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Best Lawyers® in America selects Kay Anderle
as “Best Lawyer®” for
White-Collar Criminal Defense
and Criminal Defense-General Practice

IRVINE, CA, AUGUST 15, 2018 --- Kay Anderle, managing partner of the nationally-recognized Irvine law firm of Keller/Anderle LLP, has been named by *Best Lawyers®*’ 2018-19 as a *Best Lawyer®* in the practice areas of white collar criminal defense, and criminal defense-general practice.

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With over two decades of experience and 100 cases to jury verdict, [Kay Anderle](#) is among the region's leading trial attorneys. Kay began her legal career over 26 years ago in the Orange County District Attorney's Office, where she spent 12 years prosecuting criminal cases. She was one of its most respected prosecutors and was assigned to several of its most prestigious trial units.

In 2004 Kay entered private practice, focusing on white collar criminal cases. Her negotiation and trial skills have made her one of the most effective defense lawyers in Southern California, for which she has been repeatedly recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, both in white collar and non-white collar criminal defense. Her versatility as a trial attorney and skilled negotiator gives her clients a multi-dimensional advocate who can quickly assess their case and devise a winning strategy.

Around a decade ago Kay broadened her practice to include civil litigation. In 2009, Kay worked with Ms. Keller in a business fraud trial in which the jury awarded \$350 million, the largest jury verdict in California that year. In 2011, she worked with Ms. Keller in the retrial of the epic doll battle Mattel v. MGA, in which MGA was defending against copyright infringement and trade secret misappropriation claims and prosecuting its own trade secret misappropriation action against Mattel. The jury rejected all of Mattel's claims of copyright infringement and trade secret misappropriation and awarded \$85,000,000 in damages to MGA Entertainment; the judge added another \$85 million in punitive damages and \$139 million in attorneys' fees. (Although the judgment was reversed on appeal, the attorneys' fee award remained.)

In 2013, she was co-lead plaintiff counsel on a business fraud trial which resulted in a jury award of over \$3,375,000 in economic and over \$1,465,000 in punitive damages.

Since that time Kay has worked on cases involving shareholder oppression (settled favorably to her client), allegations of human trafficking against a Saudi princess (all

eventually dismissed), successful defense of a claim her client breached a \$1 billion oral partnership for real estate investment, and a white collar criminal case alleging bribery of public officials by a developer that then-Attorney Jerry Brown called “the largest corruption case in the history of San Bernardino County, and possibly California.” After a nine-month jury trial the defendant was acquitted of all charges. Kay is also focused on defending a number of health care fraud cases brought by the Orange County District Attorney, and has special expertise in defense of state court white collar cases.

Ms. Anderle is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only organization limited to the top one-half of one percent of the nation’s attorneys. She was awarded the 2016 Thomas A. Mesereau Cup for Outstanding Criminal Defense, given by the Litigation Counsel of America. Ms. Anderle is listed in the elite “*The Best Lawyers in America*®” in both white collar and general practice criminal defense, and was selected as Orange County Lawyer of the Year 2014 (Criminal Defense: Non-White Collar). Other honors and awards have included: National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Trial Lawyers in California; *Los Angeles Magazine*, “Southern California Super Lawyers, White Collar Criminal Defense”; and Martindale-Hubbell “AV” rated.

About the firm: [Keller/Anderle LLP](#) is among the premier boutique trial firms in California, with a record second to none, and local, statewide and national recognition of the firm’s success. The firm handles high-stakes litigation of all types including commercial, intellectual property, securities, bad faith, class actions, white collar criminal defense, entertainment/sports, and elder law. Keller/Anderle LLP attorneys have won over \$925 million in judgments, and successfully defended many other clients. Members of the firm have over 400 jury trials among them. Unique among law firms handling high profile, bet-the-company cases of such a caliber is that both name partners are women, and the firm is [100% women-owned](#).