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ATTORNEYS AT GIRARDI & KEESE SHARE A MISSION: PROVIDE justice to those whose lives have been shattered by negligence or wrongdoing and ensure that others won't fall victim to the same plight.

Girardi & Keese handled the case against Pacific Gas & Electric for contaminating water in Hinckley, Calif., which was the basis for the award-winning film *Erin Brockovich*. Recently, the firm handled a \$1.8 billion class action suit against Sempra Energy.

The 38-year-old firm—which specializes in commercial litigation, products liability, toxic tort litigation and bad faith cases—has also successfully taken on DuPont, Exxon and Unocal.

To produce outstanding results, Girardi & Keese hires attorneys who not only share the firm's philosophy, but who also demonstrate exceptional skills that set them apart from their peers.

This year, four of these lawyers have been named to the 2008 *Super Lawyers*® - *Rising Stars* list.

An aggressive, relentless advocate, Keith Griffin takes on high-stakes cases that many firms won't touch. He landed a \$13 million settlement in a case involving oil companies and contaminated water wells and a \$9.3 million settlement involving a breach of contract, fraud and a construction dispute.

Graham LippSmith is up for any challenge, whether it's facing a Fortune 500 company, financial institution or Hollywood studio. This versatile lawyer has \$16 million in recent jury verdicts in childhood sexual abuse cases and a more than \$17 million settlement in a class action case involving aiding and abetting, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

Shawn McCann, who is renowned for his meticulous case preparation, is as dedicated to enforcing and improving professional legal standards as he is to his clients. His million-dollar verdicts benefit families whose loved ones have died in tragic automobile accidents or following surgery.

Shahram Shayesteh is skilled at litigation and arguing appeals before the California Supreme Court, the California Court of Appeal and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal. Convinced that everyone should be held to the highest standards, Shayesteh's achievements include a \$10 million settlement against an international law firm for fraud and attorney malpractice.

When defense attorneys see these lawyers' names—along with those of the firm's seasoned attorneys, including founder Thomas Girardi—they know they're in for a serious battle that will last as long as it takes to seek justice.

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