

## She's No Name Dropper

Cristina Arguedas is mum about many of her clients, but word is, she helped on the Kobe Bryant case. See Bar Talk.

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### Shhhh...

Cristina Arguedas prefers to keep her clients' names out of the newspaper. If the famed partner from Emeryville's Arguedas, Cassman & Headley is involved, chances are the client has been accused of something bad. Or is famous. Or both.

#### In Camera

Over the years, Arguedas has developed a niche practice defending athletes. Probably most famously, she worked on O.J. Simpson's defense team, conducting a mock cross-examination of the Juice in preparation for his double-murder trial.

More recently, she was called in by Kobe Bryant's lawyers to perform a similar task, according to an article earlier this month in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Arguedas won't comment on that report, but she did discuss, generally, a little of what she's learned representing sports fig-

ures.

"They are all smart," she said. "You expect them to be athletically amazing, but you can tell it's also a mental thing."

She said she usually doesn't know much about the clients (or their sports) when she's first retained. But inevitably, she said, she becomes a fan.



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Over the years, Arguedas has represented several members of the Oakland Raiders, including kicker Sebastian Janikowski and former defensive tackle Darrell Russell. She has also represented former Golden State Warrior Gilbert Arenas and sprinter Tim Montgomery.

Whom else?

True to form, she'd only say, "other nameless people."

— Jeff Chorney

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