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## Eva Davis Named Attorney of the Year by *Los Angeles Business Journal* during the 2025 M&A Awards

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Winston & Strawn's Managing Partner of External Affairs Eva Davis was named as the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2025 Attorney of the Year during the publication's inaugural M&A Awards. The series celebrates the "visionaries and game-changers driving Los Angeles's vibrant M&A ecosystem."

A nationally recognized dealmaker, Eva serves as a strategic advisor to U.S. and global public and private companies, entrepreneurs, boards of directors, and private equity funds involving their most significant transactional matters. Over the past year alone, she served as the lead deal lawyer for multiple multimillion- and multibillion-dollar transactions on behalf of clients in the food and beverage sector.

Two Winston deal teams were also recognized as finalists at the M&A Awards.

A team led by Eva was named as a finalist for the Deal of the Year – \$250 Million to \$1 Billion award for their work on the sale of LesserEvil to The Hershey Company. The addition of LesserEvil will further expand Hershey's snacking portfolio across its long-established confection brands like Hershey's, Reese's, and Jolly Ranchers, and emerging salty-snack brands including SkinnyPop, Dot's Homestyle Pretzels, and Pirate's Booty.

A team led by Bryan Ikegami was also named as a finalist for Breakthrough Deal of the Year for their representation of Century Park Capital Partners in the sale of its portfolio company, Accelalpha Inc., to IBM—the transaction marked a significant strategic exit for Century Park and a transformative acquisition for IBM's consulting division.

[Read more about Eva's work in her winner profile here.](#)

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