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## TOP 75 WOMEN LITIGATORS

The Daily Journal's Top 75 talk about what it takes to be a woman litigator in 2008



**Karen E. Silverman**

**Place of Birth:** San Francisco

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**Practice Area:** Antitrust, unfair competition

**Years in Practice:** 20

As a member of the firm's global antitrust and competition practice group, Karen E. Silverman is widely regarded as a leader in complex transactional deals and on governmental and private enforcement matters. She has particular expertise in the high-tech, biotech, consumer products, industrial inputs, health care and retail sectors.

A veteran of the Department of Justice's antitrust division, Silverman helped handle antitrust and competition matters for Oracle Corp. in the blockbuster \$8.5 billion acquisition in January of its Silicon Valley rival BEA Systems Inc.

Silverman also represents several Southern California hospitals, including Glendale Adventist, Simi Valley, South Coast Medical and White Memorial, against a class of nurses and respiratory care practitioners in alleged wage-and-hour violations, valued in the tens of millions of dollars. Last year, Silverman oversaw regulatory matters for Guitar Center Inc. in its \$2.1 billion sale last year to private investment firm Bain Capital Partners.