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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

### Do you think there are any advantages to being a woman in litigation?

It can be an advantage when a man on the other side of the table underestimates how tough, relentless and uncompromising a woman lawyer can be when the case calls for it.

*-Kathleen V. Fisher*

### How do you manage work/life balance?

I think the secret to trying for balance — and that is all you can do — is not to separate work and life but rather to integrate them as much as possible.

*-Kathleen V. Fisher*



**Kathleen V. Fisher**  
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**Place of Birth:** Berkeley  
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**Practice Area:** General business litigation  
**Years in Practice:** 32

As a partner in the San Francisco office of Calvo & Clark, a firm that represents clients across the Pacific Rim, Kathleen V. Fisher loves the diversity of her practice, even if it does mean frequent bouts of jet lag.

In 2006 and 2007, Fisher represented Karen Moe Humphreys, an Olympic champion swimmer and coach, in a gender discrimination and retaliation case against the University of California, Berkeley. After a hard-fought battle in federal court, she reached a settlement in July, in which Humphreys received \$3.5 million, was reinstated to a higher position at the university and received full back pay. The case led the state Senate to hold hearings into Title IX issues on the Berkeley campus.

These days, Fisher is heading a team of lawyers representing United Micronesia Development Association in a \$100 million business fraud case it brought against Deloitte & Touche and several individuals in Superior Court in Saipan.