

## **TESTIMONIAL OF GEORGE KING, ESQ.**

"I have known Barbara Rosenfeld for three decades. She joined my law firm as an associate upon graduation from Hastings College of the Law. She was an eager student and willing to learn from all of the more experienced lawyers in the firm.

Barbara had her first jury trial shortly after joining the firm and surprised us all by coming back with a unanimous defense verdict after 10 minutes of deliberations. She achieved this result by thorough preparation and her ability to think on her feet. She also creatively avoided the possibility of her client impeaching herself due to her lack of fluency in English, by having her demonstrate her actions on a wig, rather than explaining the beauty treatment underlying the alleged cosmetology malpractice.

In her second year with our firm, Barbara had a defamation case with punitive damage exposure for our insured deep-pocket client. She pursued summary adjudication, and lost in each of three pre-trial motions. She then insisted that we seek an extraordinary writ (in mandamus) to force the Superior Court to reverse its position. We lost again in the Court of Appeal, and then prevailed in the Supreme Court with a [published opinion](#). This incredible success attests to Barbara's tenacity and ability to evaluate a case.

Barbara went on to handle a caseload of 100 active civil cases, with a heavy Law and Motion practice. She also established rapport with a number of the insurance carriers, enabling her to bring business to the firm while still a junior trial lawyer.

Barbara left our firm after 5 years to pursue an LL.M. in tax full time at New York University. We have remained in contact since that time."

George King was one of the founders of Lawyers Mutual and was VP of Claims for 17 years. He remains on the Board of Directors. He was Managing Partner of two Oakland law firms, was Chairman of the State Bar Insurance Committee, and a member of the State of California Senate Advisory Committee on Insurance. He has written numerous articles on insurance law and currently serves as a Judge Pro Tem in Alameda and Contra Costa County Superior Courts.