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W ith Los Angeles the melting pot that it is, we're truly a national leader when it comes to influential minorities – and the field of law is no exception. There are some particularly stellar minority attorneys in the LA region and we've alphabetically listed 40 of the best of them here, along with some basic information about their careers, practice and some relevant recent successes they've achieved.

Congratulations to the attorneys who made this list and thank you for working to keep the people and businesses of Los Angeles on the right track!

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TRACEY KENNEDY Partner Sheppard Mullin Tracey Kennedy is the go-to Los Angeles trial attorney in Sheppard Mullin's Labor and Employment practice group who is routinely retained to try cases. She is in high demand to try virtually any type of employment or business related case and has an impressive win record. An experienced trial attorney, she has tried to verdict in state and federal court employment matters such as age, race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, and disability discrimination and harassment, as well as retaliation, and wrongful termination.

Among her recent wins, in May of this year, she obtained a complete defense verdict for Whole Foods on a harassment case. A month prior, she obtained a significant defense verdict for Taco Bell as to a \$122 million PAGA claim for a wage and hour class action. After the jury trial, the class sought PAGA penalties of \$122 million in a two-day bench trial, the court found that there was no legal basis to award any PAGA penalties -- an important victory for Taco Bell.