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## TOP 100

### California's Leading Attorneys of 2010

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The Daily Journal's annual list of the 100 most influential lawyers in California has always been encompassing. The counselor to corporate boards sits alongside the prosecutor chasing down dangerous criminals, the consumer plaintiffs' lawyer next to the land use lawyer, and so on. The purpose of this list is to recognize the elite lawyers across all practices in California — those men and women who are making the most impact on the legal profession and on society right now.

— David Houston  
Editor

Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals



**Mark C. Holscher**

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*Kirkland & Ellis*

*Los Angeles*

*Commercial litigation*

Production studios often claim that even successful television shows lose money after expenses are deducted. Holscher convinced a state jury otherwise in a trend-setting case between actor Don Johnson and a company that produced the show "Nash Bridges." Johnson claimed he was stiffed out of millions of dollars in profits, but the production company claimed they had yet to make profits on the show, which ran from 1996 to 2001. Following a two-week trial in Los Angeles County Superior Court, a jury took only hours to return a \$23.2 million verdict in favor of Johnson, and the judge on the case has more than doubled that amount in interest. Holscher also represented sports agency powerhouse IMG World in a dispute with a former agent who left the company, joined a rival agency and sued to void a non-compete clause. Holscher guided IMG to a settlement that ended the dispute earlier this month.