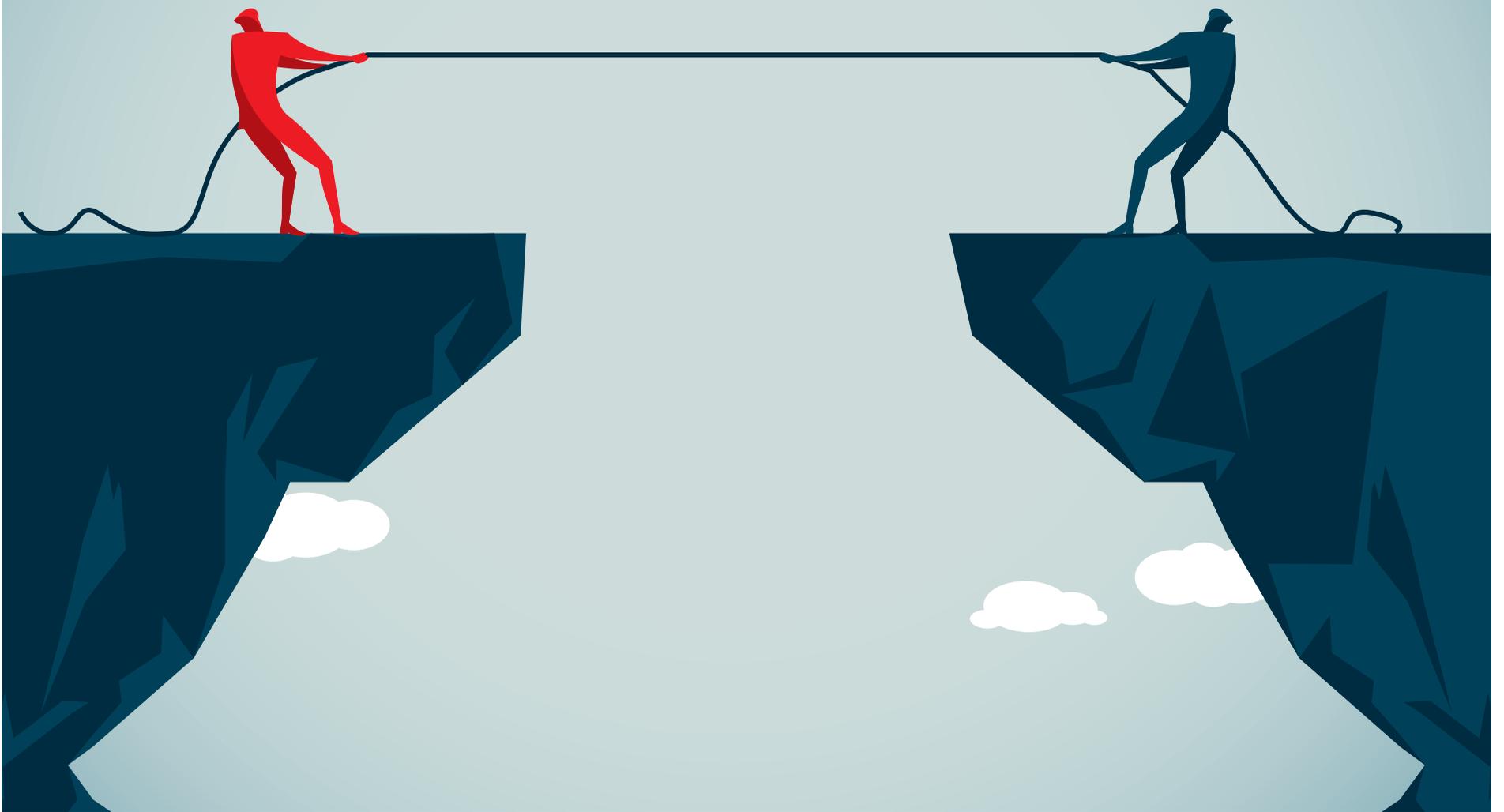


# LEADERS OF INFLUENCE: LITIGATORS & TRIAL LAWYERS



**T**HERE 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 of 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.

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**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-chaired 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 AMC's defense team on three of the largest and most significant profit participation cases in television history. The cases concern AMC's 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 *Buck v. MGM Studios*.

**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 50 lawyers, Raines Feldman LLP is one of the preeminent business law firms in Los Angeles. Feldman runs the Trials, Litigation and Dispute Resolution department of the firm 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 LA's most forward-thinking and vanguard businesses in technology, media and finance. These include Belkin International, Uproxx, MedMen, United Talent Agency, Julien's Auctions, Haymaker Content, Twentieth Century Fox Television, FilmTools and Westwood Financial Corporation.

**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 STAARS (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 Insurance 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.

**ADAM FOX**

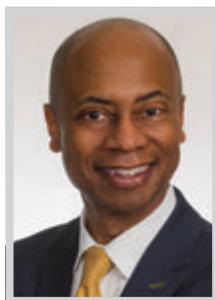
Partner  
Squire Patton Boggs

Adam Fox is a gifted trial lawyer, trailblazer and community leader who exemplifies what it means to be a partner at Squire Patton Boggs, a leader within the firm, dedicated mentor and community servant. Fox is "homegrown," having spent his entire career at Squire Patton Boggs after serving as a judicial clerk for the late Honorable Robert B. Krupansky of the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. After rising through the ranks to become a partner, Fox eventually became the managing partner of the firm's Los Angeles office, and later, a member of the firm's 12-person Global Board, which oversees the strategic direction of the firm's international practice spanning 45 offices in 20 countries. Fox leads the firm's False Advertising Litigation & Protection Practice and Food & Beverage Litigation Practice. As part of the firm's litigation practice, Fox regularly handles high-stakes controversies across a wide range of subject matters.

**DEBORAH J. FOX**

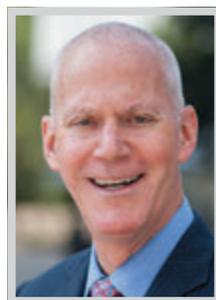
Principal  
Meyers Nave

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-their 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.

**TERRENCE FRANKLIN**

Partner  
Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise LLP

Terrence Franklin has developed a reputation as a leading trusts and estates attorney in his 30 years of practice, handling the most complex cases involving significant dollar amounts. Franklin is responsible for several published appeals and the landmark *Moeller v. Superior Court* case, which was brought before the California Supreme Court and established a fiduciary exception to the attorney-client privilege for successor trustees. In the past 18 months alone, he has successfully represented beneficiaries, trustees, individuals and institutional clients in matters involving substantial assets. For example, he recently represented multiple siblings as co-trustees against their sibling co-trustee's attempts to improperly prevent the sale of a closely-held family business for her personal benefit at the expense of the trust, resulting in the successful sale of that business and resignation of the rogue co-trustee. Continued litigation resulted in discounted "buyout" of remaining beneficiary.

**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 \$302 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.

**TOM V. GIRARDI**

Founding Partner  
Girardi Keese

Widely regarded by his peers as one 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 defeated 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 IAOTP.