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Joan B. Kessler
Los Angeles

Place of birth: Pittsburgh

Law school: Loyola Law School

Law firm: Kessler & Kessler

Practice area: Complex litigation and
mediation

Joan B. Kessler recently secured a \$9.5 million arbitration award in a case involving a shareholders dispute regarding valuation.

The turning point in the case occurred when Kessler brought to light during cross-examination that the other side's expert witness had reached his conclusions without ever speaking with his clients regarding a key issue.

Kessler, a litigator and mediator who is active in community and volunteer activities, majored in English at the University of Michigan and earned her law degree from Loyola Law School. She holds master's and doctorate degrees in communication from UCLA and the University of Michigan.

The turning point in her career occurred when she started her own firm with her husband, Warren "Skip" Kessler.



She's hard at work on a confidential matter involving misappropriation of likeness in the entertainment context.

— Sarah Garvey