

## SmartLaw Attorney Referral Results in \$26M Verdict

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Coco Su, SmartLaw Business Development Manager California's largest State Bar certified lawyer referral service, obtained a \$26 million jury verdict case for attorneys Sheri Manuwal and Robert I. Manuwal of Manuwal & Manuwal, and David A. Rudorfer and Wyatt A. Vesperman of Panish | Shea | Boyle | Ravipudi LLP. The verdict was one of the service's largest.

The request for referral came to SmartLaw in August of 2016. The \$26 million jury verdict arrived six years later due to the case's many complexities and challenges, including court closures due to Covid. Sheri Manuwal, a

SmartLaw member for the past decade, was recently recognized by the Consumer Attorneys of California as a finalist for the 2023 Consumer Attorney of the Year award, acknowledging her exceptional work on the case.

"SmartLaw is a premier referral resource, catering to a cast spectrum of legal matters spanning over 150 practice areas," states Coco Su, Business Development Manager for the Los Angeles County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. "SmartLaw delivers prescreened referrals matched to participating attorneys' practice areas, guaranteeing both relevance and viability. Our additional support services, including call center assistance, administrative staff support, electronic case notices, online reporting tools enhance efficiency and streamline practice operations."

## About the Case

The \$26,000,000 jury verdict was rendered against Pasadena Unified School District (California State, Los Angeles County, Superior Court case BC662842), in favor of Plaintiff, a special education student, who was sexually assaulted by three of her male classmates who were left unsupervised during recess. Read more at KTLA News story.

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