



JANET RUBIN FIELDS

AFFILIATION: Judicate West

LOCATION: Los Angeles, Orange County and Ventura

RATE: \$450/day; \$4500/day

SPECIALTY: Catastrophic injury, real estate, construction defect, business litigation, professional liability

RECENT CASES: Rubin Fields recently resolved a real estate dispute between two psychologist homeowners who became enraged by the expansion project of a prominent charity located next door to them. The charity had moved a dividing wall six inches onto their property and they sued it for breach of construction easement, trespassing, nuisance, emotional distress and encroachment. She helped negotiate an undisclosed monetary settlement, and mutual covenants. After the settlement agreement was signed, Rubin Fields persuaded the parties to participate in a joint session for apologies. "Part of this was about homeowners feeling valued and all sides being a good neighbor," she said. "I orchestrated the joint session after everything was signed to avoid risk of the settlement going south—because there was so much emotion by all the parties concerned."

BACKGROUND: Civil litigator and trial attorney, representing both plaintiffs and defendants

FACT: Rubin Fields worked her way through college as a legal secretary in Sonoma County. While there, she cultivated a passion for good wine and food. Lately, she has fallen for Pinot Noir made from Santa Rita Hills grapes.