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LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR

KAREN DUNN Boies Schiller Flexner

If the case is high-stakes, high-profile and hard-fought, don't be surprised to find Karen Dunn playing a role. Dunn's now defending Uber Technologies in Waymo's trade secrets suit over self-driving car technology, and she represents Apple Inc. in a challenge to Qualcomm's patent licensing model. She won a $124 million copyright victory for Oracle Corp., summary judgment for Apple in a $1 billion suit brought by Monster and teamed up with her husband, a litigator at Mayer Brown, for a pro bono suit that delivered budget autonomy to the District of Columbia. Not everything led to a win—Dunn prepped Hillary Clinton for debates and saw a $3 billion loss for Oracle at trial—but she was always in the middle of the action.

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