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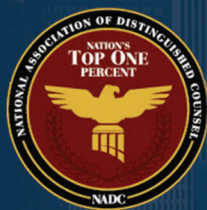
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We have provided you with the names of litigators who have won "big" for their clients in the last year. Starting at \$500,000 and going up to a whopping \$417 million, these cases have been litigated by Los Angeles' elite lawyers, many of whom are featured in these pages.

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Robert McKennon, the founding shareholder of McKennon Law Group PC, is a nationally recognized expert in insurance litigation who has litigated hundreds of insurance matters over his more than three-decade-long career. Having spent the first 25 years of his practice representing insurance companies, McKennon now leverages that expertise to advocate for policyholders—challenging the same industry he previously represented.

"We are tenacious in helping our clients fight for their insurance and employee benefits," says McKennon, who specializes in litigating insurance bad faith and ERISA insurance disputes involving long-term disability, life, health, and long-term care insurance claims. "The people we represent—from the dentist, to the secretary, to the small business owner—come from all areas of society, and we help them take on powerful insurance companies and secure the benefits they deserve."

McKennon, who frequently authors articles in publications such as the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and speaks at local and national conferences on insurance-related topics, notes: "Our firm has succeeded because we litigate aggressively, provide top quality work, and are prepared to take insurers to trial!"

McKennon is widely recognized among the country's top insurance litigators, having been named in Southern California Super Lawyers every year since 2011 and awarded the highest ratings possible by AVVO and Martindale-Hubbell. McKennon Law Group PC has also received several awards as a top insurance litigation law firm. In addition to litigating disability, life, health, and long-term care insurance claims, the firm also represents businesses and individuals in connection with their property and casualty insurance claims.

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With more than 75 years of combined personal injury litigation experience, Easton & Easton — comprised of Doug and his sons Brian, Matt, and Travis — only represents those that have been seriously injured or suffered the wrongful death of a loved one. All 4 Eastons have each been selected among the **10 Best Personal Injury Attorneys** in California for 2018 by the American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys, while Doug, Brian, and Matt have all received Martindale-Hubbell's highest **AV Preeminent** rating for ethics and legal ability. Additionally, both Doug and Brian Easton are **Southern California Super Lawyers honorees**, and Matt Easton is an **Up-and-Coming Top 25 (Orange County) and Up-and-Coming Top 100 (Southern California) honoree** by Super Lawyers.

Doug and Matt are both also recognized by their peers among **The Best Lawyers in America** and have been selected as **Premier 100 Trial Attorneys** by the American Academy of Trial Attorneys, while Doug and Brian are both featured among The National Trial Lawyers' **Top 100 Trial Lawyers** in California. Continuing this tradition of excellence, Brian, Matt, and Travis have all earned lifetime appointments to the **Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum® - The Top Trial Lawyers in America®** (an honor given to less than 1% of attorneys in the United States). With this kind of pedigree, it is not surprising that the firm has been selected as one of the **"10 Best Personal**

**Injury Law Firms"** in California each year since 2015 based on client satisfaction, according to the AIOPIA.

Helping those who have suffered tragedy through the negligence of another is a life-long passion for the Eastons, and they believe the familial structure of the firm allows them to better synergize their efforts to achieve remarkable results for their clients. The power of this synergy was recently exhibited when Easton & Easton acquired \$2.75 million for the wrongful death of a 55-year-old man who was survived by his 80-year-old parents. The Eastons used this family's story of love and devotion to compel the insurance company to seek an early mediation, which led to the remarkable multimillion-dollar settlement.

These exceptional results have since been recognized by the legal community at large — Doug, Brian, and Matt Easton each received Commendations from the city of Lancaster for their work in this case and the result was chosen as one of **California's Top Million Dollar Settlements** that year. Due to the respect they have earned among their peers in the legal community while standing up for the rights of victims like these 80-year-old parents, Easton & Easton has been listed by U.S. News & World Report as one of **Southern California's Best Law Firms** once again this year.

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Standing left to right: Keith D. Griffin, V. Andre Sherman, David N. Bigelow, John K. Courtney, David R. Lira, Robert W. Finnerty, Thomas V. Girardi, Christopher T. Aumais, James G. O'Callahan,  
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Headshots left to right: Ashkahn Mohamadi, Kenny S. Ramirez, Carlos Urzua, Melissa Rosadini, Michael P. Kelly, Samantha K. Gold

Over fifty years ago, Tom Girardi opened the doors to his firm in downtown Los Angeles, determined to build a law firm where anyone who had been injured—whether physically or financially—could obtain excellent counsel.

A few years later, Girardi proved the seriousness of his ambition, when he secured a \$1.4 million award (the highest medical malpractice verdict at the time in California) for an African-American teenager who was denied hospital care following an assault because the staff assumed he was drunk; the next morning, the teenager woke up paralyzed.

This unprecedented verdict set the tone for Girardi | Keese, which has since built a reputation for its pioneering work on behalf of people who have suffered personal injury and financial harm because of the actions of large corporations.

"Representing people who have been injured is the highest calling there is," Girardi says. "From day one I have been absolutely committed to helping the little guy get justice, and I think that is what has allowed us to build a firm capable of taking on any matter, no matter how challenging or complex."

While Girardi started out focusing on automobile cases, he has expanded the firm's practice to include catastrophic injury cases, medical negligence, toxic tort, pharmaceutical cases, intellectual property matters, and class actions. "It's important to be forward-thinking in terms of what the next cause for concern will be—the new frontier of harm," Girardi notes. "Over the years we've transitioned into new territories as the world has changed around us."

Today, Girardi | Keese is one of only a handful of plaintiffs' firms in the United States that handles cases involving pharmaceutical litigation, product liability, medical malpractice, class actions, intellectual property, antitrust, and business litigation. Indeed, the firm has successfully challenged auto manufacturers for unsafe product design and defective component parts. It has taken retailers and manufacturers to court for selling unsafe toys and children's products. And the firm's trial lawyers have regularly gone to court on behalf of people harmed by dangerous drugs or defective medical devices. The firm's product liability lawyers have even fought airplane and component parts manufacturers over design defects that caused airplane accidents.

Girardi, who is perhaps best known for his work with Erin Brockovich in a case against Pacific Gas & Electric on behalf of the 650 residents of Hinkley, Calif., credits the firm's success to its deep bench of skilled trial attorneys—half of whom have been admitted to the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates. "There aren't many plaintiffs' firms that have the number of specialists that we do in such a range of practice areas," he says. "We enjoy great credibility both before the courts and among other law firms because of our talented lawyers, which explains why we receive the landmark cases that we do."

As a result of their efforts, the firm's attorneys have achieved more than \$11 billion in verdicts and settlements over the firm's history, including \$4.85 billion against Merck for harm caused by Vioxx; \$2.2 billion for California consumers defrauded by Sempra in the California energy crisis; \$785 million against Lockheed in the Skunk



Works litigation; \$633 million for residents of Hinkley, Calif., who were poisoned by PG&E; and \$545 million in a class action against Farmers Group and Zurich Financial Services.

The firm's most recent successes include an \$18 million verdict for Bryan Stow, a paramedic who was nearly beaten to death at the opening day of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2011; and a \$765 million settlement for dozens of former pro football players suffering from memory loss and other ailments related to concussions. The firm has also represented thousands of individuals injured by defective pharmaceuticals and other medical devices, such as Yaz and Yasmin, Fosamax, and Transvaginal Mesh.

"Our cases may be against some of the biggest companies in the world, but we've proven time and again that we are the ultimate warriors for our clients," observes Girardi, who, in addition to being AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell® (the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards), was most recently named "Lawyer of the Decade" by the International Association of Top Professionals.

"When our colleagues say, 'It's a Girardi | Keese case,' that means the case will get the resources it needs; that we will face the biggest companies in the world without blinking, without backing down; and that we will work for what is legally and morally right—fair compensation for every client."

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# Los Angeles' Verdicts

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Verdicts reported from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

#	Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
1	08/21/2017	Charmaine Lloyd, an individual; Osalase Adelabu, an individual; Doris Beaver, an individual; Melanie Berry, an individual; Anita Delguidice, an individual; Eva Echeverria, an individual; and Maria Engelmann, an individual v. Johnson & Johnson, a New Jersey corporation doing business in California; Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc., a New Jersey corporation doing business in California; Imerys Talc America Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in the state of California	Product Liability	Michelle A. Parfitt of Ashcraft & Gerel, LLP; Cynthia L. Garber of Lopez, Hodes, Restaino, Milman & Skikos; Allen Smith of Smith Law Firm, PLLC; Helen E. Zukin of Kiesel Law LLP; Scot D. Wilson, Shannon M. Lukei, Paul A. Dagostino, Kevin F. Calcagnie, Mark P. Robinson, and Danielle M. Mayer of Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.; David Dearing of Beasley Allen Law Firm	\$417,000,000
2	07/24/2017	Kendra Gatt, Brianna Bordon, and Yasmin Brown v. USA Taekwondo, California Unified Taekwondo Association, Latin American International Taekwondo Federation Ltd. dba Global-American International Taekwondo Federation Inc., NV Taekwondo Training and Fitness Center, United States Olympic Committee, Marc Gitelman, Malia Arrington, Krystal Graham	Assault	Robert Allard of Corsiglia McMahon & Allard LLP; Stephen J. Estey of Estey & Bomberger; Jonathan Little of Saeed & Little LLP; Ken Turek of Turek Law PC	\$60,000,000
3	01/09/2017	Amir Nicoles Ekbatani v. United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc.; Mesfin Kinfu; Yosief Xihunie; State of California CALTRANS, and City of Redondo Beach	Negligence - Dangerous Conditions	Garo Mardirossian and Lawrence D. Marks of Mardirossian & Associates	\$35,000,000
4	04/24/2017	Steven Babyak v. Cardiovascular Systems, Inc	Labor and Employment Law	Tamara S. Freeze, Robert A. Odell, and Mary C. Myers of Workplace Justice Advocates, PLC	\$25,142,120
5	07/21/2017	Hilario Cruz, an Individual, v. Solomon Methenge, an Individual, Araceli Mendez v. Solomon Methenge, Nissan North America, Continental Automotive Systems Inc., Juana de la Cruz Bernardino v. Nissan North America Inc., Continental Automotive Systems Inc. aka Continental Teves	Negligence - Dangerous Conditions	Paul R. Kiesel of Kiesel, Boucher, Larson, L.L.P.; F. Jerome Tapley, D. Brett Turnbull, and Ryan Lutz of Cory Watson, P.C.; Kirk J. Wolden of Carter Wolden Curtis, LLP	\$24,931,109
6	03/30/2017	Todd Kurtin v. Bruce Elieff, Landings 750, LLC; Meadowlark Venture, L.P.; LB/L Suncal Mandalay, LLC; Castaic Development Corporation; SCNC, LLC; Olinda Properties, Inc.; California Sun-Brentwood, LLC; LB/L Suncal Weston, LLC; Diamond Hills Ranch Partners, Ltd.; DHRP, Inc.; CEV, Inc.; Rancho Etiwanda 685, LLC; Western Desert, LLC; SJD Development Corporation; Serrano Heights East, LLC; Suncal/West Hills, LLC; WDC Development Corp.; Castaic Equity Partners, Ltd.; California Sun-Tracy, LLC; CWC, Inc.; SHD 1400, Inc.; WDC Equity Partners, Ltd.; UCP, Inc.; Suncal Amerige, LLC; Brea Olinda Ventures, LLC; LB/L Suncal Master, LLC; Serrano Heights 1400, LLC; KRE, LLC; Suncal of Northern California, LLC; Suncal/Dayton Canyon, LLC; Hillcrest 376, LLC; Moorpark Equity Partners, Ltd.; MLVE, Inc.; and Suncal Sunny Hills, LLC	Premises Liability	Sherry S. Bragg and Gary A. Waldron of Weintraub Tobin Chediak Coleman & Grodin	\$20,334,632
7	06/14/2017	James Pearl v. City of Los Angeles	Harassment	Todd F. Nevell and Dennis C. Kong	\$17,394,972
8	06/29/2017	Rickey Moland v. McWane, Inc., and Clow Valve Company	Discrimination	Carney R. Shegerian and Peter Javanmardi of Shegerian & Associates and Javanmardi Law, PC; Reza Mirrokian and Peter A. Javanmardi of The Mirrokian Law Firm, P.C.	\$16,673,514
9	03/22/2017	Alejandro Leyva and Marina Mendoza v. Lance Sandman v. FirstService Residential California LLC, Lance Sandman	Personal Injury - Motor Vehicle	Bruce Broillet and Alan L. Van Gelder of Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler	\$15,030,719
<b>10</b>	<b>08/30/2017</b>	<b>Cesar Astorga v. Snap-On Inc., Edmund Barrera, Alvaro Moreno</b>	<b>Wrongful Termination</b>	<b>Keith D. Griffin and Ebby S. Bakhtiar of Girardi &amp; Keese and Law Offices of Ebby S. Bakhtiar</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>
11	01/23/2017	Francisco DeLeon, Jr. v. Patricia Lynn Fregoso, The City of Norwalk, California Department of Transportation, LandCare Holdings Inc. dba TruGreen LandCare Inc., The County of Los Angeles, West Coast Arborists Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Christopher E. Angelo and Joseph Di Monda of Angelo & Di Monda LLP	\$13,820,000
12	08/24/2017	James Cobb v. County of Los Angeles, John Hill	Personal Injury	Steven R. Vartazarian and William A. Daniels, Jr. of The Vartazarian Law Firm, APC and Daniels Law Firm, PC	\$10,897,637

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# Law Office of Jennifer R. Johnson

Amy Cantrell



As a former nurse, current lawyer, and longtime advocate for the injured, Jennifer Johnson has dedicated both her personal and professional life to making a difference for people harmed due to the wrongdoing of others.

"People often ask why I became a lawyer after already serving as a successful ICU nurse," says Ms. Johnson, who has practiced law since 1992. "But as both a nurse and as a lawyer, my motivation has been the same—I want to be a force for good in people's lives."

In her legal practice, Ms. Johnson provides injured individuals with committed and compassionate representation in Southern California and many other parts of the country. Her focus is on catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, and elder abuse, including cases involving spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries.

"These are fields that I have firsthand personal experience with, as two of my nephews are paralyzed and wheelchair-bound due to spinal cord injuries," Ms.

Johnson notes. "So I fully understand the obstacles my clients are facing, and I have a real passion for helping them get to a better place in their lives."

Ms. Johnson founded her firm in 2011 after practicing law for two decades—first at two prestigious defense firms and then at a national powerhouse plaintiff's firm. Among her many accomplishments as a plaintiff's lawyer, she oversaw the settlement of cases involving the recalled painkiller Vioxx, and also helped resolve cases for hundreds of individuals affected by the diet drug Fen-Phen.

"At my current practice, I've integrated my background as a registered nurse with my experience from practicing at larger law firms, and that combination has proved very effective when it comes to representing injury victims," says Ms. Johnson, who for years has been AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, the organization's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

Outside of the courtroom, Ms. Johnson contributes to her community by serving on the board of directors for Swim With Mike, a scholarship program for disabled athletes. Ms. Johnson is also an active member of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., and an ardent supporter of Craig Hospital, a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital in Denver for those affected by spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries.

"The cases I handle really cry out for justice," Ms. Johnson says. "Often, the people I represent wouldn't have a voice if it weren't for the efforts of my firm and others like us; and that's why it's such an incredible honor to represent people in the court of law and see that justice is done."

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13	04/25/2017	Mary Cher, by and through her Guardian ad Litem, Tung Cher v. Victor Mathews	Motor Vehicle	Christopher Montes de Oca of Law Offices of Christopher Montes de Oca; Stewart H. Lim of Stewart H. Lim & Associates; Artin Yadegarian of Law Offices of Artin Yadegarian	\$10,778,626
14	02/06/2017	Mark Flores v. Office Depot Inc., Jorge Vazquez	Discrimination - Harassment	Eric A. Panitz of Desjardins & Panitz LLP; J. Bernard Alexander, III and Joshua M. Arnold of Alexander, Krakow & Glick, LLP	\$10,000,000
15	07/26/2017	Quincy Jones, an individual and d/b/a Quincy Jones Productions, v. MJJ Productions Inc., a California corporation; Sony Music Entertainment, a Delaware general partnership	Breach Of Contract	Henry Gradstein and Maryann R. Marzano of Gradstein & Marzano, P.C.; J. Michael Hennigan, Robert E. Allen, Caroline M. Walters, and Elizabeth S. Lachman of McKool Smith Hennigan, P.C.	\$9,400,000
16	07/26/2017	Shawn Dearing v. Cabo Cantina, Sunset Restaurant Management Group, CC HLWD LLC	Premises Liability- Restaurant Worker/ Workplace Negligence	Amanda L. Derby and Robert W. Mansell of Mansell & Mansell, APC	\$9,254,397
17	11/27/2017	Talbert Mitchell v. SEIU Local 721; SEIU, Local 721, CTW, CLC; Linda Dent; Cathleen Garcia; Rocio Garcia-Reyes; Bob Schnoonoeuer; Gilda Valdez; Rebecca Yee	Employment-Retaliation Employment	Carney R. Shegerian, Anthony Nguyen and Mark I. Lim of Shegerian & Associates	\$8,461,391
18	06/28/2017	Dionne Licudine v. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Brendan J. Carroll M.D., Ankur Gupta M.D., Regents of the University of California	Medical Malpractice	Howard A. Kapp of Law Offices of Howard A. Kapp	\$7,619,257
19	05/04/2017	Terry J. LaRue v. Health Net of California, Inc.; Accountable Health Care IPA, a Professional Medical Corporation, Birinder S. Brara, M.D.	Insurance-CoverageContracts	Robert S. Gianelli and Rene J. Kern of Babcock, Gianelli & Morris and The Kern Law Group PC	\$7,225,000
20	10/31/2017	Shahzad Mazroei and Hamid Mazroei v. Craig Matthew Tanber, Coastal Green Inc. dba Patsy's Irish Pub, Mark Fillingham, Annenberg LP, Elizabeth Thornburg, George Chade, Irma Chade, Layla Chade, Leo Chade, and South County Grove LLC	Wrongful Death	C. Michael Alder and Laura F. Sedrish of AlderLaw, P.C.	\$6,025,000
21	12/08/2017	Eileen Annocki, Joseph Annocki, Sr., and Michael Annocki v. Terry Allen Turner; Geoffrey's Malibu Inc.; Fox Rent A Car Inc., California Department of Transportation, and the People of the State of California	Wrongful Death	Donald G. Liddy of Nolan B. Henderson; Thomas J. Johnston of Johnston & Hutchinson, L.L.P.; Paula J. Khehra of Liddy Law Firm	\$5,000,000
22	12/02/2017	Della Hill v. Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.	Discrimination-Fair Housing Act Employment	Carney R. Shegerian, Anthony Nguyen, and Mark I. Lim of Shegerian & Associates	\$4,572,835
23	07/01/2017	"Alan Warner and Patricia Warner v. Wright Medical Technology	Products Liability	Steven Vartazarian of The Vartazarian Law Firm	\$4,500,000
24	01/25/2017	Phyllis Barnett v. Westfield Group	Premises Liability	Stefano G. Formica and David C. Shay of Vaziri Law Group	\$3,100,000
25	07/31/2017	Jose Luis Lopez, Jr. v. Wally's Wine & Spirits; City of Los Angeles; County of Los Angeles; Beatrice Kahn Boykoff, Milton Louis Miller and Northern Trust Bank of California, N.A., as Co-Trustees of the Residuary Trust of the Marvin A. Kahn Testamentary Trust	Government-Municipalities Slips	P. Christopher Ardalan and Christienne M. Valone of Ardalan & Associates, PLC	\$3,094,972
<b>26</b>	<b>04/26/2017</b>	<b>Reina Castro v. Deok Bang aka Douglas Bang, Ki Sook Sarah Bang dba Casa Food Mart, ABC Studios, ABC Inc. dba Disney/ABC Television Group</b>	<b>Premises Liability</b>	<b>Olivier A. Taillieu and Judd Allen of The Dominguez Law Firm</b>	<b>\$2,534,632</b>
27	03/24/2017	David Lloyd Stewart, Leah Marie Stewart, and Leah Maries Stewart as Guardian Ad Litem for Ayoni J. Nunley v. County of Orange, Orange County Sheriff's Department, and Jeremy Allan Buffong	Government-PoliceGovernment	Brad M. Simon, Thomas S. Feher, and Sevy W. Fisher of The Simon Law Group, LLP	\$2,528,500
28	08/11/2017	Jorge Esquivel v. Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company of Los Angeles, LLC; EAN Holdings LLC; Andy Alcaraz	Motor Vehicle	Alan Aghabegian of Law Offices of Alan Aghabegian; Robert T. Simon and Siannah I. Collado-Boutte of The Simon Law Group	\$2,325,000
29	08/04/2017	Alexa Curtin v. County of Orange; Nicholas Lee Caropino, individually and as Deputy Sheriff for the County of Orange	Government - Sexual Assault Worker/ Workplace Negligence- Negligent Retention	Jeremy D. Jass of Jass Law	\$2,250,000
30	06/16/2017	Carra Crouch v. Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana, Inc.; Trinity Broadcasting Network; Jan Crouch; and John B. Casoria	Mental/Psychological - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	David R. Keesling of Keesling Law Group	\$2,000,000
31	10/01/2017	Sam Reico v. Alliance of Abilities, Inc	Hazardous Premises	Scott Wilson of Robinson Calcagnie Robinson Shapiro Davis, Inc.	\$2,000,000
32	03/03/2017	Cynthia Begazo v. Passages Malibu PHP LLC, Passages Silver Strand LLC, Grasshopper House LLC, Chris Prentiss, Pax Prentiss, Marina Mahoney	Employment-RetaliationEmployment	Carney R. Shegerian of Shegerian & Associates	\$1,829,160

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33	04/14/2017	Dona Higgins and Gary Higgins v. Providence Health System-Southern California dba Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro, Shawna Higgins, Shelle Higgins	Negligence	Michael F. Moran and Michael F. Moran of Moran Law	\$1,743,895
34	04/12/2017	Timothy O'Hara v. City of Long Beach	Harassment	Gregory W. Smith and Christopher Brizzolara of Law Offices of Gregory W. Smith	\$1,690,000
35	05/03/2017	Brenda Frank v. Costco Wholesale Corporation	Premises Liability	Nicholas C. Rowley and Jeffrey H. Baraban of Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, LLP and Baraban & Teske	\$1,500,000
36	04/17/2017	Gilda De Paz v. VPMG 1772 Preuss, LLC, and Vivian Aryeh	Trips & Falls	Donald G. Liddy and Paula Jovell of Liddy Law Firm	\$1,500,000
37	03/06/2017	Jamie McBride v. City of Los Angeles	Employment - Retaliation - Whistleblower	Gregory W. Smith and Diana Wang Wells of Law Offices of Gregory W. Smith	\$1,500,000
38	05/01/2017	Mendoza v. City of West Covina	Civil Rights - Criminal Law and Procedure	Robert S Shtofman of Robert S Shtofman Law Office	\$1,500,000
39	10/04/2017	Ksenia Rozen, Karen Kirm and Estate of Eric Stein v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Michael Aplanalp	Wrongful Death	"Spencer R. Lucas, Thomas A. Schultz, Deborah S. Chang of Panish Shea & Boyle LLP	\$1,450,000
40	07/19/2017	Tommy Mutteraid, an individual; Pattra Mutteraid, an individual v. Parkside Enterprises Inc., dba Parkside Roofing, a business entity form unknown; David Park	Worker/Workplace Negligence - OSHA - Business Law	Neil R. Anapol and Arash Hakakzadeh of Law Offices of Neil R. Anapol and Encino Law Firm	\$1,373,193
41	03/23/2017	Steven Lopez v. IDS Property Casualty Insurance Company, Martin Summers	Insurance - Bad Faith	Brian S. Kabateck and Shant A. Karnikian of Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP	\$1,334,073
42	08/31/2017	Cynthia Forgays v. On-Stage Rentals Inc., Jorge Vivo, Samantha Sackler Productions	Premises Liability - Restaurant Slips	Joseph D. Davis of Law Offices of Joseph D. Davis	\$1,321,511
43	02/28/2017	Javier Avila and Monica Avila v. Jose Luis Morales Gabriel, Michael Elberger, Kevin Elberger	Motor Vehicle	Nicholas C. Rowley and Keith J. Bruno of Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley and Bruno Nalu	\$1,275,000
44	11/15/2017	Allen Timothy Yu v. Grifols Biologicals, Inc.	Mental/Psychological-Emotional Distress	Patricio T.D. Barrera and Roman Otkupman of Barrera & Associates and Otkupman Law Firm	\$1,230,335
45	03/08/2017	Rita De Cassia De Souza Guedes v. Garo Kassabian M.D., Garo Kassabian M.D. Inc. and Lift MD Aesthetics / Garo Kassabian M.D., and Garo Kassabian M.D. Inc. dba Lift MD Aesthetics v. Rita De Cassia De Souza Guedes	Medical Malpractice	Justin P. Ehrlich and Ian I. Herzog of Herzog, Yuhas, Ehrlich & Ardell, APC	\$1,160,000
<b>46</b>	<b>09/15/2017</b>	<b>Manuel Lopez v. Adrian David Lee, Manfreight Inc.</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Olivier A. Taillieu and Judd Allen of The Dominguez Law Firm</b>	<b>\$1,129,832</b>
47	11/09/2017	Katie Boggs v. Friar Tux Shop Inc., Justin Ralph	Motor Vehicle	Brian J. Breiter of Law Offices of Brian J. Breiter, LLP	\$1,085,000
48	12/08/2017	Chon Ho Park v. Sang Moon Oh, Hyun Sook Oh	Premises Liability	Martin J. Kanarek and Jacob H. Seropian of Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, LLP and Seropian Law, A PC	\$1,017,500
49	05/18/2017	Edwin Moran v. Janice Share	Motor Vehicle	Thomas S. Feher and Siannah I. Collado Boutte of The Simon Law Group; Bradley G. Hayes of The Hayes Law Firm	\$956,633
50	08/11/2017	Pablo Gonzalez and Esther Gonzalez v. Carolyn Davis, City of Los Angeles	Motor Vehicle	Thomas S. Feher and Greyson M. Goody of The Simon Law Group, LLP	\$814,000
51	02/06/2017	Troy Williams v. Ralphs Grocery Company, Laurie Brown, Tiffany Conner, Cynthia Watanabe, Cynthia Wong	Intentional Torts - Defamation/Employment - Workplace Harassment	James Urbanic and Anthony Nguyen of Urbanic & Associates and Shegerian & Associates	\$804,001
52	06/27/2017	Veronica Ceja v. John Choi, DDS, and Sahawneh Dental Corporation dba Bright Now Dental - Mission Viejo	Medical Malpractice	Sassan A. Mackay of Commerce Law Group	\$751,295
53	10/01/2017	Clary vs. Kaiser	Medical Malpractice	Daniel M. Hodes of Hodes, Milman, Liebeck, LLP	\$720,057
54	02/03/2017	Joseph Houpt and Kathryn Houpt v. AK Steel Corporation	Toxic Torts And Chemical Exposure Environmental Law	Ari Friedman of Robins Cloud LLP	\$715,000
55	09/28/2017	Christie Wilson v. Evan George Winans and Adams Interiors, Inc	Motor Vehicle	Eric V. Traut and Pamela S. Liosi of Traut Firm	\$669,623
56	04/25/2017	Gladys Regueiro v. VAHI Inc., Dav Inc., Victorville Nissan Inc., Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota Motor North America Inc., Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Armen K. Akaragian of Mardirossian & Associates	\$654,000
57	03/09/2017	Noe Abarca v. Citizen's of Humanity LLC	Employment - Disability Discrimination	Daniel K. Kramer and Zhenia Burgis of Kramer Holcomb Sheik, LLP and Michael Burgis & Associates, PC	\$650,000
58	01/19/2017	James C. Davis v. Marshall E. Redding, M.D.	Motor Vehicle	Andrew L. Shapiro and David B. Bobrosky of Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan	\$565,134
59	08/16/2017	Pedro P. Ayala v. Super A Foods, Inc.; Bristol Holdings, LLC	Premises Liability	Tiva Amiri-Davani of Carpenter, Zuckerman and Rowley, LLP	\$515,282
60	03/03/2017	Porchea Monique Franks, Individually and as Guardian Ad Litem for Trinity Arrianna Thomas, a Minor, and Meyonni Jamari Varnado, a Minor v. Masaki Koseki, EAN Holdings LLC	Motor Vehicle	Martin J. Kanarek of Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, LLP	\$500,000



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"We work as a team to pursue the most effective strategies for our clients," Carlin explains. "And what makes us unique is that we handle both civil employment litigation and workers' compensation—a scant few employment firms in Southern California handle both civil and workers compensation, and our knowledge enables us to negotiate a global resolution to the benefit of our clients." The Carlin & Buchsbaum firm itself was named "Best Employee Rights firm - California" by Legal Elite 2015, and continuing thereafter to, through, and including the present.

The firm works on hundreds of civil employment and workers' compensation cases. The firm's caseload reflects the expertise of its members, who are all well-respected in the legal community. In addition to being AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, Carlin was solicited in 2013 by Thomson Reuters to author a chapter for its publication entitled "Inside the Minds." Carlin has been solicited to be a featured author in Thomson Reuters' book, *Employment Law 2015*, for which he has authored "Major Milestones in 2014, Anticipated Trends for 2015." Carlin was also nominated by *Forbes Magazine* as "Best Lawyer in Long Beach." His law partners, Brent Buchsbaum and Laurel Haag, have both achieved inclusion in *Super Lawyers*, and Buchsbaum is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

"The gratifying part is what we've been able to achieve for our clients, who benefit from our representation by receiving redemption and justice for ill-conceived adverse employment decisions that have had devastating impacts on their lives," Carlin says.



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# Los Angeles' Settlements

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#	Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
1	01/30/2017	Sarah Allen, an individual; Latrice Allen-Richard, an individual; Ernest Allen, Sr., by and through its Successor-in-Interest Latrice Allen-Richard v. Over & Over Ready Mix, Inc.; Brandon Cascio; City of Beverly Hills; City of Los Angeles / Eric Johnson v. City of Beverly Hills; City of Los Angeles / Yackisha Allen v. City of Beverly Hills; Latrice Allen-Richard	Transportation - Roadways - Motor Vehicle - Rollover - Government - Municipalities - Wrongful Death	Gregory R. Vanni of Thon Beck Vanni Callahan & Powell; Brian J. Panish, Thomas A. Schultz, Deborah S. Chang, and Austin G. Ward of Panish, Shea & Boyle, LLP	\$32,500,000
2	05/01/2017	California First LP v. California Department of General Services, et al	Breach of Contract	Stuart A. Liner, Angela C. Agrusa and Kim Zeldin of Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor, LLP	\$24,000,000
3	05/18/2017	Eun Ha Lee and Sang Sik Lee, Individually and as Administrators of the Estate of Hun Joon Lee v. Pupil Transportation Cooperative (JPA), Whittier Union High School District	Wrongful Death - Survival Damages Worker/Workplace Negligence	Brian J Panish, Rahul Ravipudi, and Robert S. Glassman of Panish, Shea & Boyle, L.L.P.	\$23,500,000
4	05/19/2017	Sheri Dodge and Neil Dodge, and Ram Agrawal and Sarita Agrawal, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, v. PHH Corporation, PHH Broker Partner Corp., PHH Mortgage Corp., Realogy Intermediate Holdings LLC, Realogy Holdings Corp., Realogy Group LLC, Realogy Services Venture Partner LLC, Realogy Services Group LLC, Title Resource Group LLC, West Coast Escrow Company, TRG Services Escrow, Inc., Equity Title Company, NRT LLC, PHH Home Loans, LLC, RMR Financial, LLC, and NE Moves Mortgage LLC	Business and Finance - Fraud	Daniel S. Robinson and Wesley K. Polischuk of Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.; Wayne R. Gross and Evan C. Borges of Greenberg Gross LLP	\$17,000,000
5	03/06/2017	Paulina Perez, by and through her mother, Salud Herrera Mendoza, and her father, Marco Perez, co-guardians ad litem v. City of Anaheim; Anaheim Police Department; All City Management Services, Inc.; Magnolia School District; Juliette Low Elementary School; Thalia Sanchez-Siles; and Ivan Bonilla	Motor Vehicle	Mark P. Robinson of Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.	\$15,930,000
6	04/19/2017	Stacey Renee Larsen and Steven Potovsky v. City of Los Angeles, Workv Teklenariam, and Hassan Zain	Premises Liability - Personal Injury	Court B. Purdy, William M. Paoli of Paoli & Purdy, LLP	\$9,500,000
7	01/30/2017	Boram Teresa Choi, by and through her guardian ad litem, Chungsun Choi v. State of California, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles	Transportation - Roadways Motor Vehicle - Road Defect Premises Liability	Mark Susson of Smith & Susson; Arash Homampour and Armine Safarian of The Homampour Law Firm, APLC; Jin N. Lew of Michels & Lew; Christopher A. Asvar of Asvar Law, PC	\$9,000,000
8	01/31/2017	Kyrus Rogers, an individual, v. Good Samaritan Hospital, a California Corporation; Brian Harris, M.D., an individual; Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center; M. Johnson, RNP, an individual	Medical Malpractice	Steven R. Friedman and Michael E. Friedman of Law Office of Steven R. Friedman; David Zevan and Rachel L. Roman of Zevan & Davidson LLC	\$8,000,000
9	06/09/2017	Peter Godefroy and Patricia Godefroy v. City of Los Angeles; County of Los Angeles; State of California / City of Los Angeles v. TNS Partners, LLC	Personal Injury - Other - Premises Liability	Brian J. Panish, Spencer R. Lucas, Jake Douglass of Panish Shea & Boyle LLP	\$6,515,000
10	06/08/2017	Richard Hernandez v. Las Vegas/L.A. Express, Inc. and Barrett Business Services, Inc	Insurance - Denial of Claim Intentional Torts - Battery Worker/ Workplace Negligence	Tina B. Odjaghian of Odjaghian Law Group	\$4,705,054
11	05/10/2017	Elaine Gabat, Emelita Gabat and Erwin Gabat v. The City of Los Angeles	Wrongful Death - Recreation - Bicycle Transportation	Arash Homampour and Armine Safarian of The Homampour Law Firm, APLC	\$4,500,000
12	03/02/2017	Oscar Garcia v. Certified Coating and American International Group Inc	Construction - Accidents - Slips, Trips & Falls	Tina B. Odjaghian and Tina Eshghieh of Odjaghian Law Group	\$3,432,805

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# A Voice for Those in Need



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 Standing left to right: Christopher T. Aumais, V. Andre Sherman, James G. O'Callahan, Keith D. Griffin, Thomas V. Girardi, V. Andre Rekte, John A. Girardi, John K. Courtney, David N. Bigelow

## Legendary trial lawyer Tom Girardi and his firm, Girardi Keese, stand as strong advocates for the injured

Tom Girardi is widely regarded by his peers as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' lawyers, with more than five decades of experience in representing victims. From serving as the trial lawyer on the famous Erin Brockovich case to achieving notable victories against Vioxx, Merck, and the Los Angeles Dodgers, Girardi has time and again proven himself to be an expert litigator, as well as strong advocate for his clients during their toughest battles.

"It's an honor to be a lawyer because I'm able to help people when they are at their lowest," Girardi says. "That's what I've tried to do my whole life—many of the people we represent have been very severely harmed, and some will need medical care for the rest of their lives; so, fundamentally, our goal is to help them get the care and support they need, and ensure they are able to live to the fullest extent possible."

Growing up, Girardi knew from a young age that he wanted to be a lawyer. He remembers watching the television series *Perry Mason*, about an attorney who always won his case, and being fascinated by the character's powers of persuasion—even then, Girardi was certain he had found his calling. After being one of eight students selected to attend Loyola High School in Los Angeles, CA, Girardi attended Loyola Marymount University and then Loyola Law School. In 1965, he enrolled in a master's program at New York University to receive his LLM.

"The trial program at NYU was very inspirational," Girardi recalls. "All the giants of the New York legal profession would give talks at night; and when I returned to California, I was ready to take on the world and immediately start my own practice."

Initially, Girardi relied on friends who were a couple of years ahead of him to send him cases. But it wasn't long before Girardi started making his own headlines. Indeed, in 1970, Girardi became the first attorney in the state of California to win a one-million-dollar-plus award for a medical malpractice case. He has since litigated many major cases, including matters against

Lockheed Corp, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Dole Food, Shell Chemical, and Hollywood's seven major movie studios.

The case that cemented Girardi's status as one of the nation's leading trial lawyers, though, was a toxic tort case against Pacific Gas & Electric utility company on behalf of 650 residents of the desert community of Hinkley, California. Members of the community were experiencing high incidents of cancer and other diseases, and the litigation argued that their illnesses were being caused by contaminated water leaking from the utility company's gas pumping station. The case resulted in a verdict of \$333 million.

"This was the case that was famously portrayed in the film 'Erin Brockovich,'" Girardi notes. "And the result, as well as the media attention it received, really helped to revolutionize the way people think about the chemicals they are being exposed to. So not only did the case do a lot of good for the Hinkley community, but it brought awareness to a growing problem."

Other notable cases Girardi has worked on include litigation against the pharmaceutical giant Merck in which he obtained a settlement of \$4.85 billion for consumers injured by the drug Vioxx, and a case against Ford Motor Company where he secured a \$45.5 million verdict for a 6-year-old child left paralyzed due to a defective seat belt. Girardi also represented Giants' baseball fan and paramedic Bryan Stow who was assaulted by two men in a parking lot at Dodger's Stadium following a game, leaving him brain damaged and disabled.

"There is a moral component to every one of our cases, and that's been true since the first day I started my law firm," says Girardi, whose firm has recovered more than \$11 billion in verdicts and settlements for its clients since its founding. "We are passionate about fighting on behalf of people who have been harmed, and the dedication of everyone at this firm has ultimately allowed us to become a world-class law firm that can stand as a strong advocate for those in need."

—Sean Stonefield

#	Date	Case	Type Of Action	Plaintiff's Counsel	Award Amount
13	03/06/2017	Rosbil Nunez-Aguirre and Martha Alaniz v. JD Systems, LLC, White Cap Construction Supply, Inc., and HD Supply, Inc	Products Liability - Design Defect Construction - Scaffolds and Ladders Slips, Trips & Falls	Roger E. Booth of Booth & Koskoff	\$2,707,200
14	06/05/2017	Linda Dardashti v. Farshid D. Shohed	Motor Vehicle - Pedestrian	Arash Homampour and Scott E. Boyer of The Homampour Law Firm , PC	\$2,500,000
15	05/09/2017	Jimmy Elias Karam, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, v. Corinthian Colleges, Inc., Jack P. Massimino, Peter C. Waller, Matthew A. Ouimet, and Kenneth S. Ord	Securities	John K. Grant, David W. Hall, Robert J. Robbins, Jeffrey D. Light, and Matthew I. Alpert of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP	\$2,250,000
16	08/10/2017	Gustavo Lopez v. Best Demolition and Recycling, and State Compensation Insurance Fund	Workers' Compensation - Slips, Trips & Falls - Construction	Tina B. Odjaghian and Tina Eshghieh of Odjaghian Law Group	\$2,060,913
17	09/26/2017	Donald Zuk v. David S. Cannom, M.D., David S. Cannom, M.D., Inc., Los Angeles Cardiology Associates	Medical Malpractice	Robert F. Vaage and Elizabeth H. Teixeira of Law Offices of Robert Vaage	\$2,000,000
18	03/10/2017	Tommy Wayne Furr Jr. v. Louis Kelly Sharples, United Towing Service Inc.	Motor Vehicle	Colin M. Jones and Daniel B. Miller of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC	\$1,991,500
19	02/14/2017	Brandon Li and Bryan Li, through their mother and guardian ad litem, Yvonne Yeung v. City of Pasadena, Kidspace: A Participatory Museum dba Kidspace Children's Museum, Joy Thomas, through her father and guardian ad litem Martin Thomas, and Jodette M. Octavio Thomas v. City of Pasadena, Kidspace: A Participatory Museum dba Kidspace Children's Museum	Premises Liability - Negligent Repair and/or Maintenance	Rahul Ravipudi and Robert S. Glassman of Panish, Shea & Boyle, L.L.P.; Kiran Sohal and Lalit Kundani of Kundani & Chang LLP	\$1,950,000
20	03/03/2017	Walter Theis v. Ruslan Mayboroda, Edelmira Noriega, and Pharmacorp Inc. dba Brentwood Pharmacy	Motor Vehicle	Daniel K. Kramer and Teresa A. Johnson of Kramer Holcomb Sheik, LLP	\$1,800,000
21	05/22/2017	Robert Harutyunyan v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Taft Electric Company, Swinerton Builders	Construction - Accidents/Worker/ Workplace Negligence	Robert S. Glassman of Panish, Shea & Boyle, LLP	\$1,600,000
22	10/13/2017	Harish Uppal and Shivangi Uppal v. Advanced Environmental Compliance LLC, Antonio Joseph Garcia II	Motor Vehicle	Rahul Ravipudi, Robert S. Glassman, and Matthew J. Stumpf of Panish, Shea & Boyle, L.L.P.; J. Jamie Fisher and Vibhu Talwar of Fisher & Talwar, PLC	\$1,000,000
23	04/07/2017	Ruby J. Satterwhite v. Dean Christian Nielsen, KC Refrigeration	Motor Vehicle	Colin M. Jones and Daniel B. Miller of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC	\$720,000
24	04/17/2017	Securities and Exchange Commission v. Jammin' Java Corp, et al	Fraud	Timothy S. Leiman, and Paul M. G. Helms of Securities and Exchange Commission in Chicago; Lynn M. Dea of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Los Angeles, CA; Nathan Hochman of Morgan Lewis	\$700,000
25	03/16/2017	Kyoung S. Lee, et al v. Samho Tour, Inc. et al	Motor Vehicle Negligence	Ralph Rogari of Rogari Law Firm; Martin Stanley of Law Offices of Martin Stanley; Dana Fox of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith; Henry H. Bahk of Law Offices of Henry H. Bahk	\$661,100
26	10/12/2017	Garrett Rau v. Rajan Patel, Rural Metro Corporation, Bowers Ambulance	Motor Vehicle	C. Michael Alder and Lauri Brenner of AlderLaw, P.C.	\$650,000
27	01/10/2017	Judy A.C. Carey v. CIM Group, LLC dba CIM Group (CA) LLC; ABM Onsite Services-West, Inc.; Starline Tours of Hollywood, Inc.	Premises Liability - Failure to Warn/Slips, Trips & Falls	Sondra S. Sutherland of McMillan Law Firm	\$650,000
28	05/26/2017	Kevin E. Kenny and Michele Kenny v. County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, State of California, Department of Transportation, Metromedia Fiber Network Services Inc.	Motor Vehicle	C. Michael Alder, Marni B. Folinsky, and Allison L. Stone of AlderLaw P.C.	\$600,000
29	01/31/2017	Adriana Thompkins v. Tropical Realty, Inc., M&M Property Management	Premises Liability	C. Michael Alder, Marni B. Folinsky, Allison L. Stone of AlderLaw P.C.	\$500,000
30	05/19/2017	Flora Recinos Andrews and Derrick Andrews v. Sofia Karasik, Natalie Karasik, Karasik Living Trust Dated September 2, 1988, Karasik Construction Company	Premises Liability	Marni B. Folinsky and Alexis R. Domb of AlderLaw P.C.; John R. Habashy of Lexcon Law Group	\$500,000
31	10/10/2017	Henrietta Meire v. Jekaterina Romaneca; Makta, LLC	Motor Vehicle	Marni B. Folinsky and Alexis R. Domb of AlderLaw, P.C.; Eric D. Levine of The Levine Firm	\$500,000
32	04/03/2017	Beth Silverman and Tannaz Mokayef v. County of Los Angeles, Gary Hearnberger	Retaliation Employment - Sexual Harassment Discrimination	"C. Michael Alder and Marni B. Folinsky of AlderLaw P.C.	\$500,000





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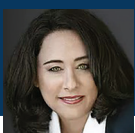


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"Our clients in serious injury, wrongful death and bad faith cases feel good knowing that we are passionate about creating positive change."

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From Left: Attorneys Maria W. McCarthy, Gina M. Clemow, Mark O. Hiepler, Michelle R. Hiepler, Marc D. Anderson

You want your attorney to make things happen for you. Mark Hiepler, of Hiepler & Hiepler, does. *The National Law Review* named Mark Hiepler as one of the *100 Most Influential Lawyers in America*. More recently, he was selected for membership in the international Academy of Trial Lawyers—an honor reserved for only 500 attorneys in the United States.

Hiepler & Hiepler's primary focus is on individuals who were catastrophically injured, or suffered the wrongful death of a family member, or were wrongfully denied insurance benefits. With Hiepler & Hiepler, clients feel the empathy of an attorney who has been where they are—fighting for a loved one's life and battling an insurance company at the same time. In a modern day David vs. Goliath battle, Mark took on the HMO that refused to pay for a life-saving procedure for his sister after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Mark won a record-setting \$89.3 million verdict in Riverside County and changed the way health insurers do business throughout the United States.

Mark's sister's case and other noteworthy results in cases involving auto, bicycle, truck, and train collisions, to cases involving preventable infant blindness, have garnered national attention. Hiepler & Hiepler's cases have been featured on shows and publications such as *20/20*, *Nightline*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *60 Minutes*, whose correspondent Morley Safer deemed Mark "the nemesis of the HMO industry." Mark's closing argument in his sister's case was included in the book *Greatest Closing Arguments Protecting Civil Liberties*.

Hiepler & Hiepler serves clients throughout California, taking on the big cases, and the big causes, helping to right the wrongs that resulted in serious injuries, wrongful deaths and insurance company denials. Hiepler & Hiepler has a national reputation while being highly selective and taking a personal interest in each and every individual it represents. Opposing lawyers respect this. "We are honored that many referrals are from defense attorneys we've been up against," says Hiepler.

Mark and his team of highly skilled attorneys recently resolved a Los Angeles based products liability case for \$23 million as well as a traumatic brain injury case involving a truck accident for \$9.1 million.

Hiepler & Hiepler served on the steering committee for all plaintiffs bringing actions arising out of the horrific train crash in Chatsworth, California, caused when the engineer of a passenger train was text-messaging and ran through a red signal. As a result of the two-and-a-half year effort, \$200 million was recovered.

Clients are impressed that Hiepler & Hiepler's services exceed their expectations. Among those the firm represented in connection with the Chatsworth disaster was a teenage girl whose father was killed. She was invited to testify at a Congressional hearing as part of a delegation Hiepler took to Washington, D.C. and she explained how important it was that those responsible for the crash be held fully accountable for all of the harm they caused. Following her testimony, all attending applauded her, a gesture rarely offered in this setting. "We're trying to change things to improve train safety at the highest levels of our government," Hiepler says. "We're passionate about creating positive change, and clients feel good about that."

Hiepler's clients' tragedies often contribute to making a lasting difference for others. "Families really love being part of a cause that's bigger than themselves," he says. "With that, their loved ones are not forgotten and purpose can be found." Recently, an 18-year-old whom Hiepler represented 11 years ago regarding the death of his father sought out Hiepler for college advice. "There is more beyond just winning the case," Hiepler says. "One of the biggest joys of this practice is long-term relationships with the individuals we are honored to help."

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