

THE APPELLATE HOT LIST

Quinn Emanuel

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges hired outgoing Stanford Law School Dean Kathleen M. Sullivan in 2005 to build its appellate practice. With six senior appellate lawyers and a group of associates who have clerked in the courts of appeals, the firm is becoming a player in appellate advocacy of national and international import.

NOTEWORTHY CASES:

■ *Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. v. Allegheny Energy Inc.*, 500 F.3d 171 (2d Cir. 2007). Lead attorneys Daniel H. Bromberg and Kathleen M. Sullivan. The 2d Circuit threw out a \$158 million judgment against client Allegheny Energy in a dispute over whether Merrill Lynch misrepresented the value of an energy trading company it sold to Allegheny.

■ *Stoneridge Investment Partners LLC v. Scientific-Atlanta Inc.*, 128 S. Ct. 761 (2007). Lead attorney Kathleen M. Sullivan. In rejecting third-party liability in a seminal securities fraud ruling, the Supreme Court cited two amicus briefs out of the dozens filed. One was Quinn Emanuel's brief on behalf of Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange. It argued that such liability would require companies doing business with publicly traded companies to adopt onerous audit and insurance burdens and thereby drive business abroad.

■ *Grupo Televisa S.A. v. Telemundo Communications Group Inc.*, 485 F.3d 1233 (2007). Lead attorney Stephen Neuwirth. The firm persuaded the 11th Circuit to apply Florida law (which recognizes tortious interference with contracts) over Mexican law (which does not) in a dispute between rival Spanish-language broadcasters over the talents of a soap opera star.