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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D.,
Member, Moot Court, 1976

College of the City of New York and University of
Pennsylvania, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa,
1959

OVERVIEW

Dorothy Wolpert is a founding member of the firm. Her practice includes trial experience in copyright infringement, environmental coverage disputes, 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.

EXPERIENCE

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.

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.

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

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

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

Defended major film maker against copyright infringement claim

Represented prominent family in lengthy probate proceedings including six successful appeals

HONORS & AWARDS

Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021

Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019-2021

Best Lawyers in America, 2016-present

Southern California Super Lawyers, 2002- 2011

Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2003

Top Women Lawyers in Business, 2003

Inner City Law Center's Katherine Krause Award for Public Service, 2004

Constitutional Rights Foundation Mock Trial Attorney of the Year – Private Sector, 2015

AFFILIATIONS

Past President and Member, Board of Directors, Inner City Law Center, 1999-present

UCLA Law School Alumni Board

Fountain Theatre, Board of Directors

Court appointed Counsel in Juvenile Court

Founding Member, Los Angeles Library Association

PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Contributing Author, "California Trial Objections," Second Edition, *C.E.B.*, 1984

"Guarding the Home Front", *Daily Journal* Supplement, 2006

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)

FORMER POSITIONS

Kaplan, Livingston, Goodwin, Berkowitz & Selvin, 1975 - 1981

ADMISSIONS

California, 1976