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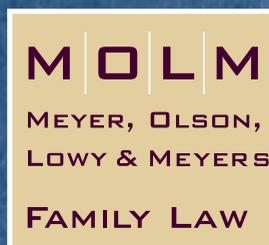
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WADE ACKERMAN

Partner
Covington & Burling LLP
Years Practicing: 13
Years with Current Firm: 1.5



WADE Ackerman is a leading national FDA regulatory and health policy lawyer based here in Los Angeles. With a combination of substantive life sciences expertise, a high profile in the industry, and significant federal government experience, Ackerman has a unique practice for the Southern California

legal market. After starting his legal career in LA, Ackerman spent eight years in government service in Washington and returned to LA last year to join Covington as a partner.

Ackerman has deep experience working on FDA regulatory and public policy issues, both from within the last Administration (at the FDA) and on the Hill. Ackerman's commitment to helping advance medical innovation and promote consumer safety has continued since joining Covington last year, and his counsel is highly sought after by companies and trade associations around the world. Until June 2016, he served as Senior FDA Counsel to the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor & Pensions Committee and was involved in all federal legislation that affected the regulatory authorities of the FDA.

SEMMA ARZAPALO

Partner
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Years Practicing: 12
Years with Current Firm: 12



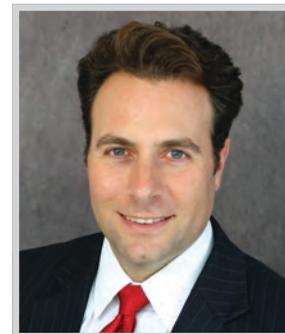
SEMMA Arzapalo, a partner in Pillsbury's Los Angeles office, represents large institutional investors in numerous private equity transactions ranging from initial due diligence to investing in complex limited partnerships. As a part of her private equity practice, Arzapalo also represents institutional

investors in negotiating investment terms in private equity, hedge fund and real estate investments, in restructuring private equity investments and real estate investments, and in portfolio transactions. Her corporate and transactional practice includes advising clients on general corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures.

Arzapalo was recently named a partner at Pillsbury at the relatively young age of 37. Over the past 18 months, a large public pension plan engaged Arzapalo in connection with a complete renegotiation of their 16-year strategic relationship with their non-discretionary investment manager in which the client committed \$2 billion for investments in private equity funds. In connection with this engagement, Arzapalo and team secured beneficial business and legal terms for our client that were not originally obtained with the investment manager.

MARC ANDRÉ BERTET

Associate Attorney
Hersh Mannis LLP
Years Practicing: 15
Years with Current Firm: 7



MARC André Bertet brings substantial experience and a breadth of knowledge to the field of family law, having represented renowned members of the entertainment industry, politicians, and other high net worth individuals. An outspoken activist in the LGBTQ community in Los Angeles, Bertet

is also a leader in Family Law on the topic of same sex marriage, registered domestic partnerships and dissolutions. He is recognized for his work on behalf of same sex couples in preparation and negotiation of premarital/post nuptial/marital settlement agreements and pursuit/defense of parentage actions (child custody), property rights, partner/spousal support, and taxation issues specific to same sex couples.

Creating awareness to other family law practitioners in representing LGBTQ clients, Bertet served as both key architect and panel expert at the Los Angeles County Bar Association's 48th Annual Family Law Symposium in May 2016, where he lectured on the US Supreme Court ruling *Obergefell v. Hodges* and how the landmark decision effects same sex couples in dissolution proceedings.

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Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Years Practicing: 18
Years with Current Firm: 1



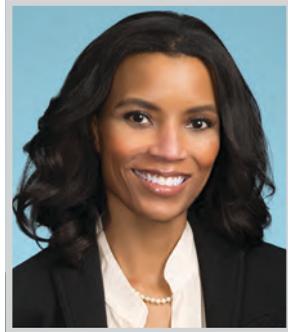
FEW would expect a son of immigrant farm workers would someday grow up to be a managing partner of an AmLaw 100 Law firm, but that's exactly what Joshua Briones did. Briones is a son of immigrant farm workers who came to the United States from Mexico to work in the fields of Northern California. Growing up,

Briones met some inspiring people who saw his potential and encouraged him to pursue a legal education – a path he financed by working odd jobs. He ultimately achieved his JD degree at UCLA.

Briones is now a highly experienced trial lawyer with a national practice. He has received awards and national recognition for his innovative approach to the defense of bet-the-company class actions. He has served as lead defense counsel on over 200 alleged class actions in state and federal courts across the country. He has represented scores of clients in consumer protection matters for 18 years. His clients include the Lakers, Cleveland Cavaliers, eBay, Pay Pal, and H&R Block, among others.

KIMBERLY BUFFINGTON

Partner
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
Years Practicing: 20
Years with Current Firm: 20



KIM Buffington is known for both her leadership and track record in complex intellectual property, commercial class actions and insurance coverage matters. At the beginning of 2017, she became Managing Partner of Pillsbury's 85-lawyer Los Angeles office upon her return from maternity leave. In her busy practice,

she represents leading media and entertainment companies in IP litigation, and she recently co-led the team that represented a global manufacturing company in its successful opposition to a motion for class certification in multi-district litigation that involved a class of potentially millions of plaintiffs.

Buffington is also co-leader of the firm's Internet & Social Media team, which is highly regarded for its blog posts. It consistently lands on Feedspot's Top 100 Social Media Blogs & Websites on the web, has attracted over 15K page views in the past year, and some of the posts have been picked up major news outlets, including Business Law News, Mondaq, Business Insurance, the Daily Journal and the Licensing Journal.

RALPH CAMPILLO

Member
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Years Practicing: 41
Years with Current Firm: 1



RALPH Campillo was just 10 years old when his parents said a tearful goodbye as they put him and his brother on a plane in Havana, Cuba bound for Miami. He had no idea if he would ever return to his native country or worse, if he would ever see his parents again.

Today that Peter Pan kid from Cuba is now a nationally recognized trial lawyer with more than 40 years of experience defending Fortune 500 companies. He has an unparalleled track record of success in high-profile cases involving product liability, mass torts, class actions, and other complex litigation matters. He is one of the nation's top lawyers in products liability defense. He has defended prominent pharmaceutical and medical device companies and other top-tier enterprises in bet-the-company litigation, often managing their national dockets and serving them as lead trial counsel and as national or regional coordinating counsel. He has tried more than 75 cases to verdict in multiple jurisdictions.

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PAUL CHAN*Managing Principal***Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks, Lincenberg & Rhow, P.C.**

Years Practicing: 21

Years with Current Firm: 18



PAUL Chan is the managing principal of Bird Marella. His practice focuses on the trial and arbitration of complex business disputes, including commercial fraud, class action, securities, and intellectual property litigations. He also represents companies and individuals in regulatory and parallel civil/criminal

investigations. He has particular expertise litigating cases involving the False Claims Act, civil RICO statutes, unfair competition and theft of trade secrets. He is also active in pro bono work and is currently representing an indigent Korean port truck driver against his former employer, a trucking company, in an employment law matter regarding unpaid wages, unlawful deductions from pay, and failure to allow meal and rest breaks, among other complaints.

Among Chan's highlights and top cases of the last 12-18 months has been his work successfully defending a global nonprofit healthcare provider in high-profile false claims act lawsuit by obtaining dismissal of virtually all claims seeking eight-figure damages.

CYNDIE M. CHANG*Managing Partner of Los Angeles Office***Duane Morris LLP**

Years Practicing: 14

Years with Current Firm: 12



ONE of a few female, Asian-American office managing partners at an Am Law 100 firm, Cyndie M. Chang is the managing partner of Duane Morris' Angeles office and serves on its governing Partners Board. She litigates complex business, class action, and commercial disputes involving products liability,

contracts, construction defect, mass torts, unfair competition, trademarks, trade secrets, ADA, California Proposition 65, broker disputes, entertainment and real estate law.

Notably, during the past year, Chang served as president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) from November 2016 to November 2017. NAPABA is the national voice for the Asian American legal profession and represents the interests of over 50,000 Asian American lawyers. Chang led the organization in its advocacy efforts on significant issues that impact Asian Americans and civil rights, which include NAPABA's position and amicus briefs all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court on immigration issues; diverse appointments in the new administration and judiciary; and voting rights and voter protection.

PEJ BEN COHEN*Trial Lawyer***Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley**

Years Practicing: 14

Years with Current Firm: 7



PEJ Ben Cohen believes in his core that being a trial lawyer is a noble calling. He has dedicated his career to standing up to insurance companies and large corporations on behalf of injured people. His accomplishments – at the young age of 38 – are numerous. He has recovered tens of millions of dollars in jury trial wins

and settlements. More than anything, he is a dyed-in-the-wool trial lawyer. He focuses on our community's need for another trial lawyer who has the freedom, skill, and passion to handle back-to-back jury trials. He believes that insurance companies and corporations are waging a quiet war on ordinary people who have been injured. He is dedicated to helping victims who simply wish to be made whole.

Pej Ben Cohen also teaches young lawyers that their job is to push back against insurance companies and, through jury trials, hold them accountable. He also teaches young lawyers that only by going to trial and obtaining verdicts will corporations begin to pay victims fair compensation.

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MARISSA M. DENNIS

Partner
Allen Matkins
Years Practicing: 11
Years with Current Firm: 11



MARISSA M. Dennis is a litigation partner in the Los Angeles office of Allen Matkins. Her litigation practice is focused on commercial, real estate and financial services litigation and she currently leads the firm's FinTech Litigation Initiative. Dennis commonly represents commercial landlords, tenants and

developers in a variety of breach of contract and tort actions, as well as national lenders and servicers in complex consumer finance litigation. She also has extensive experience representing technology companies in unfair competition and false advertising claims, including in multiple class actions.

In the last year and a half, Dennis has chaired three arbitrations involving real property disputes, and obtained dismissals of two separate class action cases at the pleading stage. Dennis is proud of her work as a board member of the California Minority Counsel Program whose mission is to promote diversity in the legal profession, and she is an active member of the Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance, the Thai American Bar Association, and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

CAMILO ECHAVARRIA

Partner
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Years Practicing: 20
Years with Current Firm: 11



CAMILO Echavarria's outstanding performance in his practice and his contributions to advancing his community are what distinguish him and make him the personification of leadership and influence. He defends employers in single and multi-plaintiff litigation and class action cases. He specializes

in employment litigation with an emphasis on disability discrimination, sexual harassment, retaliation, wage and hour issues, and wrongful termination.

In the past 18 months, Echavarria has successfully defended over 30 Lawsuits for some of the most prominent employers in the country. Clients include Bank of America, 24 Hour Fitness, Providence, Kaiser Permanente, United Airlines, and Alaska Airlines. Among his recent defense and class action accomplishments was a case where California Permanente Medical Group et al. He was co-lead trial counsel in a case brought by a longtime physician partner of Southern California Permanente Medical Group with 13 causes of action alleging, among other accusations, unlawful retaliation, violation of public policy, health and safety violations, defamation, and emotional distress. After a three-week trial, the judge returned a complete defense verdict for all defendants on all claims.

GREGORY EVANS

Partner
McGuireWoods LLP
Years Practicing: 28
Years with Current Firm: 2



AFTER a stint at the U.S. Department of Justice and at the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington, D.C., Gregory Evans returned to the L.A. community where he was raised. He achieved management positions in the most elite global law firms and stays deeply involved in pro bono and community

affairs, including through his long-term board memberships in Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Constitutional Rights Foundation, YMCA, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Evans established McGuireWoods LLP's downtown Los Angeles office and serves as its managing partner. McGuireWoods has more than 1,000 lawyers with offices in major cities in the U.S., as well as in London, Brussels and Shanghai. In 2017, Evans won high stakes appeals in the 10th, 5th and 9th U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals. In November, he completed a month-long trial in United States District Court against the Union Pacific Railroad Company, seeking over \$100 million in environmental damages for copper mining giant American Smelting and Refining Company.

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HAYTHAM FARAJ

Trial Lawyer
Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley
 Years Practicing: 12
 Years with Current Firm: 11



HAYTHAM Faraj’s path to becoming a trial lawyer began as a Marine Corps infantryman and later a Marine Corps infantry officer. Since then, Faraj has tried more than eighty civil and criminal trials in the last ten years.

Faraj was the lead trial lawyer in the case of *United States v. Frank Wuterich*, where Faraj

represented the Marine squad leader accused of nineteen counts of first degree murder in the most famous war crimes trial since My Lai. He was also lead trial lawyer in the case of *United States v. Trent Thomas*. He acquitted his client who was freed after nearly two years in jail awaiting trial. Other notable victories include the acquittal of a man accused of spying for Saddam Hussein; the recent acquittal of a man accused of illegally exporting U.S. Defense Articles to South Sudan; a 2.2 million dollars verdict on a zero offer that was tried in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; and the acquittal of Navy Seal Matthew McCabe.

AMBER FINCH

Partner
Reed Smith LLP
 Years Practicing: 16
 Years with Current Firm: 7



AMBER Finch is a partner in Reed Smith’s Los Angeles office. A member of the firm’s Insurance Recovery Group since joining in 2011, she has quickly become a go-to lawyer for resolving disputes with insurance companies. With her commercial litigation and environmental background, she has recovered

hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance proceeds for her commercial clients. She helps her clients negotiate better insurance coverage on the front end, tender and collect on insurance claims, and litigate insurance cases.

Finch has been a force in the areas of general liability insurance, first party property insurance (including business interruption), environmental/pollution insurance, directors & officers insurance, errors & omissions insurance, mortgage insurance, product liability insurance, and media liability insurance. For her pro bono work, Finch successfully petitioned the Ninth Circuit to vacate her legal permanent resident client’s immigration removal order. In its published opinion, the Ninth Circuit granted the petition in its entirety and vacated the detention order.

KEVIN FRIEDMANN

Shareholder, Corporate Practice
Greenberg Traurig LLP
 Years Practicing: 20
 Years with Current Firm: 1 week



KEVIN Friedmann is a Shareholder in the Corporate Practice of Greenberg Traurig in its Los Angeles office. His practice focuses on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions for publicly traded companies. He has wide-ranging experience representing emerging growth technology companies in complex

mergers, acquisitions, and corporate finance transactions. Friedmann counsels issuers across the corporate finance field and represents early stage private companies in venture capital financings and going public transactions.

Friedmann counsels public and private companies across a broad spectrum of technology sectors, including digital media, data analytics, information technology, green technology, biotechnology and life sciences. He guides them through each phase of going public, mergers and acquisitions transactions, public and private offerings, and U.S. stock exchange listings.

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BYRON GEE

Partner
Nossaman LLP
Years Practicing: 20
Years with Current Firm: 17



BYRON Gee is a Partner in Nossaman’s Los Angeles office and he represents clients in trial courts and administrative hearings on all areas of water rights and environmental law. He specializes in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act,

the Hazardous Substance Account Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act and the California Porter Cologne Act. Gee also provides counsel in administrative proceedings and defended claims based on Federal, State, and local air quality regulations, as well as water rights disputes.

Before practicing law, Gee was a vice president and general manager at various oil companies. One of his main responsibilities was to ensure that these companies complied with all Federal, State and local environmental laws. Over the past year, Gee has represented a broad array of clients – including Valero Energy Corporation, Trojan Battery Company, LKQ Corporation, and the Castaic Lake Water Agency in a variety of Environmental civil litigation matters to recover cleanup costs and defend against Non-Government Organization citizen action suits.

ALBERT GIANG

Partner
Boies Schiller Flexner LLP
Years Practicing: 15
Years with Current Firm: 13



BOIES Schiller Flexner’s Albert Giang has built an impressive track record for passionate advocacy on some of the most pressing legal issues – a pillar of influence in the technology, appellate and pro bono fields. And as a young, gay, Asian American attorney, Giang has an unwavering commitment to diversity

and serving those in need. Prior 2017, Giang served as co-head of the L.A. office’s appellate and pro bono practices where Giang has been at the forefront of challenging unfair and unjust immigration policies.

In 2017, Giang successfully argued in the Ninth Circuit that a victim of brutal domestic violence by a local police officer in Mexico had been subject to torture by a “public official” under the international Convention Against Torture. On an issue of first impression, the Ninth Circuit agreed in a 3-0 decision that rejected the agency’s attempt to excuse torture when inflicted by a “romantic partner.” Giang also filed briefs in courts throughout the United States challenging the current administration’s efforts to rescind the DACA program and to issue executive orders targeting immigrants from Muslim-majority countries.

DAVID GRAELER

Partner, Chair of Litigation Practice
Nossaman LLP
Years Practicing: 19
Years with Current Firm: 15



DAVID Graeler serves as Chair of Nossaman’s Litigation Practice Group. With nearly 20 years of litigation and trial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Graeler excels at partnering with his clients to identify their goals and to develop and execute winning strategies to effectively resolve

complex business disputes. Through the development of his civil trial practice, Graeler has honed his ability to communicate and connect with judges and juries, as well as with clients, witnesses, and other attorneys. He focuses his practice on the representation of public and private sector clients principally in the areas of real estate, eminent domain, construction, and commercial disputes.

Over the past several years, he has worked on a number of high profile matters, including representing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) on a number of diverse matters such as the LAX/Crenshaw Transit Corridor Project and Westside Subway Extension Project. Graeler is also currently representing the City of Los Angeles / Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and advising on real property matters related to the Landside Access Modernization Program.



PEJMAN BEN-COHEN



HAYTHAM FARAJ

CZR would like to congratulate Pejman Ben-Cohen, Haytham Faraj, & all the other nominees on being selected to the Most Influential Minority Attorneys List.

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TANYA L. GREENE

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Years Practicing: 8
Years with Current Firm: 8



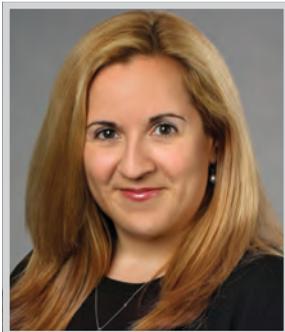
TANYA Greene is a litigation partner in Kirkland's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Tanya's practice includes antitrust, securities, fraud, toxic tort litigation, commercial contracts, appeals and bankruptcy matters. She has represented some of world's most well-known companies and

other high-profile clients, including BP, Boeing, and RBS Securities, among others. Greene has examined fact and expert witnesses at trial in federal and state courts; taken and defended depositions of key witnesses and experts; briefed and prepared arguments in connection with a variety of motions; and prepared key fact witnesses for trial. Recently, she successfully second-chaired a trial where her client was being sued by a state regulator seeking more than \$35 million in penalties.

In the past 18 months, Tanya has represented numerous clients in high-stake litigation. This includes successfully second-chairing a trial where her client was being sued by a state regulator seeking more than \$35 million in penalties. She also represented Bill Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management in its partnership with Canadian-based Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. in litigation over their \$50 billion unsolicited offer for Botox-maker Allergan.

MARISSA ROMÁN GRIFFITH

Partner
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Years Practicing: 24
Years with Current Firm: 18



MARISSA Román Griffith is one of the few female partners (and likely one of the only senior Latina attorneys in private practice) specializing in entertainment transactional matters. She is recognized as an industry leader for her representation of financiers, as well as borrowers,

distributors and studios, involved in various aspects of the production, financing and distribution of film, television and digital content, including credit facilities (on behalf of the lead agent/lender and also the borrower), domestic and international co-financing agreements and slate transactions. Her recent transactions include leading the team representing Media Rights Capital (MRC) and its affiliates in connection with MRC's financing activities in film and TV (including for the films *Baby Driver*, *The Dark Tower* and *Mortal Engines* and the TV series *Counterpart*, *House of Cards*, *One Percent* and *Ozark*); and MRC's JPMorgan-led credit facility.

Griffith is also a trustee of the Mexican American Bar Foundation, and a member of the board of directors of Outfest, the leading organization showcasing, nurturing and preserving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender film images and artistry.

LUKE GUERRA

Partner
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Years Practicing: 13
Years with Current Firm: 10



LUKE Guerra is a partner in Kirkland & Ellis' Los Angeles corporate group focusing in the areas of private equity, mergers and acquisitions, corporate securities and finance and corporate governance. He represents buyers, sellers, and private equity funds in a variety of corporate transactions, including leveraged buyouts, public

and private mergers and acquisitions, equity investments, restructurings and recapitalizations. Guerra frequently represents private equity firms, including Clearlake Capital Partners, Industrial Growth Partners, Lion Capital, Lovell Minnick Partners, H.I.G. Capital, and Shamrock Capital Advisors, and their portfolio companies in a range of complex corporate transactions across industries such as technology, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, energy, health care and media and entertainment.

Guerra also has significant experience with respect to the management, acquisition and development of hotels, resorts, restaurants and mixed-use hospitality projects around the globe; including, without limitation, expertise in diligence, acquisition, development and management matters, and previously served as in-house counsel to The Walton Group, a privately owned group of real estate and asset management companies.

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YAKUB HAZZARD

Partner
 Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP
 Years Practicing: 27
 Years with Current Firm: 12



YAKUB Hazzard is a partner in Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp's Entertainment and IP Litigation practice group. Hazzard specializes in litigating high-profile matters involving intellectual property, right of publicity, privacy, breach of contract, profit participation, commercial disputes, and other media

& entertainment-related conflicts across a wide range of industries.

Hazzard began his career at MSK in the 1990s, developing his entertainment litigation practice as the firm was representing the Recording Industry Association of America in the Napster dispute. Over his career, he has represented an array of entertainment industry clients, from Berry Gordy and the Ray Charles Foundation to Incubus and Weezer, in litigation spanning copyright, trademark, right of publicity and contracts. His clients have also included foreign distributors, leading video game companies, songwriters, musicians, actors, business and personal managers, independent record and music publishing companies, apparel companies, entertainment guilds, and beverage manufacturers. Hazzard has been involved in several profit participation and intellectual property cases for the firm.

JOHNNIE A. JAMES

Shareholder
 Ogletree Deakins
 Years Practicing: 29
 Years with Current Firm: 7



JOHNNIE James has extensive experience in every aspect of employment law, including advising corporate clients on wage and hour issues, employee handbooks and related policies, employee hiring, terminations, mass layoffs, and non-compete agreements. James also defends corporate clients against employment

claims brought under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the California Fair Employment & Housing Act, California Wage Orders, as well as other related state law claims.

Prior to joining Ogletree Deakins, James was a partner at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, and Manatt Phelps & Phillips, where he co-managed Manatt's Labor & Employment Practice Group. James also spent several years in-house, serving as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of SAGE Publications, Inc., an international academic publishing company. James began his legal career at Alschuler Grossman & Pines, a litigation boutique firm in Los Angeles, where he became that firm's first African-American partner.

JESSE JAUREGUI

Partner
 Alston & Bird LLP
 Years Practicing: 31
 Years with Current Firm: 17



IN his current practice at Alston & Bird, Jesse Jauregui utilizes his bi-lingual/bi-cultural skills and applies them to his litigation practice. Most recently, he obtained a successful settlement and final approval of a statewide wage and hour class action, involving an international money transfer entity that employs a largely Spanish-

speaking workforce in California. In addition to age, race, and disability cases handled in 2017, Jauregui was co-trial counsel in a high-stakes trade secret/non-compete action litigated in federal court and involving two international manufacturing companies. After extensive and hard-fought litigation involving claims for injunctive relief and deposition discovery in four different states, the team prevailed on a motion for summary judgment.

Jauregui also provides clients with ongoing advice and counsel on a variety of employment law issues – including electronic privacy rights in the workplace and WARN Act issues – and conducts workplace investigations. His clients include a national bank, health systems, Fortune 500 manufacturers, entertainment/media companies, and telecommunications providers. Jauregui devotes significant time to the Mexican American Bar Foundation and the California Minority Counsel Program.



Luke Guerra



Tanya Greene

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CHANNING D. JOHNSON

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Loeb & Loeb LLP
Years Practicing: 40
Years with Current Firm: 8



CHANNING Johnson is a recognized leader in the Los Angeles legal and business community representing music, motion picture, television, digital media, retail and sports clients in connection with securities issuances, mergers and acquisitions, and joint venture and financing arrangements. Johnson's earliest career capacities

included roles as Vice-Chairman of the Pasadena Planning Commission, Deputy to a Los Angeles City Councilman, and President of Economic Resources Corporation. He made an early impact in policy and economic development by assembling private and government financing that created jobs, housing, and industrial and commercial facilities in underserved areas of Los Angeles.

Even in those initial stages of his career, Johnson knew that the practice of law was where he could make his greatest contribution, and he began to build a corporate practice that would focus on serving the region's fast growing service, technology, entertainment and media sectors. More than three decades later, he has become one of the most accomplished dealmakers in media, technology, entertainment and sports, with a long track record of helping clients succeed in these evolving industries.

SIDNEY KANAZAWA

Partner
McGuireWoods LLP
Years Practicing: 39
Years with Current Firm: 11



IN May 2017, McGuireWoods partner Sidney Kanazawa succeeded in persuading the California Supreme Court to admit posthumously to the state bar Sei Fujii, a Japanese immigrant and activist barred from admission to the bar by immigration laws that from 1790 until 1952 allowed only "free white persons"

and, later, "persons of African descent" to be naturalized citizens of the United States. Kanazawa represented the Little Tokyo Historical Society and the Japanese American Bar Association pro bono in petitioning the California Supreme Court, and worked tirelessly to gather the necessary political support. The admission occurred on the 65th anniversary of the high court's decision to overturn California's Alien Land Law.

The victory illustrates just one of the accomplishments of Kanazawa, who uses his extensive trial, crisis and negotiating experience to champion diversity and inclusion within his firm and community, while furthering these goals through his leadership and service with the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Japanese American Bar Association and with McGuireWoods' Asian Lawyers Network and Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

HELEN B. KIM

Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
Years Practicing: 30
Years with Current Firm: 5



HELEN B. Kim serves as the vice co-chair of Thompson Coburn's Business Litigation group. Her clients have included global financial services firms, financial services and health care executives, real estate investment trusts and investment companies.

Among the recent success stories is Kim's storied career is the decade-

long representation and successful defense of Refco Inc.'s general counsel during the broker's high-profile collapse. The many-layered litigation, which was prolonged for over 10 years, ended in July 2016 when Kim won a case that creditors had appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. As her time working on the Refco cases was coming to a close, Kim's successes with securities litigation powered on. She served as the lead attorney in defending a high-ranking executive of MF Global. She did so by obtaining the dismissal of the MF Global officer from a class action arising from improper transfers that caused the brokerage firm to collapse in 2011.

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Partner
Blank Rome LLP
Years Practicing: 26
Years with Current Firm: 4



JASON S. Kim is a deal lawyer. His practice focuses on representing domestic and foreign companies, financial institutions, funds, serial entrepreneurs, and high net worth individuals in corporate and real estate transactions and related financing with special emphasis on cross border deals within the 50 states

and internationally. His deals in the 50 states involve foreign buyers, PEs and banks.

Kim's representative matters include issuer side representation of a Korean airline in connection with the private placement offering of unsecured bonds (\$200 Million) and investor-side representation of a Korean social, on-line gaming company in connection with acquiring controlling interest in a U.S. social, on-line gaming company (\$130 Million). Among other successful cases, Kim provided buy-side representation of a Chinese automotive company's purchase of a research and development center (\$15.5 Million). In 2016 and 2017, Kim was named Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Business Association. He also serves as a Director on the Board of Directors of U.S. Korea Law Foundation.

JANET H. KWUON

Partner
Reed Smith LLP
Years Practicing: 29
Years with Current Firm: 25



JANET Kwuon is a member of the Life Sciences Health Industry Group at Reed Smith, practicing in the area of product liability litigation. Her litigation practice focuses on the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, and the defense of complex product liability cases as national and local counsel

in state and federal courts, including numerous class actions and multi-district litigations. Representative clients include top ten pharmaceutical and medical device companies. Kwuon also has an extensive non-litigation client counseling practice, which includes corporate internal investigations, government investigations in the fraud and abuse area, corrective actions, compliance with FDA regulations, assessment of promotional materials and medical education, clinical trial contracts, adverse event reporting, and much more.

As a former Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, Kwuon has significant trial experience. In the civil arena, she has been a member of trial teams for defendants in the Silicone Gel Breast Implant, Diet Drug and Heart Valve litigations.

IRENE Y. LEE

Partner
Russ, August & Kabat LLP
Years Practicing: 17
Years with Current Firm: 12



IRENE Lee is a partner at Russ August & Kabat, where she focuses her practice on all aspects of intellectual property, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, right of publicity, and technology licensing. As a registered patent attorney, Lee employs her patent prosecution experience in strategizing

patent litigation and licensing issues. She represents clients in a wide range of industries, including integrated circuits, biotechnology, medical devices, computer software, housewares, household products, baby products, food and beverages, jewelry, and apparel.

In addition to patent litigation and licensing, Lee has extensive experience in trademark prosecution, litigation, and licensing with an emphasis on global brand expansion and management through strategic trademark and copyright protection and enforcement programs. In a highly publicized recent case on behalf of VIA Technologies, Lee led a team of attorneys in a 3-year battle against ASUSTek for patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation. Less than a week before the jury trial was scheduled to begin, the parties resolved the matter amicably.



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Partner
Jenner & Block LLP
Years Practicing: 17
Years with Current Firm: 8



KENNETH K. Lee is a partner in Jenner & Block's Los Angeles office who defends clients in class actions across the country arising from a wide variety of industries, from food to technology to health care. A first generation immigrant from South Korea, Lee graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude and

spent five years in private practice before his first foray into government work. In 2005, he provided legal guidance to United States Senator Arlen Specter, and then later served as an Associate Counsel to the President of the United States. He represented the White House in congressional and other governmental investigations and provided advice for the President and senior White House officials on a host of legal and compliance issues.

At Jenner & Block, Lee has defended dozens of consumer class actions in California, Florida, New York and elsewhere. In these cases, he has achieved early dismissals of claims and denials of class certification, including first-of-its-kind victories in the field.

AARON LEWIS

Partner
Covington & Burling LLP
Years Practicing: 12
Years with Current Firm: 5



AARON Lewis practices in Covington's White Collar Defense and Investigations practice group. He represents businesses and individuals in sensitive, high profile internal investigations, government enforcement matters, and complex commercial litigation. After clerking for a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,

Lewis began his career in Covington's Washington, DC office and returned to the firm in March 2015 to help open Covington's Los Angeles office after six years of service in the Department of Justice.

Although Lewis has handled a number of significant matters at his firm, one of his most high-profile matters from the past year was the highly publicized investigation into Uber's workplace environment. Lewis was a leader of the fact investigation, and in just three months, Covington conducted more than 200 interviews, searched a database of over 3 million documents, and, with other members of the team, directed the work of a consultant that conducted anonymous online focus groups with key populations among Uber's employees. This work informed more than 40 recommendations regarding the company and its policies, which Uber's board of directors adopted unanimously.

CHERYL M. LOTT

Shareholder
Buchalter
Years Practicing: 14
Years with Current Firm: 11



CHERYL M. Lott proficiently represents corporate clients including banks, mortgage companies and other financial institutions in both state and federal court. She has significant experience in preparing all aspects of a case for trial or arbitration. Her practice primarily focuses on general business and commercial

litigation however; she is also well versed in a wide variety of other litigation specialties.

In addition to her litigation experience, Lott also has extensive experience working on local, state, and federal regulatory matters and government procurement matters. In the regulatory realm, Lott has substantial experience assisting financial institution clients with Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering detection procedures. More specifically, Lott's areas of emphasis include BSA/AML customer due-diligence and enhanced due-diligence procedures, employment counseling, contract disputes, independent film finance disputes, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, product liability, and creditors' rights and fair debt collection practices. As a member of the Firm's Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee, Lott reviews practices to identify and address areas, which might benefit from improvement.

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Bowman and Brooke LLP
 Years Practicing: 28
 Years with Current Firm: 24



As managing partner in Bowman and Brooke's Los Angeles office, Mike Madokoro is a highly sought after trial attorney, with experience defending the world's largest automotive and product manufacturers in high-exposure product liability litigation. Mike's clients have taken advantage of his trial and litigation skills,

relying on him to manage national discovery programs. With more than 24 years of experience, Madokoro has developed a wide range of product liability litigation experience, including cases involving everything from automobiles, forklifts, personal watercraft, and material handling equipment, elevators and escalators to electrical equipment.

In addition to his product liability practice, Madokoro has defended against allegations of premises liability, toxic tort liability, chemical exposure, employment, wrongful termination, qui tam claims, and breach of contract and fraud involving the sale of a large manufacturing process. He is also adept at discovery issues and has developed proficiency in navigating his clients' ESI in litigation. He is a frequent presenter and moderator on the topic. He is also active in the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

KEVIN MASUDA

Partner
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
 Years Practicing: 24
 Years with Current Firm: Since last August



Kevin Masuda, a partner in Gibson Dunn's Media, Entertainment and Technology practice and Sports Law practice, regularly represents content companies, including motion picture studios and music companies, technology companies, gaming companies, private equity funds, sports and talent agencies, and other

clients in various types of business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, investments, restructurings, public and private securities offerings, licensing agreements, sponsorships, and other strategic agreements.

Masuda works with some of the highest profile names in the sector. Recently, he advised MGM Resorts International on its purchase of the remaining 50% interest in the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, the top performing casino in Atlantic City; Hugh Hefner on the sale of the Playboy Mansion; Michael Eisner's company The Tornante Group in its acquisition of Portsmouth Football Club; and The Creed Company in the creation of Full Stop Management. Among Masuda's recent transactions is his work advising on Deluxe Entertainment Services Group's acquisition of Sfera, a global, cloud-based localization platform and distributed services firm.

DAVID MCFARLANE

Partner
Crowell & Moring LLP
 Years Practicing: 32
 Years with Current Firm: 2



The author of two books on employee benefits law, David McFarlane is the lawyer companies turn to for high-level guidance on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), health care reform law, and employee benefits. A partner in Crowell & Moring's Los Angeles office, McFarlane has more

than 20 years of experience in the U.S. and Canada advising on wide-range of pensions, employee benefits, and executive compensation matters related to ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and the Affordable Care Act.

In reaction to the very recent and wide-spread workplace sexual harassment scandals, McFarlane and his ERISA team developed and designed the first-in-the-nation employer-funded "Workplace Harassment Prevention and Protection Plan" to help employers better combat and remedy the growing workplace and societal problem of workplace harassment and bullying. A longtime legal advocate in Los Angeles, David is the former co-president of the LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles, served on the LGBT Advisory Committee for the Mayor of Los Angeles and was chairman of the board of directors for the AIDS Service Center in Pasadena.

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ANTHONY NGUYEN

Shareholder / Trial Lawyer
Shegerian & Associates
Years Practicing: 9
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ANTHONY Nguyen is a Shareholder with Shegerian and Associates. Nguyen has a wide range of experience in employment law, having previously represented Fortune 500 companies in labor and employment disputes. He is particularly skilled in litigation matters related to discrimination, harassment, retaliation,

and wage and hour issues, in both individual and class action cases. Nguyen also has significant experience with employment law compliance and employment agreements, and has represented clients in both the state and federal levels. As a Shareholder at Shegerian and Associates, Nguyen is primarily responsible for overseeing the firm's cases and ensuring their successful litigation from pre-filing through resolution, including trial, alternative dispute resolution, and settlement.

Nguyen places special emphasis on actively attending to clients and providing a clear and simple understanding of the legal process. He has secured several verdicts as trial counsel throughout his tenure with the firm, including an \$8.7 million disability discrimination award, a \$7.1 million disability discrimination award, and a \$500,000 failure to accommodate disability award, an \$800,000 defamation award, and an \$8.4 million whistleblower award.

DOREEN MARIE OLSON

Partner
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Years Practicing: 24
Years with Current Firm: 24



DOREEN Marie Olson is a partner at Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers (MOLM) and certified as a Specialist in Family Law by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State of California, a distinction just .55 percent of the state's attorneys achieve. Working exclusively in family law for 24 years, Olson has helped establish

MOLM as one of the nation's most respected firms working in the arena of high-asset and high-conflict family law matters.

Olson has extensive experience and expertise in all aspects of family law including complex marital dissolutions, spousal support, marital property division, business valuation, and parentage issues. A major focus of her work is in complex child custody cases. Olson has been instrumental in the growing number of domestic and international move-away cases that MOLM handles. Among her most recent successes is working a negotiated settlement of a more than five-year-long conservatorship involving the issue of adult child support in Probate Court. She is presently working on a complex move-away case involving children with special needs.

WILLIAM PAO

Partner
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Years Practicing: 11
Years with Current Firm: 5



WILLIAM K. Pao is a seasoned commercial litigator whose diverse practice focuses on three main areas: securities litigation, financial services litigation, and complex commercial litigation involving Chinese companies. Pao's clients include companies across a wide spectrum of industries, including banking,

technology, automotive, agriculture, education, fashion, and apparel. As a secondee to one of the nation's largest banks, Pao managed a large portfolio of high-exposure, high-stakes consumer banking litigation. He also possesses domain expertise in securities litigation and regularly writes and speaks on securities issues. In addition, he has substantial experience advising and representing Chinese companies and US companies that operate in China. He speaks Mandarin, and has spent considerable time in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Prior to joining O'Melveny, Pao served as a law clerk to the Honorable Fortunato Benavides of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Hon. David F. Levi, formerly of the US District Court for the Eastern District of California.



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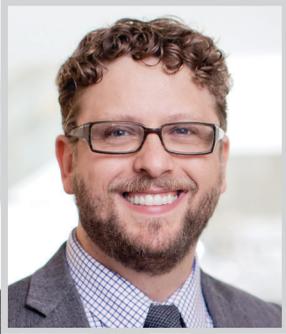
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O'Melveny & Myers LLP
 Years Practicing: 10
 Years with Current Firm: 6



DIMITRI Portnoi is a trailblazer, exploring new areas of law, expanding rights for underserved groups, and achieving precedent-setting victories for clients. This work has earned him recognition as one of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association's 2017 Rising Stars and one of the National LGBT Bar

Association's 40 Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 in 2016. He serves as the secretary of the LGBT Bar Association of L.A. Among Portnoi's recent practice highlights took place last year when he helped file an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court and, other appellate courts, on behalf of over a hundred national, state, and local groups that work to end and support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other gender-based violence, in the ongoing litigation seeking to overrule anti-transgender legislation passed in North Carolina. This is just one of many pro bono areas Portnoi works in, which has included LGBT rights, immigrants' rights, reproductive rights, and the groundbreaking challenge to California's assisted suicide law.

JENNIFER POST

Partner
Thompson Coburn LLP
 Years Practicing: 27
 Years with Current Firm: 1.5



As a partner in Thompson Coburn's Corporate and Securities practice, Jennifer Post serves as primary outside counsel to a variety of individuals, institutions and companies, including entrepreneurs, startups and investors, as well as domestic and international public companies. Dedicated to helping other

LGBTQ professionals succeed, Post founded FSIX Advisors Circle, a networking and resource group for LGBTQ professionals in the financial industry. She also founded the West Hollywood Chapter of Provisors. Additionally, she serves as a member of the Steering Committee of StartOut LA, an organization that provides resources and mentorship to LGBTQ entrepreneurs to empower emerging leaders in technology and related industries. Post serves as Thompson Coburn's ambassador to Gaingels Syndicate, a national angel investment syndicate focused on providing early stage capital to growth companies that have at least one LGBTQ founder, senior C-level executive or board member. She hosts the LA Gaingels chapter meetings quarterly at the firm's Los Angeles office.

ELSA RAMO

Managing Partner
Ramo Law P.C.
 Years Practicing: 15
 Years with Current Firm: 12



IN 2005 and only three years out of law school, Elsa Ramo decided the best way to break into entertainment law was by starting her own law practice. At the time, many of her filmmaker and producer friends were making low-budget, digital films. Also at that time, Universal Pictures' backlog made available a few

trailers for offing independent, up-and-coming producers. These producers invited Ramo to work on the backlog (out of their trailers) to assist with the legal on their micro-budget films. In the summer of 2005, Ramo officially opened her law office on the Universal Studios backlog in a trailer. Today, Ramo has established herself as an entertainment transactional attorney, representing producers, financiers, and production entities in film, television, VR and digital content across all platforms. She leads her firm, Ramo Law P.C., which has grown to be an eight lawyer law firm that exclusively handles the production legal and financing for over 90 independent films a year. The Firm's three Partners are all minority women.

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 Years Practicing: 23
 Years with Current Firm: 23



EKWAN Rhow is a principal at Bird Marella. Versed in all aspects of litigation and motion practice, Rhow has particular expertise in trial work and has first-chaired over 25 cases that were tried to verdict or award. Additionally, Rhow has previously served as the President of the Korean American Bar Association

and a member of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

Many of Rhow's highlights and top cases of the last 18 months involve representing prominent Korean corporations and their subsidiaries. These include obtaining dismissal of consumer class action lawsuits against Hyundai and Kia relating to the keyless entry system feature in their vehicles. Rhow also successfully defended Emcore Corporation in an ICC arbitration involving the sale of one of its divisions to one of Japan's largest conglomerates. Rhow's current representations include defending the world's largest plastic pipe manufacturer in a \$3 billion qui tam action involving over 100 plaintiffs and multiple ongoing trials.

ESTHER K. RO

Partner
 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
 Years Practicing: 11
 Years with Current Firm: 7



REPRESENTING clients in high-stakes class actions, Morgan Lewis partner Esther Ro is rapidly building a reputation as one of LA's top litigators. In the last calendar year, she helped lead Morgan Lewis teams to victory in a precedent-setting case closely followed in the legal community. Many major retailers across the country

are facing litigation regarding the quality of merchandise sold at their outlet stores.

In *Rubenstein v. Gap*, plaintiff Linda Rubenstein alleged that Gap misled consumers by not informing them that items sold in Gap and Banana Republic factory stores were of lesser quality and not originally sold in traditional, non-outlet stores owned and operated by Gap. The trial court found that the plaintiff could not state claims under California's consumer protection laws because she failed to allege a misrepresentation or an actionable omission on the part of Gap. The Rubenstein decision essentially helps put limits on what retailers need to affirmatively disclose to consumers about the provenance and quality of items sold at outlet stores.

V. ANDRE SHERMAN

Trial Lawyer
 Girardi Keese
 Years Practicing: 20
 Years with Current Firm: 20



V. Andre Sherman is passionate about his clients and the law. He has successfully litigated many significant wrongful death, personal injury, pharmaceutical, employment and consumer class action cases throughout his career, obtaining impressive results totaling in the hundreds of millions in settlements and

verdicts.

Sherman's cases have resulted in improved legislative protections for unwitting consumers who have been unfairly targeted with substandard products that often cater to low-income families least able to protect their rights. Sherman has served as a member of several plaintiff steering committees on coordinated pharmaceutical multi-plaintiff actions throughout the state. He has also served as lead, liaison and trial counsel on numerous coordinated JCCP, MDL and class actions throughout California. Andre is driven to succeed on behalf of all those aggrieved clients he zealously represents. Sherman's pro bono activities include work on behalf of the Public Justice Foundation and the Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyer's Association.



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 Years with Current Firm: 1



AN experienced trial lawyer with Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer in Los Angeles, Rhonda Trotter has broad trial experience in intellectual property, products liability, and other commercial disputes, and regularly prosecutes and defends high-stakes trademark, false advertising and copyright lawsuits. Her track record

and experience have garnered significant recognition and praise from World Trademark Review, which noted that she enjoys the patronage of a diverse range of clients, and is an excellent trial lawyer with a real knack for communicating complicated concepts to a judge or jury.

Most recently, in 2017, Trotter was hired by longstanding client Experian to handle the Ninth Circuit appeal of a significant copyright and trade secret case concerning the copyrightability of Experian's valuable marketing database. Also among her more significant legal accomplishments is her work on behalf of rock icon Prince. Trotter served as lead counsel for Prince and his entities in connection with all of his legal matters, including copyright infringement, trademark enforcement, contract, and employment matters. Trotter continues to provide intellectual property advice and manages copyright litigation matters for Prince's estate.

MICHAEL TU

Partner
 Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
 Years Practicing: 20
 Years with Current Firm: 13



PERHAPS no recent case has defined the media industry more than Sumner Redstone's battle for control of Viacom Inc. Orrick's Michael Tu and team represented Sumner Redstone in this epic boardroom and courtroom battle, collaborating with Redstone counsel Rob Klieger of Houston Hennigan LLP. For

Redstone, the outcome was a complete victory, as a settlement gave him virtually everything he sought to retain control of a multi-billion dollar media conglomerate that owns film and television assets ranging from Paramount Pictures to MTV. Tu and team served as the architect of the complex strategy crafted to shape the course of the closely watched corporate tug-of-war, working closely with Klieger, who was likewise integral to protecting Redstone's interests in various courts around the country.

With the Viacom battle unfolding under a media microscope, Tu quickly earned a reputation as a force to be reckoned with. One newspaper covering the conflict observed that any CEO or director opposed by anyone who has hired Tu "might want to lawyer up."

BENJAMIN T. WANG

Partner
 Russ, August & Kabat LLP
 Years Practicing: 14
 Years with Current Firm: 7



BEN Wang is a partner at Russ August & Kabat. He is member of the firm's general litigation, intellectual property litigation, trial and appellate groups. His practice focuses on representing clients in complex business and intellectual property disputes, particularly in patent and trade secret

trials and appeals.

Despite a very challenging environment for patent plaintiffs, during the last 18 months, Wang has successfully obtained monetary settlements totaling over \$29.8 million for his clients. Those settlements resolved various patent and trade secret claims on behalf of his clients, including cases where he represented Neurovision Medical Products in patent litigation against Medtronic and Healthtrust Purchasing Group, VIA Technologies in patent and trade secret litigation against ASUSTeK Computer Inc., Phoenix and LPL Licensing in patent litigation against numerous defendants, SPEX Technologies in patent litigation against iMation Corporation, and many other clients asserting patent infringement claims. During the same time period, Wang successfully defended the validity of thirteen patents from various clients from patent eligibility challenges under 35 U.S.C. §101.



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Co-Chair, Crisis Management Practice Group
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 Years Practicing: 32
 Years with Current Firm: 11



FEW can rival Debra Wong Yang's distinguished background - first Asian-American woman to serve as a U.S. Attorney, former California state judge, and now serves as Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's firm-wide Crisis Management Practice Group. Given the depth of experience and record of success, Yang

focuses part of her practice on strategic counseling. She leads critical representations, both high profile and highly confidential, involving a wide 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. Yang has a strong background in addressing and resolving problems across the white-collar litigation spectrum, including through corporate and individual representations, internal investigations, crisis management and compliance.

One example of Yang's work is her representation of USC in an ongoing internal review of the conduct of the former Dean of the Keck School of Medicine, the university's response, and its existing policies and procedures. She also represents MGM Resorts International in response to the October 1, 2017 shooting at Mandalay Bay.

JACK S. YEH

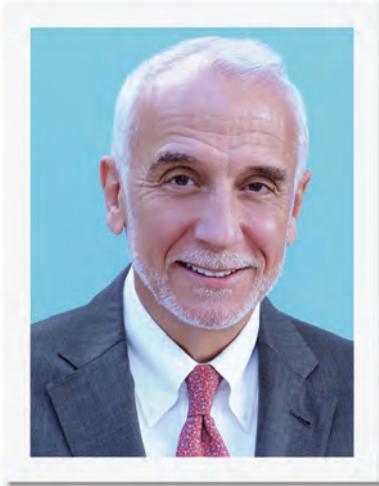
Partner
 Sidley Austin LLP
 Years Practicing: 23
 Years with Current Firm: 2



JACK Yeh is a partner in Sidley Austin's Century City office and a prominent member of the Complex Commercial Litigation practice. A seasoned trial lawyer, Yeh has litigated commercial disputes throughout the country and has significant experience in the litigation and trial of complex business conflicts. He is

known for his ability to address and anticipate issues in the courtroom and beyond. He harnesses his legal and public relations skills as well as a sharp business acumen to help clients navigate the media, halls of government and dense regulations. This approach works with clients of varied backgrounds, but has proven to be especially effective to clients in the energy, real estate and media/entertainment industries.

In the past five years, Yeh has worked with blue-chip clients like Exxon Mobil, ASICS Corporation, Walmart and JM Eagle on high-stakes issues. His representative work includes a major victory for ExxonMobil in an environmental lawsuit filed by an association of local residents in Torrance seeking to halt the May 2016 restart of ExxonMobil's Refinery in Torrance.



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