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TOP WOMEN LITIGATORS 2010

Nancy Abell, Cristina Arguedas, Cal
Elizabeth Cabraser, Teresa Caffese
Robyn C. Crowther, Cynthia Cwik, D
Elson, Bonnie E. Eske
Haag, Carole Han

Caulfield, Na
M. Dermody,
Tracy Genese
rison, Lynne He

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S. Coll-Verly, Carolyn Cottrell,
rly A. Dunne, Daralyn J. Durie
Margaret M. G
house, Jeanne



Jane Shay Wald
LOS ANGELES

Law Firm: Irell & Manella

Practice Area: Trademark and copyright

Years in Practice: 34

Law School: DePaul University College of Law

President-elect of the Century City Bar Association, former president of the Los Angeles Copyright Society and last year's recipient of the State Bar IP Law Section's Vanguard Award for private practice, Jane Shay Wald has been a leader in trademark infringement suits in federal court and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Some notable cases include representing Skechers USA Inc. in its defeat of Vans Inc.'s bid for a preliminary injunction over its checkerboard shoe design. She also reached a favorable settlement for client Iconix Brand Group Inc. with Icon Brands Group Inc. over a trademark. On behalf of Computer Geeks Inc. in a proceeding at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, she precluded Compgeeks.com from registering marks in two international classes. She also recently filed a case in the U.S. Central District Court on behalf of Avery Dennison Corp. seeking declaratory judgment of noninfringement against PC Acquisition Inc.

Pretrial Ritual: Have another discussion with the client about settlement because you want to make sure the adrenaline of preparing for battle isn't overshadowing a chance for resolution in the client's best interest.

Biggest Career Break: One memorable experience was being included by Irell colleague David Nimmer on the U.S. Supreme Court brief for the successful petitioner Dastar Corp. against 20th Century Fox Film Corp. The case defined a company's right to be identified as producer of works whose copyrights are in public domain.