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## TOP WOMEN LAWYERS

The Daily Journal's Annual List of  
Leading Women Lawyers in California

### Heather Tewksbury

**Wilmer Cutler  
Pickering Hale and  
Dorr LLP**  
*Palo Alto*

**Practice Type:**  
Regulatory, government  
affairs



Tewksbury rang in the New Year by crossing over the aisle from the Department of Justice to a partnership with WilmerHale in the Bay Area.

Her practice is focused on complex criminal antitrust investigations and litigation, along with government investigations.

Prior to that, Tewksbury spent nearly eight years as a trial attorney in the DOJ's antitrust division in San Francisco.

Among her significant cases there, Tewksbury served as one of the lead trial lawyers in a case involving price-fixing in the liquid crystal display industry. *United States v. AU*

*Optronics Corp.*, CR-09-0110 (N.D. Cal., filed June 10, 2010).

Following the eight-week trial, Tewksbury led in the sentencing of the corporations involved, resulting in a record \$500 million fine and what she said was the first-ever imposition of a corporate compliance monitor in a contested sentencing.

The AUO cases are all up on appeal, and a decision is pending in the 9th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals.

At that point, Tewksbury decided she was ready for a new challenge.

"I had done the gamut of large international cartel investigations, including litigating a number of criminal cartel matters through trial, and I felt that it was time to take the next step," she said. "I have had a lot of experience with WilmerHale's cartel antitrust practice group and I had gained a lot of respect for them."

Tewksbury said that she sees this as an opportunity to continue to develop the practice on the West Coast.

"The San Francisco field office has had a lot of investigations focused on technology products manufactured by companies headquartered in Asia," she said. "My proximity on the West Coast to the San Francisco field office, and to Asia, will provide a solid base for defending companies involved in price-fixing investigations."

As for her move to private practice, Tewksbury said that the work she now is doing is completely within her "wheelhouse."

"It hasn't been a significant mental switch for me," she added. "Having been involved in so much litigation, I've been able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of cases and I can see them from both sides."

— Pat Broderick