

# **Salon Not Liable for Alleged Damages**

Terence Carney (Senior Partner/Irvine Office) recently obtained a defense verdict in a hair salon case that took only 1½ days to try. The plaintiff alleged that she had suffered chemical facial burns with residual scarring as a result of the negligent application of a hair coloring product. She further claimed pain, embarrassment and humiliation over a three year period. On behalf of the defendant salon, Mr. Carney argued that the hair coloring was properly applied and that it is an accepted risk that when the hair coloring product comes in contact with the skin, it can on occasion cause some temporary irritation. He further argued that there was insufficient evidence to support a finding that any meaningful or significant injury was suffered.

After hearing from both the plaintiff and the salon owner, the jury returned with a defense verdict within 20 minutes.