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COVER STORY

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TOP WOMEN LITIGATORS 2010

Nancy Abell, Cristina Arquedas, Cori
Elizabeth Cabrator, Teresa Daffalon
Robin C. Crowther, Cynthia Cuffe
Deann, Bonnie E. Esk
Haag, Carolis Har
Jackson, Andrea W
Kennedy, Helen D
Jan Nielsen Little

Janita Brooks, Sharon Bunzel
S. Coll-Verk, Carolyn Costello
J.A. Dunne, Daralyn J. Davis
Margaret M. G
Kirsti Jean
Lef, Jenni
Lis Cham
Malissa



Tracey A. Kennedy

Los Angeles

Law Firm: Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton

Practice Area: Labor and employment

Years in Practice: 20

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Tracey Kennedy has come a long way since trying her first case as a Riverside District Attorney law clerk, prosecuting defendants named Kandy Kane and Sugar Kane who were charged with selling methamphetamine out of their house. In the last year, the employment partner has nabbed several defense victories for medical centers and companies. In early 2010, she obtained a complete defense verdict for Network Management Group, a third party company that provides employees to work at casino gaming tables. The company was hit with a major wage and hour class action that, if it lost, would've forced a restructuring of its business model. Kennedy also won a defense verdict last year in a disability discrimination case against Saddleback Memorial Medical Center. Her client prevailed after the defense shredded the plaintiff's credibility in claiming he had debilitating injuries from accidents as a courtesy bus driver. Kennedy's winning streak also included a complete defense verdict in a pregnancy discrimination case against Whole Foods Market and a wage penalties action against Synergy Hematology-Oncology Medical Associates, Inc. She is now preparing for a sexual harassment trial in Santa Rosa, where she is representing Casino 101 against claims that a supervisor harassed a former dealer. She is also representing a plaintiff in an upcoming trial in D.C., in which a stylist at Andre Chreky salon is suing the celebrity hairstylist for alleged assault. It will be her first time trying a case on the plaintiff's side.

Pretrial Ritual: A steak and red wine dinner the night before trial. During the trial, she eats the same lunch every day. Once, it was a fried chicken salad for six weeks.

Biggest Career Break: Coming to Sheppard Mullin in 1990, where she had the opportunity to try cases as a third, fourth and fifth-year associate.

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Lishman, Jan S
McKell, Debra
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Sally, Aden P
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Carolyn Kubota, Ja
Mann, Victoria M
Jan S. Mack, Che
Nat. Stacey Philip
Melinda S. Ric
Chris Spagnoli,
n. Neil Miguel T
Pamela J. J