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## msk partner adam levin receives 2007 clay award

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Los Angeles, CA--Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, a leading California law firm that has provided integrated legal and business solutions for nearly 100 years, announced that Adam Levin, a partner in the firm's Litigation practice, has been selected as a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award winner by California Lawyer magazine.

"Adam's selection as a California Lawyer of the Year is well deserved," said Thomas Lambert, managing partner of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp. "He is among the most creative and skillful trial lawyers I have seen in action and a major strength to our firm."

California Lawyer received nearly 200 submissions for the prestigious award. The winners were selected by the publication's editors for making a significant impact on the law, the profession, an industry, public policy, for a client or for the benefit of the public in 2006 that is expected to have a significant impact on the law.

Levin received his CLAY award for successfully litigating *Lyle v. Warner Bros. Television Production* before the California Supreme Court, where he obtained a unanimous decision in favor of several writers and the producers of the hit television series "Friends" in a wrongful termination and harassment suit brought by former writers' assistant Amaani Lyle. Lyle, who admitted she had been warned before taking the job that writers could get raucous during the creative process, claimed their discussions went far beyond the scope of the show, including frequent discussions of their personal sexual experiences.

At stake was freedom of speech within the work environment to address potentially offensive topics such as sex, race and religion in the logical course of doing one's job whether writing for a TV sitcom, discussing stories in a newsroom or academic discussion in a university classroom. Named one of *Daily Journal Extra's* "Top 20 Lawyers Under Age 40 in California" in 2005, Levin has established himself as one of the leading labor and employment lawyers in California.

### attorneys

Adam Levin

### practice areas

employment litigation & counseling

labor & employment

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Levin represents employers in all areas of labor and employment law, including serving as lead counsel in numerous employment discrimination, wrongful termination, trade secret/unfair competition and right of publicity cases, labor arbitrations, National Labor Relations Board hearings and other administrative proceedings with a focus on the motion picture and television; video game; advertising; and broadcast industries.

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