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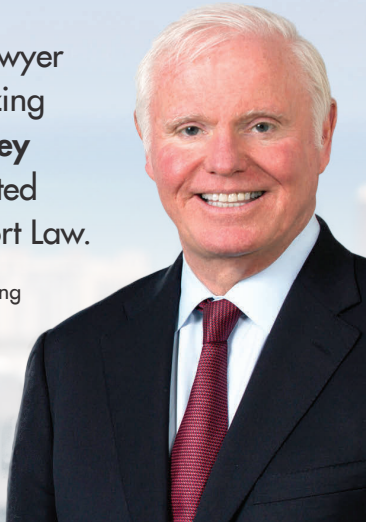
## MASS TORT



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## THOMAS V. GIRARDI

When Thomas V. Girardi opened the doors of the Girardi Firm in downtown Los Angeles in 1965, he had a vision of building a law firm that would help anyone who had been injured, by providing excellent counsel and a willingness to go to court to help them achieve a measure of justice. "There is a moral component to every one of our cases, and that's been true since day one," says Girardi. "That's allowed us to create a world-class law firm that's truly here for the little guy." That philosophy has made Girardi I Keese into a firm that has succeeded far beyond Girardi's original dream. Today, it employs 30 lawyers and 30 law clerks in an office downtown where "there's always something happening," reports, partner, David Lira. The firm has achieved more than 20 billion in verdicts and settlements during its history, including \$4.85 billion against a pharmaceutical company for harm caused by one of its drugs; \$2.2 billion for California consumers defrauded by a power company in the California energy crisis; \$785 million against an aviation firm; \$633 million for the residents of Hinkley, California, against a power company; and \$545 million in a class action against an insurance group. While big dollars tell part of the story of Girardi I Keese, it leaves out the larger impact the firm has on the thousands of people who walk through its doors, "one of the things that's most amazing about Tom and the firm is that it's still a firm that represents a single individual who suffered an injury because it's the right thing to do," says partner Robert Finnerty. Because of that, leading trial lawyers including David Lira, Bob Finnerty, Amy Solomon, James O'Callahan, John Girardi, David Bigelow, Keith Griffin, John Courtney and Andre Rekte, Bigelow, and Jack Girardi have amassed more million-dollar results in California than any other plaintiff firm. For more info go to [www.law.com/socalbest](http://www.law.com/socalbest) "And now," says Lira, "we're creating a whole new generation of trial lawyers who will be here to help those who've been injured." In the past few months, two of the firm's younger lawyers achieved magnificent results. Christopher Aumais had a jury return \$3.3 million (the offer was \$100,000) and Alexandra Steele was successful in obtaining a jury verdict of \$2.4 million (the offer was \$250,000). The firm takes great pride in its results and the character of its lawyers, as well as the preparation it brings to each case. "One thing that sets us apart is the resource we can dedicate to a case," says Lira. The firm conducts millions of dollars of research on its own dime, hiring the best experts to ensure each client has the best shot at justice. "And we do this almost always with absolutely no cost to the client unless we win." "Always, always there have been the fundamentals that existed then and do now," says Solomon, who joined the firm in 1986 as a law clerk, "we have the passionate desire



to fight for the little guy. And to help people who have been harmed get their lives back to the best that it can be done, and to do that in the most professional and ethical way. But always, we have an eye on putting 12 jurors in the box and letting the civil justice system do what it does best. That has never changed and will never change." "We all learned from the beginning from Tom that being a trial lawyer is [about] the ultimate warrior for the voiceless," she says. A world-class law firm with unsurpassed results. For 46 years, Girardi I Keese has set the standard for excellence in law practice.

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# MARC J. BERN AND PARTNERS LLP

**MASS TORTS, PHARMACEUTICAL LITIGATION, FELA LITIGATION,  
PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION AND ZADROGA CLAIMS**



At Marc J. Bern and Partners LLP, the firm's trial-tested lawyers enjoy a reputation for their willingness to take on well-funded defendants, and with good reason: they have been part of legal teams which have achieved more than \$3 billion in recoveries since 2000.

## OPIOIDS/PHARMACEUTICAL

The firm currently represents over sixty municipalities and multiple third-party payors throughout the country who have suffered enormous economic damage as a result of the opioid epidemic. Opioid manufacturers and distributors have unleashed an unprecedented wave of narcotic addiction that impacts every aspect of our society and the members of the firm are leading the fight in various state courts to hold these companies responsible. The firm is also fighting the drug companies in other pharmaceutical matters where it represents thousands of claimants in mass torts relating to defective drugs and devices, such as IVC Filters, Xarelto, and Zostavax.

## FELA

The firm not only has extensive experience in Pharmaceutical matters but also boasts one of the most experienced team of trial attorneys representing railroad workers pursuant to the Federal Employers Liability Act (FELA). The firm's attorneys have over one hundred years of collective experience representing railroad workers in lawsuits nationwide who are suffering from cancers caused by job-related exposures to cancer causing toxins.

## 9/11 ZADROGA

Finally, the members of the firm continue their long history of representing thousands of claimants seeking compensation under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. The Zadroga Act of 2010, is authorized through December 18, 2020, it allows victims of the September 11th attacks to make claims for their pain and suffering linked to a number of medical conditions that the Centers for Disease Control has linked to exposure in the area of the World Trade Center Exposure Zone. Certain respiratory conditions and cancers are eligible for compensation. Claimants can be first responders/volunteers, residents of lower Manhattan south of Canal Street and those who were caught in the dust cloud created as the towers collapsed.

Founding Partner Marc J. Bern has been a tort litigation trailblazer for more than 40 years. He has broken ground again in 2017 by representing more than 5,000 plaintiffs in an ongoing action against Merck, alleging that its Shingles vaccine, Zostavax, is defective and causes harmful side effects. He also continues to represent the families and children of Flint, Michigan who have been victims of the city's unsafe water crisis. With his previous firm, he proudly represented more than 10,000 heroic men and women in the World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation. Bern was intimately involved in the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. His accolades include 20-plus years with an AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell, 13 annual honors in Super Lawyers, and membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum. National media outlets often quote and source him on notable cases.

Senior Partner Joseph Cappelli heads the firm's Philadelphia office and has successfully litigated cases in more than 20 states, garnering him widespread recognition in and out of the courtroom. A sought-after authority on FELA railroad litigation, Cappelli also has extensive knowledge in the field of occupational-related diseases, such as asbestos-related cancer and mesothelioma. He is well-versed in identifying railroad industry workplace hazards involving exposures to cancer-causing chemicals. Cappelli also champions the cause on behalf of our nation's bravest, representing firefighters nationwide who've suffered noise-induced hearing loss.

With their deep, over 70 years combined experience, Mr. Bern and Mr. Cappelli lead the 25-plus lawyers at Marc J. Bern and Partners LLP who fearlessly bring the fight to pharmaceutical and medical device companies, as well as our nation's railroads and hold them accountable for injuries and illnesses. Headquartered in New York with regional offices throughout the country, the firm continues to fiercely advocate for plaintiffs only in mass tort litigation and personal injury litigation.



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