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## TOP 75 WOMEN LITIGATORS

The Daily Journal's Top 75 talk about what it takes to be a woman litigator in 2008



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**Years in Practice:** 22

A partner in Sheppard Mullin's entertainment and media practice group, Guylyn R. Cummins has spent her entire career working in media law, representing a broad array of clients relating to First Amendment issues, including access issues, libel and advertising content, and trademark and copyright fair use.

Last year, Cummins served as lead attorney for Copley Press Inc. and news reporters in a case against the University of San Diego that expanded the state's reporter shield rights. She also represented Copley Press in another case that established a First Amendment right of access to certain plea agreements. The decision arose out of the high-profile criminal prosecutions of various high-ranking leaders of the Arellano-Felix drug cartel.

Cummins also was lead attorney in quashing news reporter subpoenas from defendant Brent Wilkes, a convicted co-conspirator in the Randy "Duke" Cunningham bribery scandal.