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## **Kelli L. Sager**

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### **Areas of Practice**

Media and entertainment litigation, including defamation, privacy, idea submission claims, access, prior restraint, reporters' shield laws, copyright and trademark law

### **Representative Experience**

More than twenty years of litigation experience representing television and radio broadcasters, cable companies, motion picture producers and distributors, production companies, newspapers, book authors, publishers and national magazine clients, both at the trial and appellate levels of state and federal court

### **Representative Cases**

Leiber, et al. v. Grokster, Ltd. (copyright infringement)

Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training v. Superior Court (public records)

Burkle v. Burkle (access)

Brower v. E! Entertainment Television (idea submission)

Shulman v. CBS (invasion of privacy)

NBC Subsidiary v. Superior Court (access)

Polydoros v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. (misappropriation)

Fleet v. CBS (copyright/misappropriation)

Rancho Publications v. Superior Court (reporters' privilege)

Thomas v. Los Angeles Times (defamation)

Michaels v. Internet Entertainment Group (copyright), as well as numerous unreported decisions in these areas

### **Representative Clients**

The Los Angeles Times, E! Entertainment Television, Paramount Pictures Corporation, Condé Nast Publications Inc., Courtroom Television Network, Discovery Communications Inc., Warner Bros.

### **Publications and Presentations**

Regular speaker at media conferences, including ABA Forum on Communications Law Annual Meeting, MLRC Annual Conferences, and others

Author and co-author of a number of publications on media, intellectual property and entertainment law, including the following:

- Author, "A ray of hope for sunshine," (Editorial) Los Angeles Times, June 5, 2007

- Author, "...or Protect Secret Sources," (Editorial) Los Angeles Times, Feb. 6, 2005
- Co-author, "In Defense of Public Trials," California Litigation, Summer 2003, vol. 29, No. 4
- Co-Editor, Communications Lawyer (American Bar Association's Forum Communications Law's quarterly publication), 1995-1997
- Co-author, "The Case for Cameras in the Courtroom," California Litigation, Winter 1996 vol. 9 No. 2
- Co-author, "Television The Judicial Branch: In Furtherance Of The Public's First Amendment Rights," 69 Southern California Law Review No. 4 (1996)
- Author, "First Amendment Issues in the O.J. Simpson Trial," Communications Lawyer, Winter 1995
- Author, "Perils of Prime Time," Los Angeles Lawyer, Sept. 1995

### **Memberships and Honors**

Named as one of "Top 100 Outside Counsel Power Lawyers" by the Hollywood Reporter ESQ. in 2007 and 2008

Named among "Top Women Litigators in California" by the Daily Journal, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Named among "Leading Intellectual Property Attorneys in California" by the Daily Journal, 2008

Named as one of "Top 50 Most Influential Women Litigators" by the National Law Journal in 2007

Selected to "Super Lawyers," Southern California Law & Politics, 2007 and 2008

Named to "The Legal 500 US Edition" in 2007

Named to "Who's Who in L.A. Law" by the Los Angeles Business Journal in 2007

Named as one of Lawdragon "500 Leading Litigators in America" in 2006

Named as one of "America's Leading Business Lawyers" by Chambers USA, 1996-2007

Los Angeles Copyright Society Board (2002-2006; Treasurer, 2005-2006)

Co-Chair of the ABA Litigation Section, First Amendment Committee (2005-Present)

Member of 9th Circuit Conference Executive Committee (Summer 2005-Present); Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Attorney Delegate (C.D. Cal.), 2002-2005

Western Division Chair, ABA Forum on Communications Law (2002-present); Immediate Past Chair (2000-2002); Former Chair (1998-2000); Governing Board (1997-1998)

Board of Directors, Public Counsel, 2001-present

National Center for State Courts Attorney Committee, 2002-present

Adjunct Professor, Constitutional Law (First Amendment), USC Law School, Spring 2002

Advisory Committee, Donald W. Reynolds National Center for the Courts and Media, National Judicial College, 2000-present

International Advisory Board, National Institute of Entertainment and Media Law, Southwestern University of Law, 2001-present

Board of Directors, LA Youth News, 1995-2001

Distinguished Alumna in Residence, University of Utah College of Law, 2001-2002

Named as one of "100 Most Influential Lawyers in California" by Los Angeles Daily Journal, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Best Lawyers In America, 1997-98 ed., 1998-99 ed., 2000-01 ed., 2003-04 ed., 2005-06 ed., 2006 ed., 2007 ed. and 2008 ed. (Woodward/White, Inc., publ.)

Named as one of Lawdragon "500 Leading Lawyers in America" in 2005 & 2007

Named as one of top 50 women litigators in the country by the National Law Journal, Dec. 2001

Recipient, LA Youth/Los Angeles Times First Amendment Award, May 1998

Named as one of "Lawyers of the Year" by California Lawyer magazine, 1997

Named as one of "50 top lawyers in LA" by Los Angeles Business Journal, 1997

Recipient, Society of Professional Journalists (Los Angeles Chapter) Freedom of Information Award, 1996

Recipient, California First Amendment Coalition advocate Award, Oct. 1996

Recipient, ACLU First Amendment Award, Apr. 1996

Named as one of "40 Professionals Under 40" by Los Angeles Business Journal, 1996

Named to "Who's Who In Law And Accounting" by Los Angeles Business Journal, 1996

Named as one of "45 Lawyers Under 45" by American Lawyer magazine, 1995

## **Education**

J.D., University of Utah School of Law, 1985

- Editor-in-Chief, Utah Law Review

B.A. in Political Science and Journalism, cum laude, West Georgia College, 1981

University of Southern California, Sept. 1977 - June 1981