There are many brilliant lawyers in Los Angeles — masters of their craft that can prepare individuals and businesses for any legal issue that should come up — while expertly writing the documents designed to protect their clients’ assets and livelihoods. But there is a very special breed or attorney that needs to transcend expert comprehension of the legal system — the litigator. Attorneys who go to the proverbial mat to fight for their clients before judges and jury have their own unique sets of skills. In this special section we have gathered some of the very best litigators in the business. These are the lawyers you want in your corner in court. We’ve alphabetically listed this lineup of superb litigation specialists, along with some basic information about their careers, practice and some relevant recent successes they’ve achieved. Congratulations to the attorneys who made this prestigious list.
Scott A. Edelman
Partner and Co-Chair of the Media, Entertainment & Technology Practice Group
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

During his tenure as a partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Scott A. Edelman has first-charged numerous jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations, including class actions, taking well over 20 cases to final verdict or decision. He has substantial experience trying high stakes cases and has a broad background in commercial litigation, including antitrust, class actions, employment, entertainment, intellectual property, real estate and product liability. Edelman co-leads AMCs defense team on three of the largest and most significant profit participations cases in television history. The cases concern AMCs blockbuster television series, “The Walking Dead.” He is also representing Universal Music Group in a putative class action brought by artists related to master recordings allegedly destroyed in a fire on the Universal Studios backlot. Last year, on behalf of MGM Studios Inc., he successfully opposed class certification in a fire on the Universal Studios backlot. in a putative class action brought by artists relating to master recordings allegedly destroyed in a fire on the Universal Studios backlot. Last year, on behalf of MGM Studios Inc., he successfully opposed class certification in a fire on the Universal Studios backlot.

Miles J. Feldman
Founding Partner; Co-Chair of Trials, Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department
Raines Feldman LLP

Miles Feldman is a founding partner of Raines Feldman LLP. With more than 30 lawyers, Raines Feldman LLP is one of the preeminent business law firms in Los Angeles. Feldman runs the Trials, Litigation and Dispute Resolution department of the firm overseeing more than 20 litigators. A seasoned trial lawyer, Feldman has over two decades of experience handling hard fought and often high profile cases through trial and appeal, as well as in numerous arbitration forums. Prior to launching Raines Feldman LLP more than 10 years ago, he was a partner with two of Los Angeles’ most prominent business litigation firms. Feldman regularly gets results in cutting-edge litigation disputes for some of LAs most forward-thinking and vanguard businesses in technology, media and finance. These include Belkin International, Uproxx, McBlen, United Talent Agency, Julien’s Auctions, Haymaker Content, Twentieth Century Fox, Television, FilmTools and Westwood Financial Corporation.

Deborah J. Fox
Principal
Meyers Nave

Deborah Fox is a principal in the Los Angeles office of Meyers Nave. She is a member of the firm’s three-person Executive Committee and is chair of the First Amendment Practice and Trial & Litigation Practice. The cases that Fox handles confirm her reputation as a go-to attorney for a specialty area of legal expertise – high impact litigation and crisis management for complex and controversial matters that play out in state, national and international news. What sets her apart is her reputation for handling precedent-setting matters that are often both first-of-their kind for her clients and first-of-its kind for local communities and society at large. Fox is currently defending counties, cities and public officials throughout California in a new wave of federal litigation that challenges Shelter-In Place Orders and Reopening Plans related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tom V. Girardi
Partner
Girardi Keese

Tom Girardi has handled some of the nation’s top trial lawyers and with nearly 50 years of experience representing victims, Thomas V. Girardi has obtained numerous multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements, handling claims involving wrongful death, commercial litigation, products liability, bad faith insurance, and toxic torts. Girardi has handled pharmaceutical giants Merck, Vioxx, the Los Angeles Dodgers, just to name a few. He has obtained more than 30 verdicts of $1 million or more and has handled more than 100 settlements of $1 million or more. Girardi is also the first trial lawyer to be appointed to the California Judicial Council, the policymaking body of the state courts. He has received numerous distinctions for his knowledge and experience as a trial attorney. Last year he was selected as Business Innovator of the Year, Top Attorney of the Year, and Top National Consumer Trial Attorney of the Year by the IAGTIP.

Amber S. Finch
Partner
Reed Smith LLP

Amber Finch is a partner in Reed Smith’s Los Angeles office and currently is the diversity chair leading diversity and inclusion efforts for the Red Smith downtown Los Angeles office. Finch is also the partner chair of the firm’s African American Business Inclusion Group STAAARs (Sustaining and Training African Americans at Reed Smith) which works to increase and support the growth of black lawyers and administrative staff at our firm across all ranks. A member of the firm’s Insur- ance Recovery Group, Finch has quickly become a go-to lawyer for creating effective risk management solutions. Most recently, she has been providing risk analysis and mitigation advice and counsel to several companies in various industries faced with actual and potential economic losses arising out of the Coronavirus. With her litigation background, she has helped her commercial policyholder clients recover hundreds of millions of dollars in insurance proceeds.

David Gindler
Partner; Head of Intellectual Property Litigation & Licensing Group
Milbank LLP

David Gindler’s practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and licensing, with an emphasis in complex patent litigation. While nationally recognized by Chambers USA for his expertise in life sciences matters, Gindler’s work spans a broad array of industries and technologies. Gindler has achieved extraordinary trial outcomes for both plaintiffs and defendants, including a $102 million verdict for breach of a research and license agreement, as well as defeating a $217 million damages claim where liability had already been established in an earlier trial handled by a different law firm. Throughout the past few years, Gindler achieved successful outcomes for his clients in numerous high-profile and significant cases. One example has been his work representing the world’s third largest manufacturer of base station antennas, China-based Rosenberger Asia Pacific, and related companies in defending against a trade secret misappropriation lawsuit filed by its competitor, U.S.-based Commscope.