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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
Jackson, Andrea W
Kennedy, Helen B.
Jan Nielsen Little
Donna D. Melby, C

Caulfield, Na
M. Dermody,
Tracy Genese
Harrison, Lynne He
Karen Johnson-M
Kubota, Janet I.
Victoria Maroulis,
Muck, Cheryl O'Conn

Janita Brooks, Sharon Bunzel,
S. Coll-Very, Carolyn Cottrell,
rly A. Dunne, Daralyn J. Durie
Margaret M. G
House, Jeann
efe, Jenni
ne Lhamo
Malissa
Beatrice



Jeanne Irving
LOS ANGELES

Law Firm: Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman

Practice Area: Litigation

Years in Practice: 32

Law School: Harvard Law School

When it comes to defending corporate executives, Jeanne Irving has seen the gamut. Irving has worked at the boutique commercial litigation firm Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman since its founding in 1995. Most recently, she represented a key in-house lawyer who blew the whistle on stock-option backdating at KB Home and testified for the government in the prosecution of the company's former CEO. In another case, Irving succeeded on a novel

legal issue when she helped a group of real estate investors retain their security interest in a West Los Angeles apartment building after the owner challenged them in court. Irving also defended a group of former directors at a computer resale company who were accused of improperly selling off assets just prior to a bankruptcy. "Having confronted the whole array of legal issues that officers and directors of companies face, I'm familiar with how to coordinate a strategy to respond," Irving explained.

Pretrial Ritual: "Preparation, preparation, preparation."

Biggest Career Break: "Way back in 2002, I started representing a group of executives from Asia Global Crossing Ltd., and it was a really great opportunity in that there were a dozen pieces of related litigation — securities cases, breach of fiduciary duty claims, bankruptcy clawback actions, etc. — and more than a dozen clients. They were an extraordinary group of people who helped elevate my career."