



## Dorothy Wolpert

Partner

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**Practices:**

Environmental, Lawyers and Law Firms, Intellectual Property, Entertainment

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Dorothy Wolpert is a founding member of the firm.

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Her practice includes trial experience in copyright infringement, legal malpractice (as both plaintiff and defendant), probate matters, post-acquisition disputes, entertainment cases, and several precedential cases related to the construction of the Los Angeles subway.

She has argued in the Supreme Court of the State of California and before all the U.S. district courts in the state, as well as the Ninth Circuit.

Dorothy has served as a judge pro tem, mediator and arbitrator in the Los Angeles Superior Court, and has arbitrated fee disputes for the LACBA.

## Education & Admissions

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., Member of Moot Court, 1976
- College of the City of New York and University of Pennsylvania, B.A., magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1959

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- California, 1976

## Notable Matters

Obtained preliminary injunction in a pro bono class action lawsuit against federal prison over the inefficient measures taken by prison officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those

over the age of 50 for home confinement.

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Obtained favorable settlement in a pro bono matter on behalf of 50 tenants displaced from a South Los Angeles apartment building plagued by housing code violations in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Represented a national law firm in a malpractice claim. Successfully defended the claim and obtained a jury verdict of over \$1 million in fees.

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Represented numerous major studios in piracy cases and secured damages and injunctions.

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Represented public company in post-acquisition dispute and obtained \$20 million plus settlement.

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Defended major film maker against copyright infringement claim.

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Represented prominent family in lengthy probate proceedings including six successful appeals.

## Associations

- Inner City Law Center, Past President and Member, Board of Directors, 1996-present
- UCLA Law School Alumni Board
- Fountain Theatre, Board of Directors
- Court appointed Counsel in Juvenile Court
- Founding Member, Los Angeles Library Association

## Awards & Recognitions

- California Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2021-present
- Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021
- Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-present
- Best Lawyers in America, Commercial Litigation, Best Lawyers®, 2016-present
- Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Attorney of the Year – Private Sector, 2015
- Inner City Law Center's Katherine Krause Award for Public Service, 2004

- Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2003
- Top Women Lawyers in Business, 2003
- Southern California Super Lawyers, 2002-2011

## Articles & Publications

### Published Cases

- *DeCamp v. First Kensington Corp.*, 83 Cal. App. 3d 268 (1978)
- *Seiler v. Lucasfilm*, 808 F.2d 1316 (9th Cir. 1986)
- *Southern California Rapid Transit Dist. v. Bolen*, 1 Cal. 4th 654 (1992)

### Publications

- Contributing Author, "California Trial Objections," Second Edition, C.E.B., 1984
- "Guarding the Home Front", *Daily Journal* Supplement, 2006