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PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
GLORIA ALLRED
Partner
Alfred Maroko & Goldberg

Gloria Allred is the most famous woman attorney practicing law in the nation today. Her high-profile legal battles have led to many landmark precedent-setting court decisions and hundreds of millions of dollars for her clients. She is a founding partner of Alfred Maroko & Goldberg, one of the preeminent employment law firms in the country, which has won national prominence over the course of more than 38 years. With the other attorneys of her firm, Gloria has been involved in some of the most defining cases of our day, including O.J. Simpson, Michael Jackson, Scott Peterson, and Robert Blake.

JOHN P. BARRETT
Resident Managing Director
Aon Risk Insurance Services West Inc.

John Barrett is resident managing director overseeing the L.A., Irvine, and San Diego offices of Aon Corp. Los Angeles is Aon’s third-largest office, employs over 300 people, and is the hub for western region activities. Prior to joining Aon in 2006, Barrett spent five years at Johnson & Higgins and 16 years with Marsh Inc.

ENJOY MOST  Working with people. Positively impacting the personal and professional development of my Aon team.

TOUGHEST CHALLENGE  Overcoming Guillain-Barre syndrome as a junior in college.

PROUDEST MOMENT  The birth of my three children (of course, not to diminish the day I married my wife).

BEST ADVICE  Work hard: “Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living; the world owes you nothing. It was here first.” – Mark Twain

MOST EXCITED  The legacy that I’ll leave with Aon in the professional development of our talented Aon colleagues.

FUN FACT  My family and I were on the original “Family Feud” show with Richard Dawson.

ALMA MATERS  Bachelor’s, Santa Clara University; MBA, Pepperdine University.

BUCKET LIST  Attend the Masters golf tournament.

BEVERAGE  Cakebread Chardonnay.

JIM BEAUBIEN
Corporate Partner
Latham & Watkins

Jim Beaubien is a corporate partner in the L.A. office of Latham & Watkins, where he has practiced since 1991. Beaubien formerly served as office managing partner, as well as chairman of the corporate department, in the L.A. office. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and public companies. His clients include Live Nation, Mattel, Cerner Corp., Crown Resorts, Health Net, Leonard Green & Partners, Saban Capital, Moelis Co., and Shamrock Holdings.

ENJOY MOST  Winning engagements and helping clients achieve their objectives.

TOUGHEST CHALLENGE  The tension between being the best husband and father I can be versus being the best Latham & Watkins partner I can be.

PROUDEST MOMENT  Marrying my wife; recruiting the entertainment, sports, and media team to Latham; and opening our Century City office.

BEST ADVICE  Hustle. The more times you drop your line in the water, the more fish you’re going to catch.

MOST EXCITED  Our fantastic group of young partners at Latham.

FUN FACT  I’m a big fan of ’70s/’80s funk music and listen to Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” before every pitch.

ALMA MATERS  Bachelor’s, Princeton University; J.D., UCLA School of Law.

SCOTT BEISER
Chief Executive
Houlihan Lokey

Scott Beiser’s responsibilities as Houlihan Lokey’s chief executive include managing operations for the investment bank, identifying and developing strategic opportunities, and pursuing and managing client relationships. Beiser has special expertise in investment banking services for engineering and construction businesses. He is an adviser to several boards and executives in the engineering and construction industry. Before joining Houlihan Lokey, Beiser was a senior financial analyst at Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Co. He earned a bachelor’s and a master’s in finance from Cal State Northridge.

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