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TOP 100 LAWYERS IN CALIFORNIA

EDITORS' NOTE

Every year, the editors of the Daily Journal look at the work of hundreds of California lawyers. We receive nominations from law firms and nonprofits and universities – and from clients. We also examine our archive of stories and talk to each reporter about the matters they've been covering. The point is to honor the attorneys whose work is having the widest impact, and not just on their career or their firm's bottom line. We seek to honor work that is changing an industry or the law or the society as a whole. And every year, we reach the difficult but exciting truth: There are far more than 100 leading lawyers in California. Deciding who won't make the list is our most difficult task.

We don't pretend that this list is scientific or encompassing; it is a snapshot of a moment in time. It is a representative sample of the tremendous legal talent that California offers. As you read, we hope you'll agree.

— David Houston, Editor



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SPECIALTIES: Anti-SLAPP, First Amendment

It was the type of case that had every lawyer's attention: When does a pre-litigation demand letter fall into the category of extortion? That's the claim that famed entertainment attorney Marty Singer was facing, and it was up to Rosen to convince a court of appeal to throw out the extortion claim against him. Rosen succeeded.

"It was a very interesting case because it involved not only important constitutional questions in terms of scope of the First Amendment but did so in the context of the legal practice," Rosen said. "Our task was to methodically talk about what was in the record, what the law required and what the Constitution required, tone down the emotion and focus on the legal question." *Malin v. Singer*, 217 Cal. App. 4th 1283.

Rosen also represented an LSAT preparation company, Blueprint Test Preparation, accused by a competitor of stealing its trade secrets. After the competitor company successfully won a preliminary injunction ordering Rosen's client to stop teaching courses, Rosen won an emergency stay from the court of appeal to halt enforcement of the injunction. Subsequently, Rosen successfully argued for the verdict against his client to be affirmed, which the competitor argued was too small. *Robin Singh Educational Services Inc. v Blueprint Test Preparation LLC*, B204775.

— Emily Green