



Esteemed, Trusted Attorneys in Pursuit of Justice

GIRARDI | KEESE, FOUNDED IN 1965, HAS EARNED A national reputation for providing the highest quality legal work for its clients. Its lawyers are regularly recognized as outstanding leaders in representing victims of personal or financial injury.

PRACTICE AREAS

The firm concentrates on the representation of individuals or businesses that have been injured by physical harm, property or economic damage through the negligence or wrongful conduct of others. It handles issues such as employment law, discrimination, medical or professional malpractice, motor vehicle accidents, personal injury, premises liability, products liability, wrongful death and insurance bad faith.

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Girardi | Keese has successfully recovered more than \$6 billion on behalf of its clients. Those recoveries include a \$4.85 billion settlement with Merck for injury to clients who used the drug Vioxx, a \$1.9 billion settlement with Semptra Energy and a \$1.7 billion settlement with El Paso Gas on behalf of California consumers who were defrauded by the manipulation of natural gas prices. The firm also reached a settlement of \$333 million with Pacific Gas & Electric for toxic tort personal injury suffered by residents of Hinkley, California, the case depicted in the film Erin Brockovich.

Additional recoveries or settlements include cases involving injury from drugs, property damage from an earthquake, theft of trade secrets, contamination of water wells and child abuse in a Masonic Home. The firm has successful results against major corporations such as Exxon, Shell, Ford Motor Company, DuPont and The Walt Disney Company.

TOP-NOTCH ATTORNEYS

The firm is honored that 10 of its attorneys have been selected for the 2009 Southern California Super Lawyers® list—David N. Bigelow, John K. Courtney, Robert W. Finnerty, Amy Solomon, John A. Girardi, Thomas V. Girardi, Robert M. Keese, David R. Lira, Howard B. Miller and James G. O’Callahan. In addition, founding partner Thomas Girardi was named to the Top 10 list, Lira to the Top 100 and Amy Solomon to the Top 100 and Top 50 Women lists.

Members of the firm are admitted to the courts of California, federal district and appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. They have served as counsel in numerous cases across the country and around the world. The firm also sponsors a popular weekly radio show hosted by Girardi, which features “Champions of Justice.”



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THE BEST OF LOS ANGELES: LAW



MEYER, OLSON, LOWY & MEYERS, LLP

From Left to Right: Felicia R. Meyers, Lisa Helfend Meyer, Doreen Marie Olson, Dana Lowy

Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers has a proven track record of winning when success was thought to be impossible.

Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers is a prominent family law firm located in Century City. Led by a team of four dynamic women partners, Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers has been an influential force on every cutting-edge issue involving divorce, high-conflict custody disputes involving special needs children, substance abuse, domestic violence, move away cases and interstate child custody conflicts under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, same sex relationships, property characterization, valuation and division, and pre-and post-nuptial agreements. The partners routinely offer commentary to the media relating to the legal issues of the day. Representing both men and women equally, the firm's clients include celebrities, entertainment executives, business people, athletes and other successful professionals. The firm's team approach and keen ability to litigate and/or mediate the most complex cases with a high degree of success enables Meyer, Olson, Lowy & Meyers to obtain outstanding results for its clients. Founding partner Lisa Helfend Meyer has more than 25 years of experience litigating complex family law matters. Ms. Meyer is a Certified Family Law Specialist and has been named among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in California. She has consulted as an expert on family law matters for the Los Angeles Times and has been featured on Fox and Friends, Extra, Court TV, 48 Hours and in other media.

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Catastrophic Injury & Products Liability

The Law Firm of Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson specializes in representing plaintiffs in cases involving catastrophic injury or wrongful death, as well as litigation arising from conduct causing substantial economic losses and damages. The firm is known as one of the leading products liability firms in the country and its attorneys have built a reputation for success in all areas of civil litigation, including numerous high-profile cases. In 1978, Mark P. Robinson Jr., as co-counsel for the plaintiff in the landmark Ford Pinto fire case of Grimshaw v. Ford Motor Company, won an unprecedented \$128 million award, which at that time was the largest jury verdict ever in a personal injury case.

Since then, Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson has become known for providing the highest quality legal representation, and for obtaining substantial jury verdicts, judgments, and settlements for clients in hundreds of major cases across the United States. The firm's attorneys have tried cases in several states and have been associated as co-counsel in cases over 30 states, and have been successful in complex cases against government entities, as well as some of the world's largest corporations, manufacturers, and insurance companies. The firm has also been named as plaintiffs' liaison counsel for California litigation in several coordinated proceedings, and serves as a member of plaintiffs' executives or steering committees in a variety of mass tort cases in both California coordinated proceedings as well as federal Multi-District litigation.

While the firm's practice is primarily consumer-oriented, Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson attorneys have represented not only private individuals but businesses, corporations, and government entities seeking damages for losses resulting from negligence, breach of contract, fraud, and unfair competition.

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THE KAVINOKY LAW FIRM



The Kavinsky Law Firm is a criminal defense firm with offices in Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County, Riverside, Sacramento, San Francisco, and throughout the state, and can defend cases in any court in California. The firm's founder, Darren Kavinsky, was named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in California. He is also a sought-after TV commentator and the legal analyst for *The Insider*. Contact The Kavinsky Law Firm today by calling 1-800-NO-CUFFS or visiting their website, www.NoCuffs.com.

What would you consider to be your firm's greatest achievement?

It's helping our clients to transform what may seem like the worst experiences of their lives into a catalyst for positive change. Many of our clients are charged with alcohol- or drug-related offenses, and some of them have substance-abuse issues. We're committed to helping our clients turn their lives around.

What made you decide to pursue a career in law?

I became a lawyer because I wanted to help people, and I saw many whose lives were impacted forever because they made a simple

mistake. Certain criminal prosecutions are motivated by political or economic agendas, and individuals caught in those nets can have their lives ruined. The U.S. Constitution says that every criminal defendant is innocent unless proven guilty. Everyone is entitled to an aggressive defense, and my intention is to provide that opportunity.

What are the most important factors for a Newsweek reader to take into account when choosing a lawyer?

Choosing the right criminal defense lawyer is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. You don't want to skimp when buying a parachute, choosing a brain surgeon, or retaining a criminal defense lawyer. Two essential considerations are experience and results. Be sure to ask your prospective attorney how long he or she has been practicing law, and how many cases are resolved favorably for the client. Keep in mind that a good outcome means different things for different clients. At The Kavinsky Law Firm, we have a long track record of obtaining dismissals or favorable settlements for our clients without subjecting them to the stress and inconvenience of a trial. However, not every case can be resolved in this way. Fortunately, our top trial attorneys are

well-versed in dismantling the prosecutor's case when trial is the best option. In a criminal trial, the only thing that counts is results, and I would stack our results against any other firm in the country.

Communication is another key factor when selecting a criminal defense attorney. Some lawyers are only available Monday through Friday during business hours. Our attorneys are available to answer phone calls and emails on evenings and weekends too. We recognize that our clients' concerns aren't limited to business hours, so we make ourselves available whenever necessary.

Most importantly, your lawyer should share your vision of your defense, and believe in you. At The Kavinsky Law Firm, *we see your freedom*, so that you can too.



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John Bisnar and Brian Chase are California personal injury attorneys that represent people who have been very seriously injured or lost a family member due to an accident, defective product or negligence. Not only have they won a wide variety of challenging personal injury and defective product cases, the dynamic duo has been called "the guardian angels we prayed for" by clients and "not those guys again" by negligent insurance companies, Fortune 500 corporations and governmental agencies. Serious harm-inflictors and negligent wrongdoers know them well. If you're a catastrophically injured person, you should too.

What has been your firm's most significant case and what was the result?

Christopher Chan vs. The City of Hanford is one of our most significant cases that we are at liberty to discuss. On his way home from school one day, Christopher was struck by a car. He suffered very serious injuries, including a life shattering brain injury. The intersection where the accident occurred was a main crossing point for children going to and from school. It had no light, stop sign, crossing guard or crosswalk. The city was aware the intersection was dangerous and had agreed with a parents' group to make it safer, yet it did nothing. After Christopher's injury, the city refused to take financial responsibility for his injuries. We sued the city and recovered enough to cover Christopher's lifetime 24/7/365 care, his lifetime lost income, his pain and suffering and all his litigation expenses and attorneys' fees. Christopher's father called us "the guardian angels I prayed for."

What would you consider to be your firm's individual greatest legal achievement?

Our greatest legal achievement is a case we won in the California Supreme Court which clarified California law. As a result, it is now easier and more economical for injured people to present their medical histories and conditions from the doctors who are actually treating them. It was a long battle but it was great to win a case that benefits all plaintiffs in California personal injury cases.

What are some innovative things your firm is doing to help personal injury victims?

We've written books that provide guidance to personal injury victims. We teach other attorneys techniques to improve the representation and care they provide their personal injury clients. And in January 2010, we're launching a national campaign designed to wipe out hit and run accidents.

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Since the 1970s, **SOLOMON, SALTSMAN & JAMIESON** has been representing clients in catastrophic personal injury matters, and has been the recognized standard-bearer in obtaining and retaining alcohol licenses for all types of on- and off-site alcohol sellers, as well as practice areas including administrative law, Indian gaming and entertainment, civil litigation, business litigation, government relations and land use planning. They also represent various tribal communities in establishing their rights to the many uses of their land. They have secured many multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements, including a \$35 million trial verdict against the State of California and a recent precedent-setting decision in the California Supreme Court on Administrative Law.

They host “Legal Help Live™,” a long running, highly rated television show (previously on KRLA Radio).

SOLOMON, SALTSMAN & JAMIESON have received honors and the highest ratings from their peers. The firm practices in both State and Federal Courts.

SOLOMON, SALTSMAN & JAMIESON is a practice comprised of passionate, dynamic, successful lawyers who defy the common image of the practice of law. They are distinguished by their enthusiasm and their innovative approach to prevail over legal obstacles. For almost 40 years, their unique approach has fueled the synergy of the firm, promoted successful collaborative outcomes, and ignited the gusto that has become their trademark.

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