



**Donna E. Kirkner**

**Current positions on Small Firms Ex Comm:  
Secretary (2018-2020)  
Member, Court Liaison  
Subcommittee**

**Other Bar Positions:**

**Trustee, Sections—LACBA (2020-2022)  
Vice-Chair, Senior Lawyer Section (2020-2021)  
Past Chair, Construction Law Subsection, Real Property Section  
Member, Steering Committee-Construction Law Subsection, Real Property Section  
Member—LGBT Bar Association  
Member—Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles**

Donna E. Kirkner has practiced construction law, and related disciplines, since her admission to the California State Bar in December 1980. She currently represents general contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. But, in an effort to “give back,” she also represents homeowners on a pro bono or low bono basis. Donna also makes herself available as a resource/sounding board to younger construction attorneys who are encouraged to take advantage of her knowledge and experience.

Donna’s previous services to the Los Angeles County Bar include a stint as the Chair of the Construction Lawyers Subsection of the Real Property Section, where she remains a member of the Steering Committee. Donna was also a member of the Ex Comm of the Real Property Section for a few years. She is currently the in-coming Vice Chair for the Senior Lawyers Section.

Donna’s serious involvement with the LACBA occurred when several Trustees and Officers filed suit against the LACBA to enforce election results, with the support of a committee consisting of members of the Senior Lawyers Section Ex Comm. Donna drafted most of the pleadings, in conjunction with the committee members. The committee’s efforts led to the desired result and a revolution in LACBA politics.

Donna became involved with the Small Firms section when Caroline Vincent suggested the Section reactive and hold “Fingerprint Parties” to ease the burden of the State Bars’ requirement that we all get re-fingerprinted. Erin Joyce, Josh Friedman, and Donna joined with Caroline and the LACBA staff (shout-out to Terrina Scott) to hold several successful “parties.” From there, the Ex Comm was reactivated and the rest is history.