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In every sense possible, Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump Aldisert's recent string of high profile wins have been all over the map.

In federal court in Orlando, firm partner Michael Kump led a KWIKA team in a successful defense representation of Kim, Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian, brought by a cosmetics company. Having previously obtained an \$11 million arbitration award against the company in the sister's favor, the team won summary judgment in the case later affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

In Washington D.C., the firm's criminal defense practice leader Shawn Holley also put her skills to work on behalf of the Kardashians, working closely with Kim, a long-time client and confidante. Backing Kim's fight to commute the sentence of Alice Marie Johnson, a first-time non-violent drug offender serving a life sentence in federal prison, Holley's representation took her as far as the Oval Office. Making their bid to several top administration members - including the President himself - the duo's argument won Johnson's release from prison.

And in the Golden State, which the firm calls home, firm partner



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Kinsella Weitzman Iser Kump & Aldisert LLP name partners from left to right: Greg Aldisert, Michael Kump, Howard Weitzman, Lawrence Iser and Dale Kinsella

Howard Weitzman continues his longtime representation of the estate of Michael Jackson in numerous matters, including a long-running battle with the IRS over the valuation of Jackson's name and likeness, and a copyright lawsuit against ABC/Disney. KWIKA managing partner Lawrence Iser recently spearheaded the firm's victorious effort on behalf of Mattel, brought against a writer who claimed ownership of the "Masters of the Universe" toy brand that paved the way for Sony's upcoming live-action "Masters of the Universe" film.

But one of the firm's greatest accomplishments of late was an effort led by Dale Kinsella - along with Chad Fitzgerald, Aaron Liskin and Nick Soltman - winning an enormous \$179 million award on behalf of the executive producer of the TV

series "Bones" in a profit participation battle with Twentieth Century Fox. While Fox - whose executives earned a sharp rebuke from the arbitrator for their actions - initially contested the result, the parties later settled with undisclosed terms reportedly favorable to KWIKA's clients.

Next year, Iser will lead a KWIKA team that includes partners Katherine Kleindienst and Kristen Spanier defending SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment at the trial of a consumer fraud action pending in the Northern District of California.

That's not the only main course on the firm's plate in 2020. In federal court in New York, firm partner Dale Kinsella and his team are poised to represent "Walking Dead" producer Frank Darabont and talent agency Creative Artists Agency

in the trial of another major profit participation case, this time against AMC Networks Inc., the highly successful show's distributor.

"2020 looks to be an exciting and eventful year for our firm, with a number of significant trials, including 'The Walking Dead,' Disney and SeaWorld cases," Iser told the Daily Journal.

While noting that in 2019 "we notched many great results for our clients," Iser said he was looking forward to what's in store at KWIKA.

"Our next generation of lawyers are achieving great results and numerous accolades, and originating their own business. We're proud of our firm and we're excited for the future," Iser said.

— Steven Crighton