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TOP WOMEN LAWYERS 2025



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SEXUAL ABUSE,
SCHOOL BULLYING & HAZING,
PERSONAL INJURY,
& WRONGFUL DEATH

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Christa H. Ramey, a veteran trial attorney who represents victims of bullying, sexual abuse, personal injury and wrongful death, is of counsel at Abir Cohen Treyzon Salo LLP. She joined in 2022 with her husband, John F. Ramey, from the firm they ran together, Ramey Law PC.

Active in legal circles, Ramey is currently vice president of Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles and will be president in 2027. She and her husband were the 2022 recipients of the California American Board of Trial Advocates Service Award.

“My career started in tragedy. My aunt was murdered when I was 16 and the killer was never brought to justice,” Ramey said. “I wanted to put bad guys away, but the DA wasn’t hiring when I graduated law school in 2000, so I worked at firms that represented people who had been harmed. Early on, I did a lot of asbestos cases.”

That work narrowed its focus when her daughter was bullied in school. “Middle school is rough, and that experience alerted me to the issue,” she said. At about the same time, then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed a cyberbullying law and Ramey blogged about it. “I started getting those cases.”

In late April, Ramey was in Sacramento for a deposition in yet another case, this one in which her client had suffered a traumatic brain injury in a hazing attack. “This kind of case now occupies the vast majority of my practice, representing the child or adult survivors of bullying or hazing. I welcome it. The cases are sad, but these clients need a way to fight back.”

The next day, Ramey was scheduled to attend — with her client — oral argument at the 2nd District Court of Appeal over a school district’s effort to reverse a \$1 million jury verdict in the client’s favor. The appellate panel had issued a tentative verdict for her client. *Irons v. El Segundo Unified School District*, B325733 (2nd DCA, filed Jan. 18, 2023).

Eleri Irons was in the 8th grade when former friends began a years-long bullying campaign against her. Irons retained Ramey and sued the school district for negligence when, despite years of complaints and warnings from Irons and her family. Several students signed and circulated a “Petition to End Eleri Irons’ Life.”

“It was a really emotional trial. Van Nuys juries aren’t known to be overly liberal, but you could see they wanted to protect Eleri,” Ramey said. “She and her family had to relive everything, but there was overwhelming evidence.” The district had offered \$25,000 to settle the case.

“Eleri said she hopes the case will help other girls stand up for themselves,” Ramey said. “She’s nervous about the oral argument, but that’s how much the case means to her. If she prevails, about \$155,000 in post-judgment interest will be added to the award.”