

THE DEFENSE RESTS

... and eats ... and
entertains at a cozy
L.A. beach house.

Rhona Mitra, one of
the stars of the hit TV
drama *Boston Legal*,
holds court

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Some women just know how to make an entrance. Dressed in a comfy after-work outfit of loose beige pants, a big white cashmere sweater and Converse sneakers adorned with pictures of Bob Marley, Rhona Mitra breezes into her L.A. house after stopping at the market for some "basics": fresh orange juice, sushi and long-stemmed white roses. As she sets the bags down on the kitchen table her dogs come dashing in, toenails clattering on the terracotta tile floors. There's Dudley, a pert Wheaten terrier, and Oscar, a squat French bulldog. "Sheer entertainment—my own *Muppet Show*," Mitra says, beaming with delight as she pats Oscar. "And this one's such a French snob. If I say, 'Come here,' he'll turn his back and stick his bum out, as if to say, 'Me? You're talking to me?'"