

Speaker Biographies



Andrew Apfelberg is a corporate and securities attorney for privately held middle-market companies in Southern California. He represents clients as their day-to-day general counsel and in significant transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, financings, joint ventures, licensing, entity formation, agreements between shareholders and the establishment of manufacturing facilities in Mexico. He is a partner of the firm and former Chairman of its marketing committee. His clients benefit from his strong business and finance background gained from working for investment bank Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin prior to attending law school.



Brian Davidoff is the firm's Managing Partner and is certified in Business Bankruptcy Law by the American Board of Certification. He has specialized in corporate reorganization, restructuring and bankruptcy law for more than two decades. Brian also has a substantial practice advising companies on the various aspects of their growth, financing, contractual relationships and operations. In this capacity, he often acts as outside general counsel to his clients.



Judy Lam helps companies and entrepreneurs when there is a breakdown in their sophisticated business and real estate arrangements. She has extensive success in obtaining early TROs and other prejudgment relief and early motion practice. She strategizes with her clients to set up early resolution in and out of litigation, to maximize actual and practical relief and recovery. Judy is particularly experienced in collection and fraud disputes, which are rapidly increasing as the economic downturn grows more intense.



Karen Polyakov is Counsel in Home Depot's legal department. She is responsible for advising and counseling the Company's management, and selecting and managing outside counsel, in commercial disputes and litigation. Karen's practice areas include real estate, consumer protection, contracts, construction, ADA, unfair business practices and insurance.