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Ahilan Arulanantham
American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California
Los Angeles

Arulanantham scored big wins in federal court this year. He successfully challenged the Department of Homeland Security's forced drugging of immigrants during efforts to deport foreign nationals. The Bush administration settled the case in January, agreeing to stop its policy and seek a federal court order before involuntarily sedating an immigrant. He also successfully argued before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that immigrants subject to prolonged detention must receive a bond hearing after a reasonable amount of time and was the lead attorney, along with the National Lawyers Guild, in a suit resulting in Homeland Security officials allowing immigrants to have an attorney present during interviews with officials.



Michael Attanasio
Cooley Godward Kronish
San Diego

As partner and chair of the firm's San Diego litigation practice, he reaped a big win in March. After two hung jury trials, Attanasio got a federal judge to drop criminal charges against his client, Daniel F. Stulac, a former Arthur Andersen accountant and partner, who worked on Perregrine Systems' financial statements while fraud was going on at the software company. Stulac had faced up to 30 years in prison, if convicted. Attanasio also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he teaches a course on white-collar and corporate crime. He recently completed a three-year term as a lawyer representative to the 9th U.S. Circuit Judicial Conference.



Kenneth W. Babcock
Public Law Center
Santa Ana

To many Orange County lawyers, doing pro bono work means the Public Law Center. To many of those same lawyers, the Public Law Center means Ken Babcock. As executive director, he has grown and professionalized the county's main public interest law office since he arrived eight years ago from Los Angeles counterpart Public Counsel. Since then, he's helped the center expand its activities in immigration, fair housing, impact litigation, human trafficking and the intersection of poverty, law and health. For the first time this July, the group's annual dinner, attracting public interest leaders from throughout Southern California, brought in more than \$500,000.

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Morgan Chu
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Los Angeles

A longtime courtroom giant known for his brilliant grasp of patent issues, intellectual property litigator Chu continued his run of heavy-hitting victories this year by winning one of the largest judgments in California to be affirmed on appeal. He persuaded the state Supreme Court in April to uphold a \$300 million compensatory damages award to his client, City of Hope National Medical Center, against Genentech Inc. over royalties due under a technology licensing agreement. And, in January, a federal appeals court affirmed a \$94 million judgment for his client, TiVo, in the digital media company's high-profile infringement suit against EchoStar Communications Corp. The damages stem from a 2006 jury finding that EchoStar illegally used the TiVo-invented feature, which allows users to scan through a television program while it is recording.



Richard Climan
Cooley Godward & Kronish
Palo Alto

As head of the firm's mergers and acquisitions practice, he manages one of the biggest Silicon Valley deal-making teams. In July, he helped steer beleaguered San Jose-based Brocade Communications through its \$3 billion acquisition of Santa Clara-based Foundry Networks. He also led pharma specialist Aspreva in its acquisition by Galencia for \$915 million in January. His negotiating skills have helped make the firm one of the most sought-after M&A shops in Silicon Valley. A frequent writer and lecturer on transactional-related topics, he also co-chairs the annual National Institute on Negotiating Business Acquisitions, presented by the ABA's Section of Business Law.

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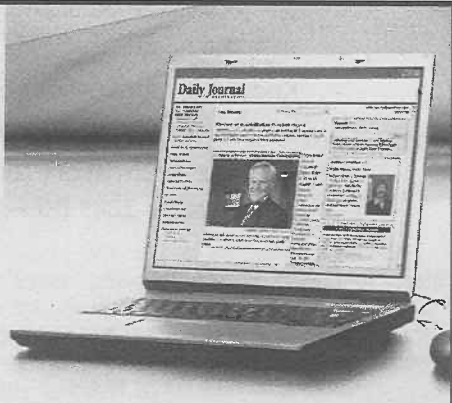
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Florence-Marie Cooper
Judge, U.S. District Court, Central District of California
Los Angeles

In nine years as a U.S. District Court judge, she has proved her independence time and again, in rulings involving everything from rap stars to marine mammals. In the latest volley in the ongoing saga over the Navy's use of sonar off the California coast, Cooper agreed with environmentalists that using the mid-frequency equipment would create a "near certainty" of harm to mammals and ordered limits on the Navy's use. The Bush administration, on behalf of the Navy, appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, claiming the order jeopardizes the Navy's ability to train sailors or Marines for wartime deployment. The justices voted in June to take up the case. The judge, who's spent 25 years on the state and federal bench, also signed off on a settlement this year that largely upholds local air-quality rules to cut diesel exhaust in the region.