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TOP 75 WOMEN LITIGATORS

The Daily Journal's Top 75 talk about what it takes to be a woman litigator in 2008



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Years in Practice: 10

In March, Robyn Crowther won summary judgment for actor Robert De Niro in a \$1.8 million fraud lawsuit brought against him by Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. The company alleged De Niro made false statements on a medical certificate, indicating that he had never been diagnosed or treated for various conditions, including prostate cancer. Two days after submitting the application, De Niro was diagnosed with cancer. In a motion to toss out the suit, De Niro contended he had answered the questions truthfully. He maintained he underwent a biopsy three days before and received the diagnosis two days after he completed the application.

Crowther credits her successes to good lawyering and deliberate choices. She currently is representing Westlake Village-based Dole Fresh Fruit, which is suing Hyundai in a \$20 million breach-of-contract claim over alleged problems with shipping containers.