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AMY FISCH SOLOMON

Little did Amy Fisch Solomon know when she came aboard Girardi | Keese as the firm's first woman attorney back in 1989, she was setting a strong precedent. The storied law firm now proudly boasts several women attorneys, and Ms. Solomon has just finished her term as president of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, one of the largest local plaintiff lawyers' organizations in the nation. She is only the organization's third woman president in its 59-year history.

Ms. Solomon, who specializes in the areas of professional liability, toxic torts, products liability, and insurance bad faith, has also served on the Board of Governors of the Consumer Attorneys of California for the past eleven years. She has obtained numerous seven and eight figure verdicts and settlements on behalf of her clients, and imparts her advice on demanding corporate responsibility to students at Loyola Law School, her alma mater. "But for the fact that we're out there demanding these changes be made, they wouldn't be made. It's a unique position to be in to be able to hold Corporate America accountable, and to make the products we're all going to use as safe as possible," she says.

The majority of attorneys at Girardi | Keese got their feet wet at the firm as law students, working intensively on their trial skills for a few years before moving up to work with more senior lawyers on active trials. This ground-up training breeds a close camaraderie among firm members, who further credit the familial atmosphere of the firm to the guidance of its "patriarch", Tom Girardi. Mr. Girardi's support has afforded Ms. Solomon and her colleagues the opportunities to explore areas of practice at the forefront of the law, not to mention getting them into the courtroom—the small firm counts ten members of the American Board of Trial Advocates, including Ms. Solomon, among its number. "It just shows the depth of our bench, and the experience across the board. Toxic torts, product liability, insurance bad faith, pharmaceutical cases, intellectual property, class actions—the list just goes on and on and on. It keeps it interesting," says Ms. Solomon.

Ms. Solomon was responsible for garnering a settlement in excess of \$35 million in the case of a 4-year old boy who was seriously injured on the Roger Rabbit ride at Disneyland, which led to a wholesale revamping of the safety policies at the amusement park.



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