



DEBORAH DROOZ, OF COUNSEL

Defamation, Entertainment, and Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., 1984, Southwestern University
- B.A., 1979, University of California, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

- Best Lawyers in America

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Board Member, Homeless
- Healthcare Los Angeles

BAR AND COURT ADMISSION:

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- California Court of Appeal, Certified Mediator

PUBLICATIONS

- "Suit May Leave Jurors Dazed and Confused," author, Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 22, 2016
- "How Copyright Today Has Lost Its Way," author, Los Angeles Daily Journal, November 18, 2015
- "Avatars, Apps and Aggregation: New Technologies Shake Up Media Law Again," Moderator, 11th Annual Beiderman Entertainment & Media Law Conference, January 16, 2014

EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FIRST AMENDMENT AND DEFAMATION LAW.

Deborah has successfully argued matters before various trial and appellate courts, and is responsible for many precedent-setting appellate decisions in libel cases. She has represented a number of well-known public figures in defamation matters, including Martha Stewart, Kevin Costner, Rodney Dangerfield, Berry Gordy, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and Steve Wynn, the founder of Mirage Resorts. She also represents corporate clients, including Fluor Daniels, Inc. and Mirage Resorts, Inc. In addition, Deborah advises public figures and corporations on First Amendment issues. She also counsels clients in intellectual property, appellate and entertainment transaction matters.

Deborah has a strong record on appeal. Her published opinions in successful appeals include:

- *Lewis v. Travelers*, 749 F.Supp. 556 (S.D.N.Y.) (1990)
- *Star Editorial v. Dangerfield*, 7 F.3d 856 (9th Cir. 1993)
- *Gordy v. New York Daily News*, 95 F.3d 829 (1996)
- *Barricade Books, Inc. v. Barry B. Langberg*, 2000 WL 1863764, MediaL. Rep. 1353 (S.D.N.Y.)
- *Styne v. Stevens*, 78 Cal.App.4th 17 (2000)
- *Benasra-v. Marciano*, 92 Cal.App.4th 987 (2001)
- *Steam Press Holdings, Inc. v. Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers Union, Local 996*, 302 F.3d 998 (9th Cir. 2002)
- *Stroock & Stroock & Lavan v. Tendler*, 102 Cal.App.4th 318 (2002)

Deborah's notable unpublished appellate victories include:

- *Meyers v. Tempesta, et al*, (2013) Do60825 (4th Dist.)
- *Alexander Haagen III v. Saks & Company*, (9th Cir., 2005) D.C. No. CV-00-13251-JFW
- *Krown Towers v. David LaChapelle Studio, Inc.*, No. B217526 (2010)
- *Wynn v. Francis*, Second Appellate Dist., No. B245401, cert denied, Sept. 10, 2014

Deborah currently serves as an adjunct professor of defamation and privacy law at Southwestern University School of Law. She has also lectured for the Southwestern University School of Law's LL.M. program on Entertainment Law.

Prior to attending law school, she was a journalist for The Los Angeles Herald Examiner and a contributing editor for Los Angeles Weekly.

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PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- “Defamation in 2013 Tests Well-settled Rules,” author, Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 18, 2013
- “Fast Times in Hollywood: Keeping Up With Cutting Edge Issues in Entertainment and Media Law,” speaker, Donald E. Belderman Entertainment and Media Law Institute, 2009
- “Rethinking Pro Bono Practice,” speaker, UCLA School of Law, 2008
- Mealey’s Anti-SLAPP Conference, speaker, 2003-2004
- “Licensing and Clearances in the Television Industry,” lecturer, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Entertainment Industry Division, 1997
- “Richard Jewell’s Rights,” author, Los Angeles Daily Journal, November, 1996