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TOP 75 WOMEN LITIGATORS



Daralyn J. Durie

San Francisco

Place of Birth:

Ottawa

Law School:

Boalt Hall

Law Firm:

Keker & Van Nest

Practice Area:

Intellectual prop-

erty litigation

Years in Practice: 15

As a Stanford University undergraduate, Daralyn J. Durie studied immunology and biology. Her science background and love of learning quickly distinguished her nationally as a sought-after intellectual property litigator.

This year, Durie has continued to defend biotech giant Genentech Inc. in patent litigation filed by competitor MedImmune Inc. in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. In federal court in Delaware, Durie is defending both Guidewire Software Inc. against allegations of patent infringement and trade secrets brought by Accenture Global Services, and Ticketmaster against ticket provider Flash Seats in another case of patent infringement allegations.

Durie also is defending Impax Laboratories in a patent infringement action brought by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals related to Impax's plans to produce a generic version of the anti-depressant Effexor, a drug marketed by Wyeth.



Susan J. Harriman

San Francisco

Place of Birth:

Providence, R.I.

Law School:

Hastings College of the Law

Law Firm:

Keker & Van Nest

Practice Area:

Intellectual property litigation

Years in Practice: 24

A Keker & Van Nest partner since 1989, Susan J. Harriman's focus areas include legal malpractice defense, real estate and wrongful termination. Before entering law school, Harriman volunteered for a two-year Peace Corps tour in Zaire and worked for a year in Washington, D.C., at the House of Representatives' committee on administration. Working for the Institute for the Study and Development of Legal systems, she has participated in programs in Jordan, the West Bank and Bolivia. She has served as co-chair of the Lawyers' Counsel for the ACLU.

Last year, Harriman successfully represented plaintiff Kiran Pande, a petroleum engineer fired by Chevron Corp. in retaliation for reporting a supervisor for sexist conduct. In October, she and others on Keker's trial team convinced a federal jury to award Pande \$5.5 million in compensatory and punitive damages. Currently, Harriman is defending Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff and his office in a gender discrimination suit brought by a female prosecutor.



Jan Nielsen Little

San Francisco

Place of Birth:

Oakland

Law School:

Yale Law School

Law Firm:

Keker & Van Nest

Practice Area:

White-collar criminal

defense, business litigation

Years in Practice: 26

Since joining powerhouse litigation firm Keker & Van Nest 22 years ago as its 11th attorney, Jan Nielsen Little has litigated a vast array of criminal defense and commercial cases, from securities, tax and bank fraud, to antitrust and intellectual property, to perjury, export crimes and international bribery. Little credits her experience as a federal prosecutor for helping the firm's successes because she's able to consider cases from her opponents' viewpoints.

In recent years, Little has been called to defend former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, investment banker Frank Quattrone, and human resources executive Stephanie Jensen of Brocade Communications Systems Inc. In late 2007, Jensen was convicted on two counts of securities fraud for backdating stock options and went to jail for four months. The government dismissed six counts against her before the trial. Keker attorneys described Jensen's sentence as relatively light by federal court standards.