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Cindy Tobisman is a Co-Managing Partner of Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland. During her many years specializing in appeals at GMSR, she has briefed and argued virtually every type of civil case. The only constants are her deep knowledge of appellate practice, her rigorous research, her careful record review, her creativity and her top-notch writing skills.

Cindy's excellence as an appellate attorney has been repeatedly recognized. She received the President's Award from the Beverly Hills Bar Association for her work on amicus briefs in the California Supreme Court on appellate issues of public interest. She's been regularly included on the Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers' lists of top appellate attorneys.

Cindy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from U.C. Berkeley in 1992, and was also named the top graduate in her department (Rhetoric). She subsequently attended U.C. Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 1998), serving on the prestigious Moot Court Board, focused on appellate advocacy. She has sat on the Board of Governors of the Beverly Hills Bar Association and has chaired the Association's Amicus Briefs Committee.

In addition to practicing law, Cindy is a traditionally published novelist. She won the 2018 Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction for her second novel, "Proof."



Education

J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law (1998). Berkeley Women's Law Journal (Member, Contributing Author), Moot Court Honors Program.

B.A., University of California at Berkeley (1992). With High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa.

Honors

Ranked by Chambers and Partners USA for California Appellate Law

Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Appellate Law) (2013 – Present)

Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2016 – Present)

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2005 – 2010)

Recipient of Beverly Hills Bar Association's President's Award in 2008 for her work as Amicus Chair, and in particular, for drafting an amicus brief in the California Supreme Court in the same-sex marriage case that was joined by the Los Angeles County Bar Association, California Women Lawyers, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, Women Lawyers Association Of Los Angeles and San Diego County Bar Association

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts: Central and Eastern Districts of California

Speaking and Involvement

The Perils of Code of Civil Procedure § 2025.620 at Trial and other Advanced Trial Techniques, ASCDC Annual Seminar

2024

What's in the Supreme Court Pipeline: Institute for Corporate Counsel, USC Gould School of Law and the LACBA Business Law Section: Where Law, Business and Politics Intersect

2022

Redefining Success in the Age of COVID-19: The Bridge to the New Normal, Women in Legal & Corporate Leadership Conference Los Angeles

2020

Featured banquet speaker as the winner of the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction for 'Proof' – her second published novel, SCG Legal's Annual Meeting and 30th Anniversary Celebration,

2019

The Write Stuff: How to Win Your Case With a Compelling Style, MCLE Presentation at the Los Angeles Law Library

2016

Diversity In The Law, CLM Conference

2016

How to Use Amicus Support Effectively, Beverly Hills Bar Association

2014

What Trial Lawyers Need To Know About Appeals, Beverly Hills Bar Association

2012

Professional Associations

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Amicus Briefs Committee Chair (2006 - 2016)

Beverly Hills Bar Association's Board of Governors

Women Lawyers of Los Angeles: Amicus Briefs Committee, Co-Chair (2009 - 2010)

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

Association of Business Trial Lawyers

High Impact Wins

Niedermeier v. FCA US LLC (2024) 15 Cal.5th 792

Mar 04, 2024

Himelsein Mandel Fund Management, LLC v. Fortress Investment Group, LLC (Mar. 28, 2019, B281210) 2019 WL 1395963

Mar 28, 2019

Crosby v. HLC Properties, Ltd. (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 597

Jan 28, 2014

HLC Properties, Ltd. v. MCA Records, Inc. (May 16, 2008, B191608) 2008 WL 2068155 [nonpublished opinion]

May 16, 2008

Robins v. Roland (Mar. 7, 2018, B191659) 2008 WL 615865 [nonpublished opinion]

Mar 07, 2008

Publications

GMSR Partner and Novelist Cindy Tobisman's Latest Legal Thriller, 'Proof,' Garners Attention

Jul 28, 2017

Alana Rotter and Cindy Tobisman warn what lawyers should avoid when voluntarily dismissing claims to hasten appellate review

Jun 13, 2017

The Post-Nuclear Family: Changing Definitions of What Constitutes a Familial Relationship in Strategies for Family Law in California: Leading Lawyers on Understanding Developments in California Family Law (2016 ed.)

Oct 15, 2016

DOUBT (2016).

Sep 06, 2016

Revisiting Practical Application of the Privette Doctrine, (2015) 3 Verdict 17.

Dec 31, 2015

Oral Argument: Is Anyone Listening? (Feb. 2011) Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association) Vol. 3, No. 2.

Feb 01, 2011

Motion Practice: Evidence and Objections (Jan. 2008) Appellate Tips for Trial Lawyers (a newsletter of the Los Angeles County Bar Association) Vol. 1, No. 2.

Jan 01, 2008

What Every Lawyer Should Know About Responding to a Writ Petition

Jan 01, 2006
