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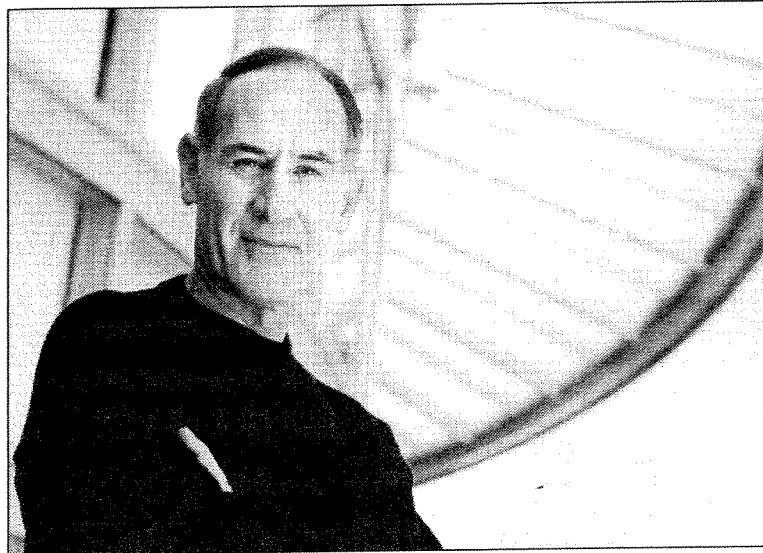
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Sonsini, Climan: Go-to guys for corporate governance

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In the eyes of the world, Larry Sonsini and Richard Climan are Silicon Valley's experts when it comes to corporate governance.

That's the take from "The International Who's Who of Corporate Governance Lawyers," published by the London-based Law Business Research Ltd.

That they're on the list is no surprise, since the pair typically end up on top 10 lists for corporate-related work.

The compilers survey industry and in-house peers to identify the experts in more than a dozen practice areas worldwide. They then sell the opus for \$600; individual lists of practice group experts go for \$110.

When it comes to who's who in the technology industry for the hottest corporate practice since Y2K, the directory dished up the same old standbys.

Sonsini, chairman of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and Climan, head of mergers and acquisitions at Cooley God-

ward, are regulars on the British popularity circuit.

But no one has yet covered the market for corporate governance. Climan and Sonsini's prominence might come as a shock to the likes of Morrison & Foerster and Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, both of which have created special strike units around the issue of corporate governance to keep clients informed.

Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, meanwhile, didn't fare too badly on the list of California experts considering the firm opened up in Menlo Park less than two years ago. John Edwards II, a partner in the firm's Menlo Park office, made the grade. Plus, his colleague, of counsel Richard Koppes in Los Angeles, is a bona fide corporate governance expert too.

The last Californians to land a coveted designation on the list as experts were based in Los Angeles. They were Simon Lorne, a Munger, Tolles & Olson partner, and Kenneth Heitz, the managing partner of Irell & Manella.

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