

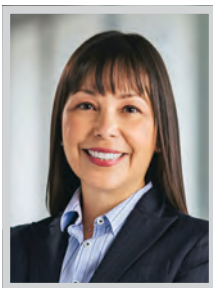
## LOI: MINORITY ATTORNEYS

**NICOLE RODRIGUEZ VAN DYK***Principal*

Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks, Lincenberg &amp; Rhow, P.C.

Nicole Rodriguez Van Dyk routinely excels in high-stakes, high-profile, and headline-grabbing litigation. Van Dyk's most recent achievement is on behalf of the MLB team, Los Angeles Angels, regarding a dispute with the Department of Justice. A November 2021 Court Order criticized the government for its improper subpoena to the Angels and sided with Van Dyk's declaration. She continues to be lead counsel for the Angels in all matters related to the death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs.

In July, Van Dyk successfully protected her client's Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights in the highly publicized U.S. Private Vaults seizure when the Judge denied the government's motion to dismiss the case. Representing over 30 individual clients, she is preventing the government from interfering with the property rights of box holders for whom the government had neither probable cause nor a valid warrant when they confiscated the property.

**BELINDA VEGA***Partner and Co-Chair,**West Coast Litigation Group*  
Venable LLP

Belinda Martinez Vega, co-chair of Venable's West Coast Litigation Group, focuses on complex commercial litigation, including matters involving unfair business practices, contract disputes, and fraud. She also defends employers against false accusations, discrimination, breach of contract, and various other claims while in compliance with both California state and federal employment laws. Belinda is a passionate advocate for her clients in the financial services, hotel and hospitality, technology, professional services, consumer products, art, media, and entertainment industries.

With over two decades of experience, clients rely on Vega's sophisticated knowledge and astute insight in achieving favorable outcomes in the most complex cases. When difficult and challenging issues cannot be resolved without litigation, she is prepared to try the case for the client. Among her many recent accomplishments is her success in obtaining summary judgment for her client, Las Vegas Resort Holdings, LLC.

**BEN WANG***Partner*

Russ August &amp; Kabat

Ben Wang is a partner at Russ August & Kabat. He represents clients in business and intellectual property disputes, particularly in patent and trade secret trials and appeals. He recently served as lead counsel in a patent jury trial that resulted in a verdict in favor of his client on all issues and damages, and found willful infringement. The court then enhanced the amount of damages by 100%, awarding Wang's client over \$15 million.

Wang was recently second chair in a patent jury trial and obtained a verdict in favor of his client on all issues and damages of \$3.1 million. He also recently won an appeal against Meta before the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, reversing a summary judgement ruling; argued over 20 substantive motions before U.S. District Courts and before the International Trade Commission; and obtained settlements or damages for clients in excess of \$20 million.

**LOUIS WHARTON***Partner*

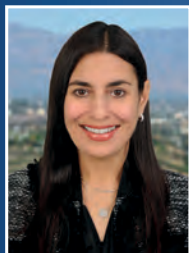
Stubbs Alderton &amp; Markiles, LLP

As an emerging attorney in 2004, Louis Wharton was highly interested in working with entrepreneurs and investors that sought to drive innovation. He subsequently joined Stubbs Alderton and Markiles, LLP, a local firm focused on representing technology companies in the Southern California ecosystem. Over his intervening 18 years at the firm, Wharton has advanced from associate to partner, assisting with the firm's growth and cementing its pronounced reputation as a firm offering stellar corporate, securities, IP, and litigation legal expertise.

Commended by clients for his strategic thinking, Wharton is an industry leader; his practice focuses on advising clients with venture capital funds and angel networks, along with middle-market, emerging growth, early-stage and public companies in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, securities compliance and general corporate matters. Using impeccable attention to detail, Wharton counsels clients in the technology, e-commerce, and digital media industries, among others.

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