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Mary Alexander was recognized as one of the Top 100 Attorneys in California in 2020 as a result of obtaining some of the largest verdicts and settlements in the state. Such cases include:

\$305 Million Settlement in Lead Paint

Case – Mary Alexander was a lead attorney working tirelessly to negotiate a \$305 million settlement on behalf of ten California counties against several paint companies involved in the nearly 20-year lawsuit over lead paint in California. Ms. Alexander worked on this case for its entirety with the settlement ending two decades of litigation, which included a \$1.15 billion bench verdict.

\$32.7 Million Settlement in Premises

Liability Case – Three-and-a-half years after the Ghost Ship Fires occurred, costing the lives of 36 people and injuring several others, the lawsuit was resolved in the summer of 2020 for \$32.7 million against the City of Oakland. 32 families, along with a survivor who suffered brain damage and burns, agreed to the settlement. The City had 100's of contacts with the Ghost Ship over more than two years, by police and firemen who knew that people lived there, but the City turned a blind eye. Ultimately, a fire occurred that cost dozens of lives, ruined numerous families and injured dozens of other people. Mary was Liaison Counsel for a team of highly skilled attorneys that obtained this tremendous result. The case also resolved against PG&E.

\$21.4 Million Jury Verdict in Benzene Case – Mary Alexander obtained a \$21.4 million jury verdict on behalf of the families of two brothers who died of cancer as a result of their exposure to the known cancer-causing chemical benzene. The trial lasted over four weeks with the jury deliberating for roughly 3 days. The families of Gary Eaves and his brother Randy Eaves filed a lawsuit against Union Oil which made the benzene-containing rubber solvent the brothers regularly worked with at their jobs in a tire manufacturing plant. The brothers were longtime employees of the plant and exposed to large amounts of benzene in their work. The jury sided with the plaintiffs who contended the oil company knew the solvents they sold contained benzene.



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Sarah Lee received her B.A. in Letters from the University of Oklahoma, graduating with the Silver Leitzer Award for Outstanding Senior, Phi Beta Kappa, and Summa Cum Laude. While chairing the Oklahoma Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, she was instrumental in starting the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. Often interviewed in print and digital media, Sarah Lee has been quoted in Marijuana Business Daily, Los Angeles Times, The Denver Post, The Chicago Tribune, and online publications of ABC News, Newsmax, InStyle, Food and Wine, The Leaf, Leafbuyer.com, Cannabis Tech, CPA Practice Advisor, Cooking Light, and Health.com magazines. She has been a guest on numerous radio shows, including Cannabis A to Z with Frankie Boyer, iHeart Radio, Andy Hooser The Voice of Reason, The Mike Siegel Show, the Heidi Selexa Show, and KTOK. Her legal thriller took second place in the New York Law Journal's 2006 Fiction Writing Contest, and she has shown her fine art photography at Art San Diego and during Miami's Art Basel week at Spectrum Miami. Active in her community, she was elected President of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and President of the Oklahoma City Pi Beta Phi Alumna Club. She is also a Sustaining Member of the Oklahoma City Junior League.

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Born in Africa and educated in the U.K. and the U.S., with law degrees from Oxford University and the University of Virginia, Rachel's primary focus is on highly focused strategic thinking, problem solving and advocacy. She believes in a personalized, hands-on approach that involves analyzing client needs and concerns, and developing a plan designed to achieve a successful result as speedily and cost effectively as possible. This may involve addressing issues at the Federal agency or congressional level, or the solution may be commercial, operational, transactional, or based on a combination of approaches, including mediation, arbitration and/or litigation. Rachel has extensive experience in all these disciplines, including in the international arena. She brings to the table a deep well of knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries that enables her to bring critical perspective to any problem.



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Ms. Dube has consistently been rated AV Preeminent – Peer Review by Martindale-Hubbell for ethical standards legal ability since 1986. She has been a member of the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers for over 15 years. Ms. Dube received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1972, a Master of Arts Degree from Sam Houston University in 1973, and earned her J. D. from South Texas College of Law in 1979, where she was assistant editor of Law Review.

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She currently co-leads several litigation groups, serves in leadership positions with multiple MDLs, and is a frequent lecturer on drug and medical device litigation and consumer drug safety issues. She has received numerous awards from the FJA and AAJ for her efforts in membership, political fundraising, and lobbying. She is a graduate of AAJ's Leadership Academy and received the prestigious Marie Lambert Award for her exemplary leadership to the profession, her community, to AAJ and to the Women's Trial Lawyer Caucus. Brenda is active in many charities dedicated to serving the community.



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She taught mediation and negotiation at the 2001 International Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in The Hague. She was on the national panel for Dow Corning Implant cases and was the Chair of the Texas Bar Intellectual Property ADR Committee. She has been appointed Delegate to the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference, 1988, 1990, 2002, speaker 2005, elected as a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation in 2006 and received the Brutsch Award for Excellence in Mediation from the Association of Attorney Mediators. She is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. For further information, see www.HeshaAbramsMediation.com.

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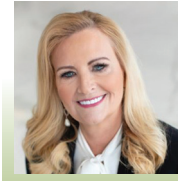
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Included on this year's list of Super Lawyers, Renée understands that open and honest communication is key to a successful attorney-client relationship. "We ensure that we are compassionate about the overwhelming stress that clients may experience during a divorce," she says.

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Ginger is Vice-Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Health Care Litigation practice, helping lead the 100+-person team which *The American Lawyer* named 2018 "Product Liability Litigation Department of the Year". Ginger has been recognized as a "Life Sciences Star" by *LMG Life Sciences*, and she was named among *Euromoney's Expert Guides* "Best of the Best" for Life Sciences. Also, Ginger has been listed in *Who's Who Legal for Product Liability Defence*, *The Legal 500 United States*, and *Chambers USA*, including the *Chambers USA* "Women in Law Awards".



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