

Why aren't more female lawyers making it to trial?

Thursday, January 7th, 2016**Registration** begins at 11:30am**Program** Noon to 1:00pm**Walkup, Melodia, Kelly &****Schoenberger**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Hear from the women who are getting trials and learn how they paved their path.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator: Andje Medina, The Veen Firm, PC

Deborah Chang is an attorney with Panish Shea & Boyle LLP in Los Angeles. Her practice focuses on wrongful death, complex torts, catastrophic injuries, and product liability cases for over 25 years. Deborah is no stranger to the courtroom. She is a member of the Los Angeles chapter of ABOTA, where she holds the rank of Associate, and serves on its Executive Committee, and is included in the Best Lawyers in American and Southern California Super Lawyers. She serves on the Executive Committee of the CAOC and is the Chairman of its Diversity Committee. In 2014, she was recognized as the CAOC Consumer Attorney of the Year.

Sonia Chopra, Ph.D. is a senior litigation consultant with NJP Litigation Consulting. She has been involved in the litigation consulting field for over 18 years and has worked on over 400 cases from high stakes criminal trials to multi-million dollar civil litigation. Dr. Chopra also has extensive experience working with both trial attorneys and witnesses on their communication and persuasion skills. She recently co-authored an article in Forum with panelist Deborah Chang titled "Where are all the women lawyers?"

Anne Marie Murphy is a partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP, where she practices civil litigation focusing on commercial litigation, class actions, consumers' rights and elder abuse. In 2015 Ms. Murphy was named to the Daily Journal's list of the top 100 women lawyers in California. In *Komarova v. National Credit Acceptance, Inc.*, Mr. Murphy currently serves on the board of CAOC and California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform ("CANHR"), she is also a Commissioner on the Access to Justice Commission.

Sarah London is a partner in the San Francisco office of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein. Sarah is experienced in all aspects of trial work. In February 2015, Sarah served as lead trial counsel in a lawsuit in the Florida smoker's litigation, obtaining a \$3 million judgment for the plaintiff. Recognized by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star, Sarah has held leadership positions in the New Lawyers Division of the Consumer Attorneys of California and serves on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of San Francisco and Marin County.

Katherine Higgins is a trial attorney on the Peters trial team with The Veen Firm in San Francisco. She handles a wide range of cases involving catastrophic injury and wrongful death, arising from negligence, premises liability and products liability primarily. She has a unique perspective having worked in civil defense for many years and has extensive trial experience from her background in both the civil and criminal courts. Ms. Higgins has been named a Northern California Rising Star and Top Women Attorney in Northern California 2011-2015.

Jessica Grant is a partner at Venable LLP. She is an experienced trial lawyer who represents clients in an array of business litigation, products liability and class action matters, with particular emphasis in the healthcare, technology and pharmaceutical industries. Jessica was the lead attorney in a three-month trial in which the jury unanimously awarded \$816 million after deliberating for just 90 minutes. The verdict was the fourth largest award in the United States in 2013. Jessica received her second California Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award in 2014 for successfully trying this case.

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