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## The Natural

*Diane Sullivan* isn't a hired gun; she's more like a hired bazooka. The Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP partner has repeatedly parachuted into high-stakes cases leading up to trial and secured victories. Last year she defended Philip Morris in a lawsuit brought by the city of St. Louis and a group of hospitals seeking damages for treating tobacco-related illnesses. After four months of trial, Philip Morris and the other tobacco defendants won a complete defense verdict. Sullivan also led Astra-Zeneca to victory in its first Seroquel product liability trial. Plaintiffs, watch out.