Commissioners of the Los Angeles World Airports.



PERRIE WEINER
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 joined the firm less than four years ago when there were only four lawyers in the LA office.

While under Weiner’s leadership, and despite early and significant challenges, the Los Angeles office has seen tremendous growth, becoming one of Baker McKenzie’s fastest-growing office locations. Opened in 2018 with four lawyers, the LA office has grown under Weiner’s leadership to 51 attorneys and professional staff providing notable expertise in securities litigation and SEC enforcement, lease litigation & restructuring, employment & compensation, M&A, capital markets, tax, consumer and privacy class actions, products liability, privacy compliance & cybersecurity. With more than 30 years of experience, Weiner’s practice focuses on securities litigation and enforcement matters and complex business litigation.



STEVEN WEISBURD
Carlton Fields, LLP

Known as the “case killer” for his success in securing defense verdicts, judgments, dismissals or favorable settlements, trial and appellate lawyer Steven Weisburd has more than 30 years’ experience litigating complex civil disputes, mass tort cases and class actions for major corporate clients and product manufacturers, including high-profile cases of national and international significance with billions of dollars in potential exposure. Weisburd has developed a reputation for winning the unwinnable, and has become a go-to lawyer for clients seeking to derail bet-the-company litigation through tactically executed legal arguments and vigorous advocacy.

Beyond being an extraordinary litigator, Weisburd was selected by Carlton Fields as managing shareholder of its Los Angeles office this year. In addition to leading the firm’s efforts to continue to grow Carlton Fields’ robust litigation practice and other practice areas, and serving on the firm’s national Board of Directors, Weisburd is deeply committed to mentoring younger lawyers.



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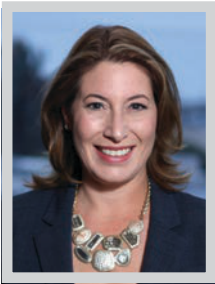


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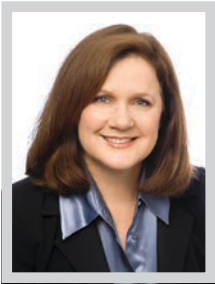
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SHARON WEISS
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner

Sharon Weiss has demonstrated her commitment to both the local Los Angeles community and the legal community in her professional and civic work throughout her career. She brings an exceptional breadth of local, state and national level community ties to her insolvency practice. Through these substantive relationships, including those with co-counsel, adversaries and clients, she has attained a base of experience from which she serves as a true client advocate.

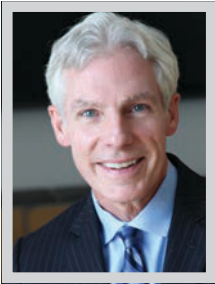
Weiss represents clients facing complex, financially distressed situations involving bankruptcy and bankruptcy alternatives, M&A transactions and bankruptcy-related litigation. Weiss represents an array of clients including creditors, individual and corporate debtors, debtor in possession lenders, trustees, franchisors and creditors' committees. She has served as lead trial counsel in bankruptcy and commercial litigation and has considerable experience in handling fraud and Ponzi scheme litigation and bankruptcy appeals, which have resulted in published Ninth Circuit opinions.



REBECCA WINTHROP
Norton Rose Fulbright

After almost 30 years of practicing bankruptcy and restructuring law, Rebecca Winthrop has a national practice and works primarily with clients in the health care, manufacturing and technology industries. Most recently, she represented the largest property damage claimant in PG&E's bankruptcy case in California, negotiated the completion of the purchase of a two-story tall million-dollar forklift used in the construction of nuclear submarines in New Jersey, and restructured millions of dollars of equipment lease obligations for a stand-alone emergency room system in Texas.

Winthrop's knowledge and skill have helped propel Norton Rose Fulbright's restructuring group to become one of the top teams in the nation. Winthrop provides a full spectrum of bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring advice. Her practice ranges from representing financial institutions, purchasers of distressed assets, unsecured creditors and debtors in complex Chapter 11 bankruptcies in multiple industries.



RICHARD WITTBRODT
Gibbs Giden

Richard J. Wittbrodt is an equity partner at Gibbs Giden. He is recognized as a leading construction lawyer and is a prolific speaker and author, including co-author of the seminal construction law treatise, California Construction Law. Wittbrodt has been a member of the Governing Committee for the ABA Forum on Construction Law, the largest organization of construction lawyers in the world.

Wittbrodt's primary emphasis is in construction litigation, including prosecuting and defending claims of delay, design issues, breach of contract, warranty of plans and specifications, prompt payment requirements, contract interpretation issues, lost profits, disruption, defective construction, mechanics lien and stop notice foreclosure actions, for both public and private projects. Wittbrodt has experience representing owners, designers, general contractors and subcontractors on multi-million dollar complex cases involving hospitals, hotels, commercial structures, educational institutions, and transportation and other infrastructure projects. He is also a mediator and arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association.



DEBRA WONG YANG
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Debra Wong Yang has spent the past decades honing a practice where she is breaking through barriers and practicing where the law is just emerging. She has had a groundbreaking career – first Asian-American woman to serve as a US Attorney, former California state judge, and, reflective of her broad practice and comprehensive abilities, current co-chair of Gibson Dunn's Crisis Management Practice Group.

Given the depth of experience and record of success, Yang focuses part of her practice on strategic counseling and litigation. She leads critical representations, both high-profile and highly confidential, involving a variety of industries, economic sectors, regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, global jurisdictions and all types of proceedings. Her clients are in the private and public sectors and include the UCLA and the UC Regents, University of Southern California, Johnson & Johnson Board of Directors, MGM Resorts and Archer Aviation.



KOLLIN ZIMMERMANN
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

Kollin Zimmermann's star has shone brightly in the arena of intellectual property law since he started his career. He has consistently demonstrated his ability to perform as a top-tier litigator. As a partner in Kilpatrick Townsend's world-renowned Trademark & Copyright Team, Zimmermann manages significant litigation in federal and state courts and matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board for many of the firm's biggest clients.

Zimmermann is a litigator with a focus on intellectual property and technology issues. He regularly represents some of the world's leading technology, entertainment, social media and consumer-goods companies in federal and state courts across the country. His cases typically involve trademark, copyright, breach of contract, fraud, right of publicity, trade secret and unfair competition claims. He has been lead or co-lead counsel in numerous high-stakes cases involving preliminary injunction motions and potential damages in the millions.



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NANCY SHER COHEN

Partner; Leader, Insurance Recovery & Counseling Practice Team
Lathrop GPM

A respected lawyer of 40-plus years, Nancy Sher Cohen entered the legal world when the glass ceiling was still very much intact, especially in litigation departments. She often stood alone as a sole female on large teams, but that has never stopped her. Cohen has held lead positions at several top-tier national law firms and has served as lead counsel in the prosecution of many insurance coverage lawsuits resulting in recoveries over \$1.5 billion.

Cohen’s noteworthy work includes the prosecution of claims by Holocaust survivors against insurance carriers, serving as counsel for the lender on the World Trade Center in prosecuting claims for the towers’ insurance coverage, and advising on insurance issues related to Los Angeles’ successful bid for the 2028 Summer Olympics. Cohen also represented homeowners and real estate developers affected by California’s Thomas Fire, and those affected by the proceeding mudslides in the Montecito area.

Today, Cohen is a partner and a leader of the Insurance Recovery & Counseling Group at Lathrop GPM. The firm recruited Cohen in late 2017 seeking the right individual to rejuvenate and bring local visibility to its Los Angeles office and national visibility to its insurance recovery work.

Cohen continues to litigate cases for significant companies on precedent-setting matters and her clients have included household name companies such as Wells Fargo Bank, Aerojet, Alpha Therapeutic, ARCO, Arconic, BP, GMAC Commercial Mortgage, Heinz, Capmark, McDonald’s, PinnOak Resources, Sony Electronics Inc., Block Real Estate Services, Mitsubishi Chemical and Meggitt Corporation.

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DAVID LASH

Managing Counsel for Pro Bono and Public Interest Services
O'Melveny & Myers LLP

David Lash, a leading lawyer in Los Angeles focused on advancing the public interest, is the architect and leader of O'Melveny & Myers' reputed pro bono program. He has led the effort to use the law to preserve liberties, including civil rights, reproductive rights, housing rights and more.

During just the past year, Lash produced and had distributed to every lawyer in the county a 4.5 minute video, "Housing Justice Is Racial Justice," that used well-known celebrity voices to urge the region's lawyers to get involved in representing tenants facing the loss of their homes because doing so is the most urgent racial justice need in our community. This unique effort led to a significant upsurge in pro bono volunteer support.

Lash also solidified during the past year his position as one of the founders and board members of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, a group he helped form in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, rallying the legal community to make a long-term commitment to fighting for racial justice by joining with the LFAA in identifying and combatting, through litigation, legislation and advocacy, the most destructive instances of system racism in the law.

Following the Dobbs decision, which overturned 50 years of precedent of protecting women's reproductive freedoms, a case he helped bring to O'Melveny, Lash was asked to join three major efforts to continue the fights for those protections (programs started by the NY Attorney General, organizations across the state and the now-called Abortion Defense Network).

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CHRISTINA N. GOODRICH

Managing Partner, Los Angeles Office
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Christina Goodrich is an intellectual property litigator in the Los Angeles office of K&L Gates LLP, a fully-integrated full service global law firm. Goodrich has experience litigating complex civil cases in federal trial and appellate courts across the nation. She also has trial experience in the International Trade Commission on a large patent infringement case and first chair arbitration experience in a complex and lengthy action in which she and her team secured a complete defense verdict. Goodrich has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeals, including a case resulting in a published decision in a matter of first impression. She has consistently held numerous important leadership roles at the firm over the past ten years, including Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group coordinator, co-chair of the Los Angeles Women in the Profession committee, member of the firmwide Women in the Profession committee, inaugural member and co-chair of the Global Associate Liaison Committee, member of the firmwide Idea Group (which focuses on innovation) and co-chair of the Los Angeles Associates Group. Her involvement in these leadership roles, while managing a busy litigation practice, belies her dedication to excellence, invocation and mentorship. She has also taken on a number of impactful pro bono cases fighting for the rights of transgender women who have been sexually assaulted in prison. Certainly an attorney to watch, Goodrich continues such dedication in all of her leadership roles, including through initiatives designed to increase the recruitment, development, retention and promotion of women and diverse individuals practicing in intellectual property.

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Executive Committee Member and Managing Partner
Locke Lord LLP

In 2000, Nina Huerta moved to Los Angeles to pursue her legal education at USC and was the first in her immediate family to pursue law. She joined Locke Lord as a first-year associate and was elected to Partnership in January 2012. She was appointed office managing partner for Los Angeles in June 2016 and became one of the first Latinas to serve in this role for any major law firm. Huerta also serves on the firm’s Executive Committee.

Huerta has been an instrumental part of the firm’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee, where she assisted with the drafting and implementation of the firm’s Strategic Plan for Diversity and Inclusion, one of Locke Lord’s core values. Huerta has advanced the growth of the Los Angeles office as managing partner and she makes consistent efforts to see that diverse attorneys are provided fair opportunities to join the firm, grow their practices and advance to leadership levels. She previously served as the Los Angeles office hiring partner. She is also a member of the Women’s Initiative, which she previously chaired.

In 2016, Huerta stepped up to serve as president of the Mexican American Bar Foundation (MABF), the largest scholarship organization of its kind, having funded over \$2 million in law school scholarships and bar stipends. MABF has experienced tremendous growth and success under Huerta’s guidance and has given more money to support Latino law students in the United States than any other non-university affiliated organization.

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STACY D. PHILLIPS

Partner, Matrimonial & Family Law
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Stacy D. Phillips is one of the country’s best-known and respected family lawyers and litigators, handling primarily high-net-worth and high-profile divorce cases. What sets Phillips apart is the breadth and depth of her leadership, involvement, giving and commitment to her clients, her firm and colleagues, young professionals, the legal industry, and the Greater Los Angeles community. Phillips is also a particularly admirable mentor on a number of levels.

Phillips is a frequent speaker and moderator on a wide range of topics including divorce and family matters, other legal topics, mentoring, business development, lifestyle, entrepreneurship, female empowerment and other current issues. Within Blank Rome, Phillips has significant impact on the firm and the Los Angeles office as a leader, connector, savvy marketing strategist and a champion of women’s opportunities and advancement. Her stature as a rainmaker and strategic cross-marketer has allowed her to help expand her firm’s Los Angeles office with some of the most respected professionals in their fields. She serves the firm as a member of its Distribution Committee and Lateral Recruiting Committee and as a mentor to young attorneys.

Phillips also inspires solutions for empowering, equipping and enabling women in business and the community. She promotes a climate within Blank Rome for women attorneys to succeed, meet the challenges of life’s many demands, and to practice law as their authentic selves. She is the founder of Blank Rome’s annual Women’s Leadership Summit, an event designed to accelerate leadership skills and network development for female firm attorneys and clients, now in its seventh year.

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Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP

Michael Sherman, chair of the business litigation practice at Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP, has decades of experience representing household name Fortune 500 companies, middle market companies and emerging growth companies and entrepreneurs in high-stakes, “bet the company” litigation.

In an era of specialization in the legal profession, Sherman has been fortunate to maintain a trial, litigation and dispute practice that emphasizes achieving great results for clients in areas as varied as real estate acquisition and development, intellectual property/technology, energy, pharmaceuticals/drug development, securities, healthcare, environmental, consumer products, finance, apparel and others. Sherman excels at guiding clients through the perilous waters of disputes and conflicts in virtually any type of business dispute.

Sherman’s peers in the legal community describe him as the consummate trial lawyer, and he approaches every trial as an opportunity to tell his client’s story, in order to win.

Another area where Sherman has had a winning impact has been on the community. He is extremely passionate about giving back to the community and is active in the Los Angeles philanthropic realm and in Bar activities. He previously served as the president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. Additionally, Sherman previously served as a board member and vice-chair of Aviva Family and Children’s Services, a major nonprofit organization that has been creating safe and nurturing home environments for children and families in Los Angeles since 1915. Sherman was recently honored with Aviva’s “Spirit of Compassion” award for his leadership and humanitarianism.

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