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TOP 25 PLAINTIFF LAWYERS

Let's face it, plaintiff lawyers add the bling to the legal industry. But too often, we in the media focus on the large monetary judgments and settlements their cases garner and on their big personalities — in and out of the courtroom. We don't pay enough attention to the public and corporate policy changes their cases bring about.

In this inaugural issue, we tried to change that.

We selected just 25 California plaintiff lawyers to honor. We could have honored more but, in our opinion, these are the ones who consistently force broad change in the law, industry and society. Some are well-known, like Elizabeth Cabraser, Joseph Cotchett and Tom Girardi, and others are relative upstarts like Lawrance Bohm, whose eye-popping employment-related verdicts have grabbed us by

the proverbial lapels and forced us to pay attention.

As you read about these men and women, there is a common thread — and it doesn't have dollar signs; they truly care about having an impact. The work they are doing to hold governments and industry accountable will last long after the bling has dimmed.

— The Editors

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SPECIALTIES: Medical malpractice, product liability, catastrophic injury

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As a partner at Girardi | Keese, Solomon uses her talents as an advocate to ensure clients' voices don't go unheard. "When I was very little my mom instilled in me that there are people who are less fortunate than others and oftentimes it was those less fortunate that were so because they did not have a voice," said Solomon.

Presently, she is representing a class of plaintiffs against multiple defendant makers of transvaginal mesh in multidistrict litigation centered in West Virginia, as well as other cases in different

state courts. In a separate matter she represents a class of plaintiffs against the makers of YAZ birth control pills, venued in the complex court of Los Angeles County. Her practice focuses on medical malpractice cases against healthcare providers, pharmaceutical companies as well as medical device manufacturers. While she did not set out to handle issues that specifically affect women, her women clients report they feel more comfortable sharing their stories with her, and she is glad to be an able advocate on their behalf.

— Hetert-Qebu Walters