

# The Leading Lawyers in America

**So, how is this list different, you ask?** Simple. The Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America is one-stop shopping for the legal consumer. A single guide to the best lawyer, in any given field, anywhere in the country. No flipping through multiple catalogs. No clicking on multiple Web sites. This is a service that should have been offered to clients long ago. Frankly, we were surprised it hadn't.

In our survey of what's out there, we found just about every roll call imaginable. There are Top-Tier Corporate Attack Dogs and The Shortlist of Most Coveted General Counsel, The Plaintiffs' Lawyers You Need If You've Been Injured and the Leading Latina Litigators. If we looked hard enough, we could surely find Louisiana Legal

# The Lawdragon 500

Eagles, Palm Springs Power Players, and Alabama A-Listers. Or, just for fun, how about The Shortlisted Super-Duper Lawyers with Swell Bank Accounts and Degrees from ABA-Accredited Law Schools!

After a combined 100 years writing about lawyers, we knew there was a better way.

In the next 50 pages you will find one comprehensive list of the country's leading lawyers, 500 in all.

Five hundred may seem like a large number, until you consider that there are more than 1.1 million attorneys in the United States.



The names you see here represent less than one tenth of 1 percent of the attorney population. Another 5,000 who were nominated for this list are featured on our Web site, lawdragon.com.

To compile this definitive list, we interviewed thousands of people: corporate attorneys, litigators, judges, in-house counsel, prosecutors, law school professors, pro-bono practitioners, law firm managers, and legal recruiters — to name just a few. Our calls and e-mails swept across the country, from the sunny shores of San Diego to Manhattan's skyscrapers. Attorneys and clients in both Washingtons — the power corridors of our nation's capital and the thriving northwest city of Seattle — heard from us, as did the sole practitioner in Grapevine, Texas, the civil rights lawyer in Boston and the employment lawyer in Athens, Georgia. We lit up the phone lines in Hawaii and Alaska, too.

We're proud to say there's not a state in this union where a lawyer hasn't asked, "What the heck is a lawdragon?"

We tallied more than 15,000 nominations to compile an all-inclusive list. Here, you will find no breakdowns based on niche. No breakdowns based on gender. And no lawyers who bought their way onto our list.

Nor did we reserve space solely for lawyers in swanky downtown high-rises, though many on our list are private practitioners. Still, you will find just as many lawyers whose unrivaled talents extend to the government, judiciary, academia, public interest and, yes, even law firm management (more on the managers later). Our only goal: hunt down the best legal talent the country had to offer.

In all, you will find lawyers in nearly 70 practice specialties. The practices run the gamut from public finance and securities enforcement to medical malpractice and criminal defense. Granted, there are some practices not represented on our list.

After tallying countless votes and reviewing our notes, it became abundantly clear that attorneys with global practices were outpacing the lemur's lawyer. This frankly didn't surprise us all that much.

Consider the wide-ranging impact New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's prosecution of

boardroom scallywags has had on corporate reform. Not to mention the intense nationwide debate over reporter shield laws created in the wake of U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation into the leak of CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity.

Which brings us to the law firm managers. A few highly valued sources pleaded that we not include management, arguing that supervising thousands of egos in far-flung offices is quite different from supervising a trial team preparing for a courtroom battle.

We don't disagree. Except that firm managers do have a profound impact on the way law is practiced. Take Frank Burch and Lee Miller of DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary. Their vision to unite three law firms to create a global organization with nearly 3,000 attorneys in 53 offices in 20 countries is breathtaking in scope (rivaling in hubris the firm's name). It remains to be seen if the firm's lawyers and clients will ultimately benefit from the grand experiment of creating a worldwide legal corporation. If DLA Piper does succeed, however, these attorneys will have revolutionized the practice of law. For that, their peers (sans the few vocal dissenters) felt the pair had earned a place among the leading 500.

Similarly, we were encouraged to not take the surf and turf route, mixing judges with practicing lawyers. The jury's still out on that one, and we welcome your input on our decision to include jurists with lesser mortals in our composite look at the leading legal minds in this country. (We will publish a separate issue, featuring the 500 leading public and private judges in America in July 2006.)

But we're not kidding ourselves. Our inaugural list is not for Jane consumer. As one of our leading family lawyers explained to us, he handles six cases a year, mostly of people who buy their Lear jets at the same spot he does. When we told him that next year, we'll expand to six issues, adding the Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers for Corporate America for the business crowd and the Leading Family Lawyers, which will help Aunt Mae, he began to get our drift.

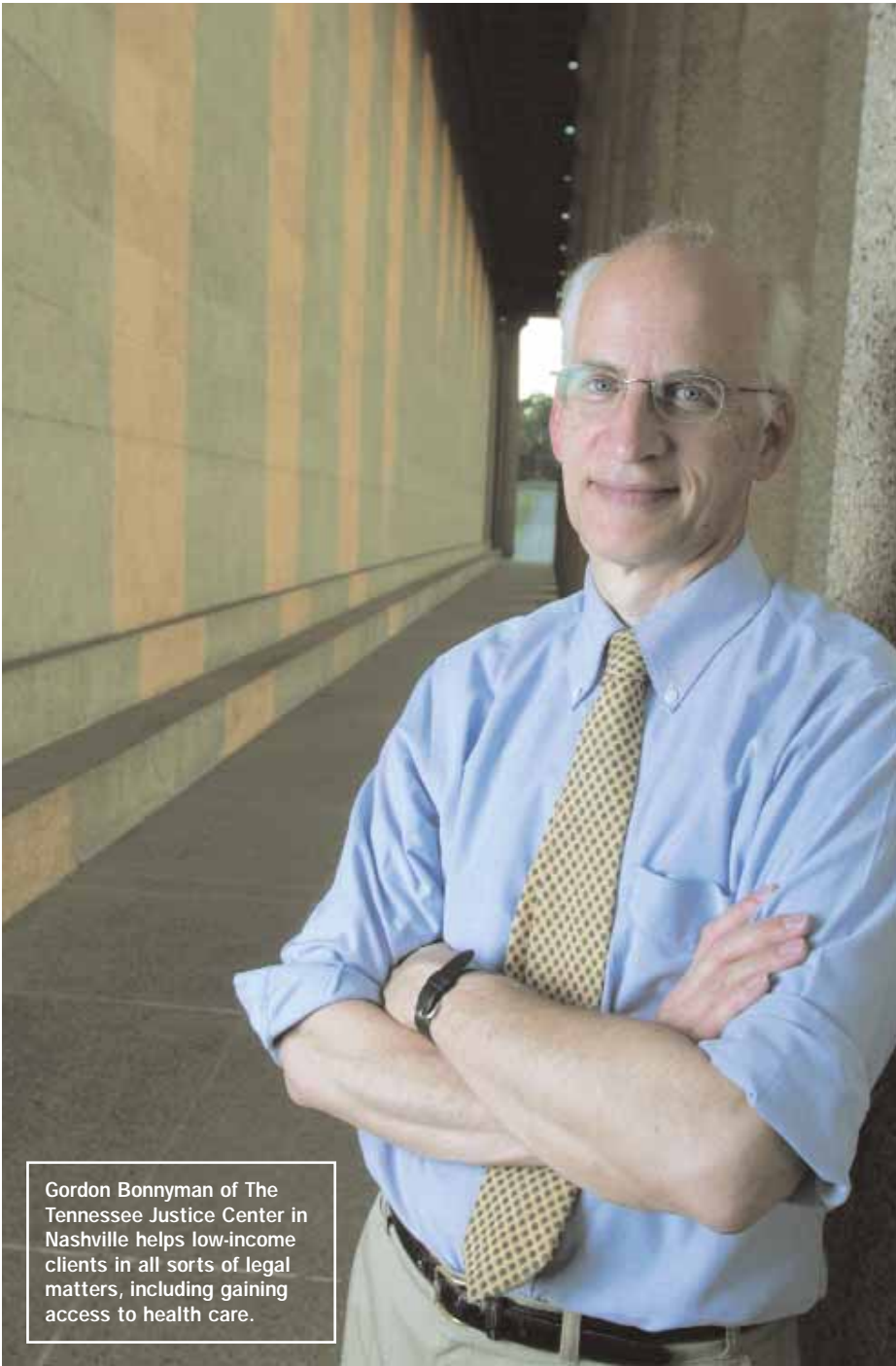
"Now that," he said, "that could help people."

That's the idea. ■

**Khaled Abou El Fadl** UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, California) A **timely expert** on Islamic law and human rights issues in the age of terrorism. **Michael Abourezk** Abourezk Law Firm (Rapid City, South Dakota) Turned a breast cancer patient into a **successful** class representative against an Omaha insurer. **Shirley Abrahamson** Wisconsin Supreme Court (Madison, Wisconsin) A **leader** among judges, this chief justice works to bring together federal, state and tribal courts. **Floyd Abrams** Cahill Gordon & Reindel (New York, New York) **Defining** First Amendment law from the Pentagon Papers to Judith Miller. **Mark Abramson** Abramson, Brown & Dugan (Manchester, New Hampshire) **Taking on** the Catholic Church and the University of New Hampshire for New England's injured. **Sanford Ain** Ain & Bank (Washington, D.C.) Couples untying the knot anywhere near the Beltway would be **wise** to seek him out. **Wylie Aitken** Aitken, Aitken & Cohn (Santa Ana, California) This Southern California trial lawyer's latest **target** is alleged unsafe conditions on Disneyland rides. **Gerald Aksen** Sole practitioner (New York, New York) The former Thelen Reid & Priest partner is the **busiest** international arbitrator around. **William Allen** New York University Center for Law and Business (New York, New York) An **unrivaled** expert in business law and corporate governance. **John Altenburg** Department of Defense (Washington, D.C.) His is the unenviable task of **overseeing** the first military tribunals in the U.S. since World War II.

**Eleanor Alter** Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman (New York, New York) When it comes to Big Apple family matters, she's on the **shortlist** of where to turn. **Cesar Alvarez** Greenberg Traurig (Miami, Florida) Novel approaches to recruiting young legal talent have this firm leader's stock on the **rise**. **Eugene Anderson** Anderson Kill & Olick (New York, New York) This former director of Citizens Against Unfair Insurance Practices is also a **top** counselor to policyholders. **M. Jean Anderson** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (Washington, D.C.) The former Commerce Department bigwig is a **go-to** litigator for high-profile trade proceedings. **Bruce Angiolillo** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) A **trusted** veteran with a particular skill in high-stakes commercial and securities litigation. **Dennis Archer** Dickinson Wright (Detroit, Michigan) The court picked this former Detroit mayor to **protect** Rosa Parks' interests against Sony BMG Entertainment and Outkast. **Cristina Arguedas** Arguedas, Cassman & Headley (Emeryville, California) Criminal defense **pro** tackles everything from murder cases to those of AOL, Enron and McKesson. **Robert Armitage** Eli Lilly and Co. (Indianapolis, Indiana) Patent reform is near and dear to this drug company lawyer and leading intellectual property **thinker**. **Kevin Arquit** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) He's known around the globe for his antitrust **pro prowess**. **Kim Askew** Hughes & Luce (Dallas, Texas) Enjoys defending **Fortune 100** companies so much she once passed on a federal judgeship.

**David Asmus** Baker & Botts (Houston, Texas) The well **never** runs dry for this oil and gas lawyer. **Peter Atkins** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) The nation's largest companies, including Time and Honeywell, turn to this M&A **master**. **Robert Atkinson** Department of Justice, appellate division (Salem, Oregon) With the nation divided over Terri Schiavo, he'll **defend**



Gordon Bonnyman of The Tennessee Justice Center in Nashville helps low-income clients in all sorts of legal matters, including gaining access to health care.

Photo: Alan Pabzner

Oregon's right to die. **Robert Baechtold** Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto (New York, New York) Drug companies nationwide **rely** on this litigator to protect their intellectual property rights. **William Baer** Arnold & Porter (Washington, D.C.) The former director of competition at the FTC is an antitrust **king** on multiple continents. **Robert Barnett** Williams & Connolly (Washington, D.C.) Trusted by major corporations, he's also the counselor D.C.'s **elites** — the Clintons, Woodward, Fleischer — call when they write a book. **Michael Barr** Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman (San Francisco, California) The environmental and land-use expert **smoothes** the way for clients with regulatory issues. **George Barrett** Barrett, Johnston & Parsley (Nashville, Tennessee) His med-mal expertise puts him in the **thick** of Tennessee's health care woes. **William Barringer** Willkie Farr & Gallagher (Washington, D.C.) This international trade **specialist** defends Japan and other nations in anti-dumping probes and trade negotiations. **Francis Barron** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) A **skilled** litigator who earns kudos for his work in high-stakes securities matters.

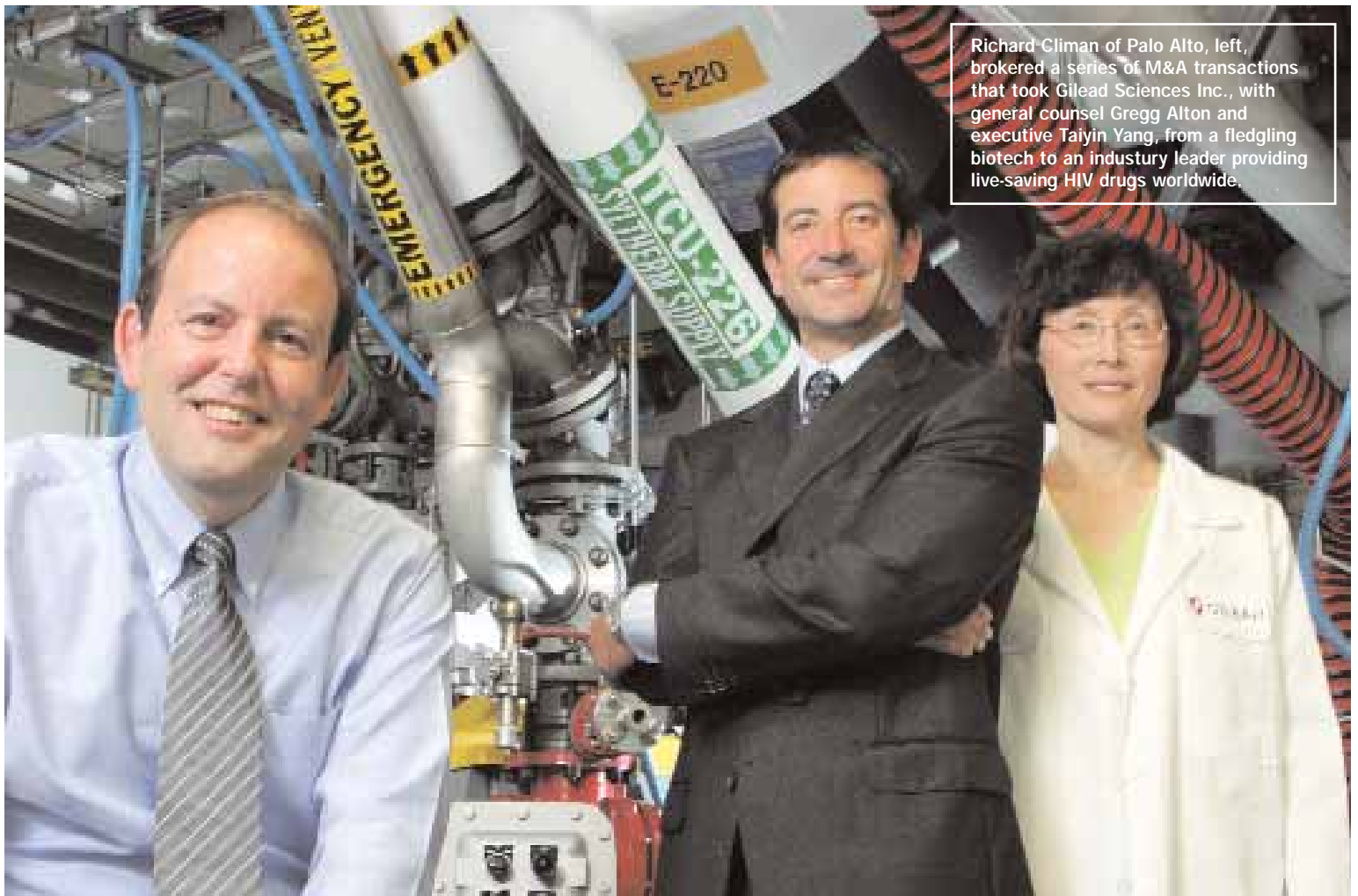
**Charlene Barshefsky** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) The former U.S. trade rep is a **legend** in international business deals and trade-agreement negotiations. **Fred Bartlit** Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott (Chicago, Illinois) Always in trial, he's repped Bayer, Dupont and GM, not to mention **winning** *Gore v. Bush* in 2000. **Hilarie Bass** Greenberg Traurig (Miami, Florida) From the government of Brazil to Hilton and Microsoft, clients call her for **big-ticket** litigation. **Robert Bauer** Perkins Coie (Washington, D.C.) The **favored** litigator for Democrats nationwide. **Ralph Baxter** Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (San Francisco, California) From his perch atop a San Francisco firm, he's earned accolades as a **visionary** leader. **Richard Beattie** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) This corporate **force** unites the nation's largest companies, like AOL and Time Warner. **Alan Beller** Securities and Exchange Commission (Washington, D.C.) Investors buy into this finance director's **campaign** for better disclosure of executive pay. **James Benedict** Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy (New York, New York) This

securities **hotshot** reps the best-known companies in America: MasterCard, Coca-Cola and Citigroup. **Robert Bennett** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Washington, D.C.) **Trusted** to keep high-profile politicians, like Bill Clinton, and troubled corporations, like Enron, out of court. **Max Berger** Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann (New York, New York) **Building** a firm that could make plaintiffs' groups say, "Lerach who?"



The Tennessee Justice Center stopped the state from forcing thousands of people receiving state medical care, including quadriplegic Marvin Berry, into nursing homes.

Photo: Alan Polzner



Richard Climan of Palo Alto, left, brokered a series of M&A transactions that took Gilead Sciences Inc., with general counsel Gregg Alton and executive Taiyin Yang, from a fledgling biotech to an industry leader providing live-saving HIV drugs worldwide.

Photo: Hugh Williams

**Martha Bergmark** Mississippi Center for Justice (Jackson, Mississippi) Fighting for racial and economic **equality** in poverty-stricken areas of the South. **Richard Berthelsen** NFL Players Association (Washington, D.C.) He'll quarterback the **players' interests** through negotiations for a contract extension with the NFL. **Michael Bidart** Shernoff Bidart & Darras (Claremont, California) Insurance companies **lose sleep** when he's on the other side in a trial. **Martin Bienenstock** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (New York, New York) Forms half of bankruptcy's unstoppable **dynamic duo**, with partner Marcia Goldstein. **Bruce Bilger** Vinson & Elkins (Houston, Texas) He's a **prized** resource for energy deals. **Sheila Birnbaum** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) Protecting business interests from **excessive** jury awards is the feather in this litigator's hat. **Roy Black** Black, Srebnick, Kornspan & Stumpf (Miami, Florida) Bridging a **successful** practice with TV stardom as leader of "The Law Firm." **Franci Blassberg** Debevoise & Plimpton (New York, New York) Private equity funds, like CD&R and Kelso & Co., **cash in** with "buy-out" Blassberg. **Kathleen Blatz** Minnesota Supreme Court (St. Paul, Minnesota) Novel approaches to children's issues **inspire** Minnesota's top judge. **Maxwell Blecher** Blecher & Collins (Los Angeles, California) The antitrust **giant** tears down the likes of Eastman Kodak and Johnson & Johnson.

**Alexander Blewett** Hoyt & Blewett (Great Falls, Montana) A **preeminent** plaintiffs' lawyer who tracks down the railroads and makes them pay. **Jake Bloom** Bloom Hergott Diemer Rosenthal & Laviolette (Beverly Hills, California) With clients like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jackie Chan, Bloom's got all the **action** at his office. **Andrew Bogen** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Los Angeles, California) Northrop Grumman and Boeing seek counsel from this left-coast corporate **consigliere**. **Paula Boggs** Starbucks Corp. (Seattle, Washington) Caffeinates her company's increased pro bono efforts as **top lawyer** for the coffee empire. **David Boies** Boies, Schiller & Flexner (New York, New York) America's **hottest** trial lawyer is breaching rougher waters these days. **Gordon Bonnyman** Tennessee Justice Center (Nashville, Tennessee) **Battling** for the poor amid Tennessee's health care troubles. **John Bostelman** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) The corporate governance and securities **expert** wrote the book: The Sarbanes-Oxley Deskbook. **Lon Bouknight** Edison International (Los Angeles, California) The \$33.5 billion energy company goes from client to employer with his move **in-house**. **John Bouma** Snell & Wilmer (Phoenix, Arizona) In the Southwest, names don't get bigger or more **respected** than this one. **John Bowman** Fulbright & Jaworski (Houston, Texas) He's the **first** call for energy companies with international disputes.

**John Branca** Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman & Cook (Los Angeles, California) This **legendary** lawyer's clients fill the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. **Stephen Breyer** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) **Pragmatic** jurist is a label often attached to the Clinton appointee. **Brad Brian** Munger, Tolles & Olson (Los Angeles, California) There's no **better** choice for West Coast execs who are in hot water. **Harry "Skip" Brittenham** Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman & Cook (Los Angeles, California) The Tinseltown fly fisher catches the hot clients and snags the **big deals**. **Bruce Broillet** Greene Broillet & Wheeler (Santa Monica, California) A **leading** voice of the West Coast plaintiffs' bar. **James Brosnahan** Morrison & Foerster (San Francisco, California) A beloved **master** of complicated civil and criminal cases best known for defending John Walker Lindh. **Donald Brown** Covington & Burling (San Francisco, California) **Takes on** insurers on behalf of blue chip companies like Exxon Mobil and Morgan Stanley. **Janice Rogers Brown** U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (Washington, D.C.) A liberal's worst nightmare: smart, black, female and **right-leaning** in most of her decisions. **David Buente** Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Washington, D.C.) On the **most-wanted** list for clients with environmental trouble. **Frank Burch** DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary (Baltimore, Maryland) He's put up DLA Piper flags all over the **world** in an ambitious plan to globalize the law.

Thomas Girardi of Los Angeles wins the biggest verdicts for victims of toxic contamination and faulty products.



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**Bobby Burchfield** McDermott Will & Emery (Washington, D.C.) When the GOP is in distress, this prominent litigator is the party's **knight** in shining armor. **Elizabeth Cabraser** Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein (San Francisco, California) From diet drugs to securities work, she's a **feared** opponent in the courtroom. **Plato Cacheris** Trout Cacheris (Washington, D.C.) When a D.C. **scandal** breaks — Watergate, Iran Contra, Monica Lewinsky — he is the Beltway lawyer to call. **Peter Canellos** Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (New York, New York) The tax **czar** for corporate movers and shakers. **Paul Cappuccio** Time Warner Inc. (New York, New York) Argued solo before the Supreme Court and **won** the right to keep cable lines from competition. **James Carter** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) In international disputes, he's on the **short list** for Microsoft, Exxon, Conde Nast and more. **George Cary** Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (Washington, D.C.) No longer with the FTC, he's now taking on the likes of Qualcomm in **antitrust** litigation. **David Case** Landye Bennett Blumstein (Anchorage, Alaska) An advocate for Alaskans throughout the **frontier**, he wrote the bible on Native Alaskan laws. **Frank Cervone** Support Center for Child Advocates (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) A staunch proponent for the legal and emotional **needs** of children. **William Chandler** Delaware Chancery Court (Wilmington, Delaware) His 180-page Disney opinion serves as a **treatise** for future boardroom conduct.

**James Cheek** Bass, Berry & Sims (Nashville, Tennessee) Tennessee's **titan** of corporate and securities law. **Erwin Chemerinsky** Duke University Law School (Durham, North Carolina) He is too nice to be this good, but the constitutional **scholar** is that good anyway. **Michael Chopiga** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) A **formidable** securities litigator who always has his hands on big cases. **Evan Chesler** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) Runs the firm's litigation practice and handles **high-stakes** cases for clients like IBM. **Mark Christiansen** Crowe & Dunlevy (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) Defender of oil and gas producers, he **stifles** royalties disputes and fights against class actions. **Morgan Chu** Irell & Manella (Los Angeles, California) With a national reputation and the court wins to back it up, he's **tops** in intellectual property. **Michael Ciresi** Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi (Minneapolis, Minnesota) From big tobacco to Ford, this **veteran** trial lawyer handles Minnesota's biggest cases. **Judy Clarke** Federal Defenders of San Diego Inc. (San Diego, California) Known for defending **notorious** capital cases like those of Susan Smith and the Unabomber. **Richard Clary** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) A securities-litigation star and another **redoubtable** member of Cravath's deep litigation team. **Edith Brown Clement** 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (New Orleans, Louisiana) Missed out on Supreme Court nod but could be **next in line** for an open seat.

Hollywood lawyer Juliette Youngblood helps make the hottest TV shows, like "Survivor" and "The Apprentice" a reality. Her newest hit show is "California Heaven."



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The cast of "California Heaven," from left to right, is Jacqueline Bradley, Will Stanfill, Ashley Keene, Bruce Blaver, Kali Cook and Bram Hoover.

**Paul Clement** Solicitor General (Washington, D.C.) Arguing the **government's** position on cases from abortion and right to die to military recruiting. **Robert Clifford** Clifford Law Offices (Chicago, Illinois) For plaintiffs, he's the **master** of aviation crash litigation. **Richard Climan** Cooley Godward (Palo Alto, California) This M&A **superstar's** stellar reputation extends far beyond Silicon Valley to the global stage. **Jerome Coben** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Los Angeles, California) The dealmaker proved once and for all that a New York firm can build a **powerhouse** in the Golden State. **John Coffee** Columbia Law School (New York, New York) An **oft-quoted** expert on corporate fraud. **John "Sean" Coffey** Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann (New York, New York) The securities hotshot **handled** most of the trial work in the WorldCom litigation. **John Cogan** Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (Houston, Texas) To explore and export hydrocarbons worldwide, he's the person you need to **know**. **H. Rodgin Cohen** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) The nation's largest financial institutions **bank** on this Clearing House counsel. **David Cole** Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C.) A talented writer and **go-to** authority on constitutional issues and crises in civil liberties. **Thomas Cole** Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Chicago, Illinois) Doing **double time** as firm chairman and M&A maven.

**Roxanne Conlin** Roxanne B. Conlin & Associates (Des Moines, Iowa) A **trailblazer** as a woman lawyer, she's no slouch at trial either. **Lloyd Constantine** Constantine Cannon (New York, New York) This antitrust **pro** netted \$3 billion from MasterCard and Visa for forcing companies to accept their debit cards. **John Cooney** Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk (Albuquerque, New Mexico) Amoco, Conoco and Marathon Oil call on this trial attorney for courtroom **conquests**. **Robert Cooper** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Los Angeles, California) Quiet but **deadly** litigator for American Airlines and other tough-ass folk. **Joseph Cotchett** Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy (Burlingame, California) When he speaks for shareholders and other aggrieved parties, America **listens**. **Patrick Coughlin** Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins (San Francisco, California) A courtroom **master** among securities plaintiffs' bar. **Steven Cozen** Cozen & O'Connor (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) The name partner is one of Philly's most prominent and **powerful** trial attorneys. **John Cruden** Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division (Washington, D.C.) From the Exxon Valdez to the capital's sewer overflow, he has **handled** it all. **Daniel Cullan** Law Firm of Daniel Cullan (Omaha, Nebraska) This M.D. has the **edge** when filing medical malpractice lawsuits. **Richard Cullen** MaguireWoods (Richmond, Virginia) The head of his firm's white-collar practice, he reps **corporations** in investigations and litigation.

**Richard Cunningham** Steptoe & Johnson (Washington, D.C.) The **anchor** of one of the most respected and talented international trade groups anywhere. **Jon Davidson** LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund (New York, New York) When same-sex couples nationwide can say "I do," he'll be among those to **thank**. **Mark Davis** Davis Levin Livingston Grande (Honolulu, Hawaii) In medical malpractice and personal injury suits, nobody **cleans house** on the islands like him. **Roger Davis** Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (San Francisco, California) The West Coast **dean** of municipal finance. **Morris Dees** Southern Poverty Law Center (Montgomery, Alabama) The **hero** in the battle against racism and the white supremacists who promote it. **Walter Dellinger** O'Melveny & Myers (Washington, D.C.) The legal scholar, appellate **guru** and former solicitor general represents domestic diva Martha Stewart. **Thomas Demetrio** Corboy & Demetrio (Chicago, Illinois) In the windy city, he's the name for **everything** from medical malpractice claims to aviation disasters. **Paul DeMuro** Latham & Watkins (Los Angeles, California) A big name in healthcare, he uses his financial **expertise** to steer clients through some of the largest transactions in the field. **Robert Denham** Munger, Tolles & Olson (Los Angeles, California) The former Salomon chair has the **ear** of Warren Buffett. **Brackett Denniston** General Electric Co. (Fairfield, Connecticut) As head of the massive legal department, Denniston keeps the corporate giant **nimble**.

Nina Matis, who splits her time between New York and Chicago, brokers empire-sized commercial real estate deals nationwide.



**Gandolfo DiBlasi** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) Financial services companies and executives call on him when they get into **hot water**. **Q.**

**Todd Dickinson** General Electric Co. (Fairfield, Connecticut) The former PTO director **protects** GE's intellectual property from corporate raiders.

**Howard Dickstein** Dickstein & Zerbi (Sacramento, California) In a **hotbed** of Indian gaming activity, Native American tribes turn to him. **Robert**

**Divine** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Washington, D.C.) The government's leading lawyer on immigration matters earns the **respect** of private lawyers. **Donald**

**Donovan** Debevoise & Plimpton (New York, New York) His arguments **spared** 51

Mexican nationals from death sentences. **Frank Dunham** Federal Public Defender (Alexandria, Virginia) Proving that our **rights** are only valuable when applied to those accused of the worst crimes. **Donald Dunner** Finnegan Henderson Farabow

Garrett & Dunner (Washington, D.C.) He's the **gold standard** in patent litigation. **John Echohawk** Native American Rights Fund (Boulder, Colorado) This Pawnee has **dedicated** his entire career to preserving the rights of Native Americans.

**Marian Wright Edelman** Children's Defense Fund (Washington, D.C.) The civil rights **trailblazer** fights the good fight for children's health, welfare and education. **Miguel Estrada** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Washington, D.C.) Brushed

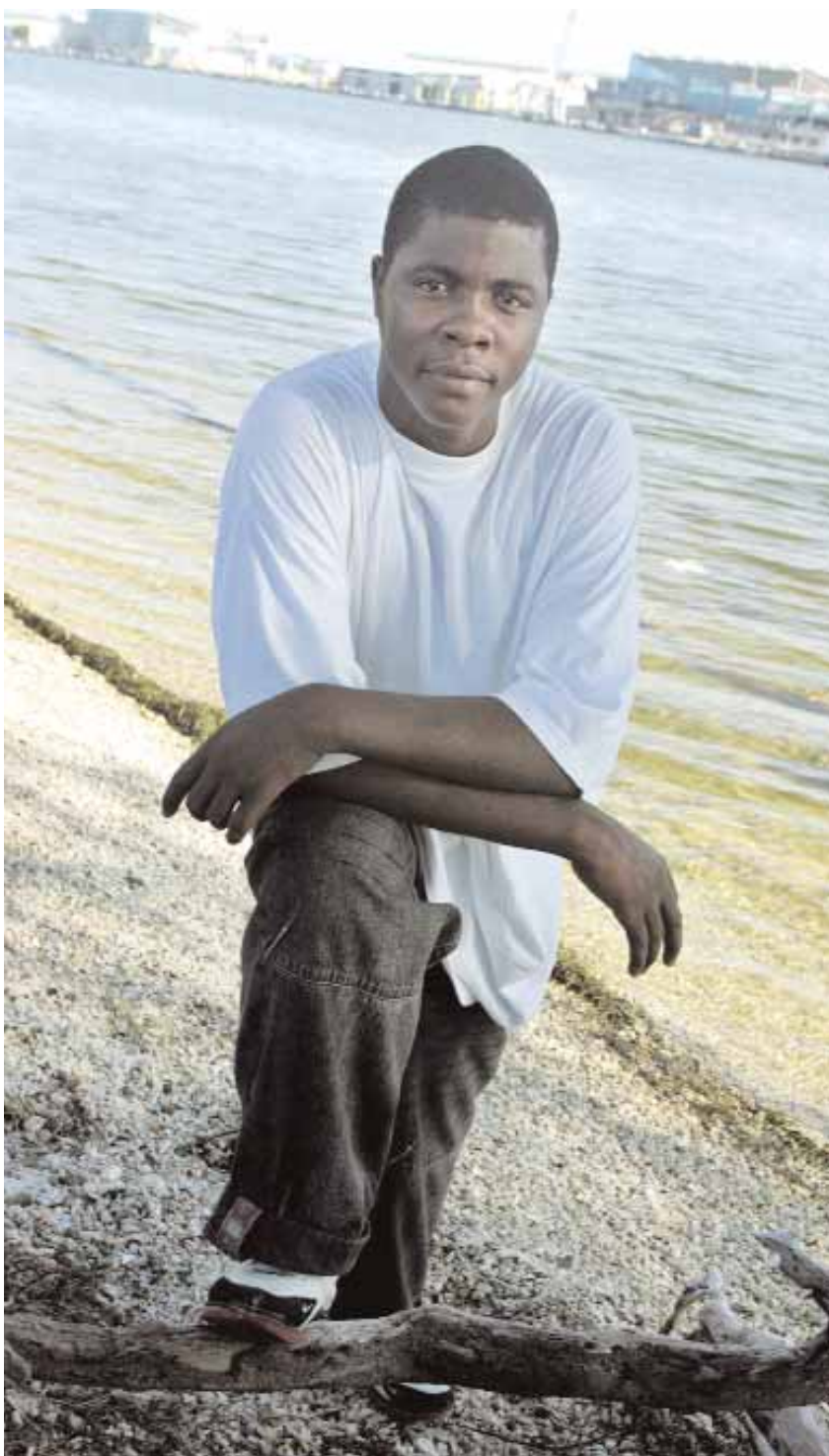
back in his pursuit of the judiciary, but keep your eye on this **connected** litigator.



Florida's Cheryl Little fights for Haitian immigrants like Erns Joseph, pictured on the opposite page, for whom she obtained legal residence in July.

Photo: Pedro Portal

**Robert Faiss** Lionel Sawyer & Collins (Las Vegas, Nevada) If you love poolside **gambling** or salons in your Vegas casino, he's the man to thank. **David Farmelo** Hodgson Russ / National Council of School Attorneys (New York, New York) The education law **power** also helps schools muscle through labor issues. **Samuel L. Feder** Federal Communications Commission (Washington, D.C.) The general counsel of this powerful government agency is **tuned in** to television and radio matters. **Donald Fehr** MLB Players Association (New York, New York) Clients' positive steroids tests and tantrums kept the lawyer for MLB players **busy** this season. **Kenneth Feinberg** The Feinberg Group (Washington, D.C.) Ditched personal practice to provide **free arbitration** in 9/11 compensation cases. **Noah Feldman** New York University School of Law (New York, New York)



Former advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, he boasts legal **mastery** in religion and politics. **Ralph Ferrara** LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae (Washington, D.C.) Corporate America **hires** this securities lawyer when the SEC comes a-knockin'. **Bert Fields** Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman Machtinger & Kinsella (Los Angeles, California) Tinseltown's **reigning** godfather. **Samuel Fischer** Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman & Cook (Los Angeles, California) His clients are **heavy-hitters** in film and television. **Robert Fiske** Davis Polk & Wardwell (New York, New York) The **Renaissance man** defended the NFL against antitrust claims and defeated a hefty verdict against Suzuki.

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**Patrick Fitzgerald** U.S. Attorney's Office (Chicago, Illinois) The **zealous** prosecutor is taking on the Bush White House and The New York Times. **Joseph Flom** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) Skadden's first associate established the firm's long-running **dominance** in M&A. **Edward Foley** Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio) The election-law **expert** is busy on campaign finance reform. **Russell Frackman** Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (Los Angeles, California) The recording industry sings the **praises** of its top trial lawyer. **Tamar Frankel** Boston University School of Law (Boston, Massachusetts) The legal **master** of U.S. money management. **John Frankenheimer** Loeb & Loeb (Los Angeles, California) He has an **ensemble cast** of music, film and television clients. **Kenneth Frazier** Merck & Co. (Whitehouse Station, New Jersey) After a \$253 million verdict, the drug maker's general counsel was forced to rethink the company's no-settlement **strategy** in Vioxx cases. **Andrew Frey** Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw (New York, New York) Excessive punitives take a hit from this appellate **heavyweight**. **Mark Friedlander** Schiff Hardin (Chicago, Illinois) **Revolutionizing** construction law by changing the relationship between contractors and architects. **Richard Friedman** Friedman, Rubin & White (Bremerton, Washington) A nightmare for insurance companies, he **racks up** big verdicts.



Bobby Burchfield of Washington, D.C., is the GOP's trial lawyer of choice.

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**Isabella Fu** Microsoft Corp. (Redmond, Washington) The litigation manager changed the tune at the world's largest tech company from arrogance to **assertion**. **Howard Ganz** Proskauer Rose (New York, New York) He's a **savvy** advocate for the major sports leagues in the trickiest of labor controversies. **Theodore Garrett** Covington & Burling (Washington, D.C.) He gets **top marks** for environmental work. **Willie Gary** Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis, McManus, Watson & Sperando (Stuart, Florida) Cases — and **big verdicts** — against Disney, The Orlando Sentinel, and police departments dot his resume. **Ronald George** California Supreme Court (San Francisco, California) Building true separation of powers and a **strong** third branch atop the nation's largest state court. **Michael Gerrard** Arnold & Porter (New York, New York) This environmental expert and head of his firm's practice wins praise for his **knowledge** of the law. **Scott Gilbert** Gilbert Heintz & Randolph (Washington, D.C.) With the Wellington Agreement, he drafted the largest insurance settlement in U.S. **history**. **Hal Gillespie** Gillespie, Rozen, Watsky, Motley & Jones (Dallas, Texas) The "Rattlesnake" doesn't let anything slip by when it comes to employees' **rights**. **Benjamin Ginsberg** Patton Boggs (Washington, D.C.) Bush's former **lead** campaign lawyer also advised the Swift Boat Veterans. **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) If all goes according to plan, she will be the lone woman on the high court, a staunch **liberal** amid a growing conservative bloc.

**Thomas Girardi** Girardi & Keese (Los Angeles, California) The **leading** trial lawyer in America today — in court and behind the scenes. **Paul Glad** Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal (San Francisco, California) This **leading** insurance lawyer cleans up for the likes of AIG in environmental contamination cases. **Patricia Glaser** Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil & Shapiro (Los Angeles, California) This **tough-as-nails** litigator takes on the biggest of business disputes. **Michael Glazer** Goodwin Procter (Boston, Massachusetts) The **go-to** player for institutional investors and lenders for real estate investments in New England and beyond. **Mary Ann Glendon** Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts) An **influential** thinker on comparative law and human rights, she's on Bush's bioethics panel. **Donald Goldberg** Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) The white-collar **savior** of corporate behemoths and individuals alike. **Fred Goldberg** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Washington, D.C.) Got a **tricky** tax problem? Call this former IRS Commissioner. **Patti Goldman** Earthjustice (Seattle, Washington) **Saving** the Northwest from enemies of the environment. **Marcia Goldstein** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (New York, New York) An undisputed heavyweight **champion** of corporate workouts like that of MCI. **R. Kinnan Golemon** Brown McCarroll (Austin, Texas) Texas Chemical Council's top lawyer is a **potent** element.



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Jennifer Hernandez of San Francisco has helped turn brownfields to green with her environmental practice, including in Hercules, Calif., pictured on the opposite page.



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**Alberto Gonzales** U.S. Attorney General (Washington, D.C.) Remains **beloved** by the Bushies, though ethically implicated in endorsing abuse of prisoners. **David Gordon** Latham & Watkins (New York, New York) With partner William Vogue, he has built Latham into a project finance **superpower**. **Jamie Gorelick** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) A member of the 9/11 Commission, she is at the **heart** of national security issues. **Kevin Gover** Arizona State University College of Law (Tempe, Arizona) The Pawnee Tribe member is the **authority** on Indian tribal law. **Cathy Green** Green & Utter (Manchester, New Hampshire) From the Dartmouth murders to a rape fantasy defense, she defends New England's **notorious** cases. **Jonathan Green** Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy (New York, New York) He has built a **leading** project finance practice. **Browne Greene** Greene Broillet & Wheeler (Santa Monica, California) Fighting on after years of **defining** plaintiffs' practice in California. **Edward Greene** Citigroup Inc. (New York, New York) The **legal eagle** leading the charge for the world's largest financial services firm. **Robert Grey** Hunton & Williams (Richmond, Virginia) Past president of the 400,000-member ABA, he reinvigorated the **world's** largest professional organization. **Paul Grossman** Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (Los Angeles, California) The reigning **king** of employment defense.

**Jesse B. Grove III** Thelen Reid & Priest (New York, New York)

Welcome to the **preeminent** construction practice that this trial lawyer built.

**Allen Grubman** Grubman & Indursky (New York, New York) The music lawyer is almost as **famous** as clients Madonna and Sir Elton. **Dan**

**Grunfeld** Public Counsel (Los Angeles, California) While running the nation's largest **pro bono** law firm, he's exporting equal justice to countries in need of

it. **Lucas Guttentag** ACLU of New York (New York, New York)

When immigrants' **rights** are trampled, Guttentag and the ACLU are there.

**Robert Habush** Habush Habush & Rottier (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) His

work at the state high court this year **upheld** his Miller Park verdict —

Wisconsin's largest at \$99 million. **David Hackett** Baker & McKenzie

(Chicago, Illinois) He's got the global **perspective** on environmental work.

**Thomas Hansen** Hansen Jacobson Teller Hoberman Newman

Warren & Richman (Beverly Hills, California) Hollywood has a **passion** for Mel

Gibson's lawyer. **Elizabeth Hardy** Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy &

Pelton (Birmingham, Michigan) **Overturing** a \$21 million verdict is just one

reason the likes of Ford and DaimlerChrysler call her. **David Hartquist**

Collier Shannon Scott (Washington, D.C.) This **influential** trade lawyer spear-

headed the fight to revalue China's currency. **Michael Hausfeld**

Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll (Washington, D.C.) An antitrust wiz who also earns

compensation for race- and sex-bias victims and Holocaust **survivors**.



Jon Davidson in New York fights for gay rights on all fronts, including the battle for same-sex marriage.

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**David Hawkins** Natural Resources Defense Council (Washington, D.C.) Leading the **fight** against global warming.

**David Hayes** Latham & Watkins (Washington, D.C.) This former Deputy Secretary of the Interior is a **tall tree** in the environmental bar.

**William Haynes** Department of Defense (Washington, D.C.) President Bush has **nominated** the Pentagon's general counsel for a federal appeals court seat.

**Nan Heald** Pine Tree Legal Assistance (Augusta, Maine) From cutting-edge health care reform to basic housing needs, she helps Maine's most **needy**.

**Kris Heinzelman** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) Another **key player** fielded by Cravath in the capital markets.

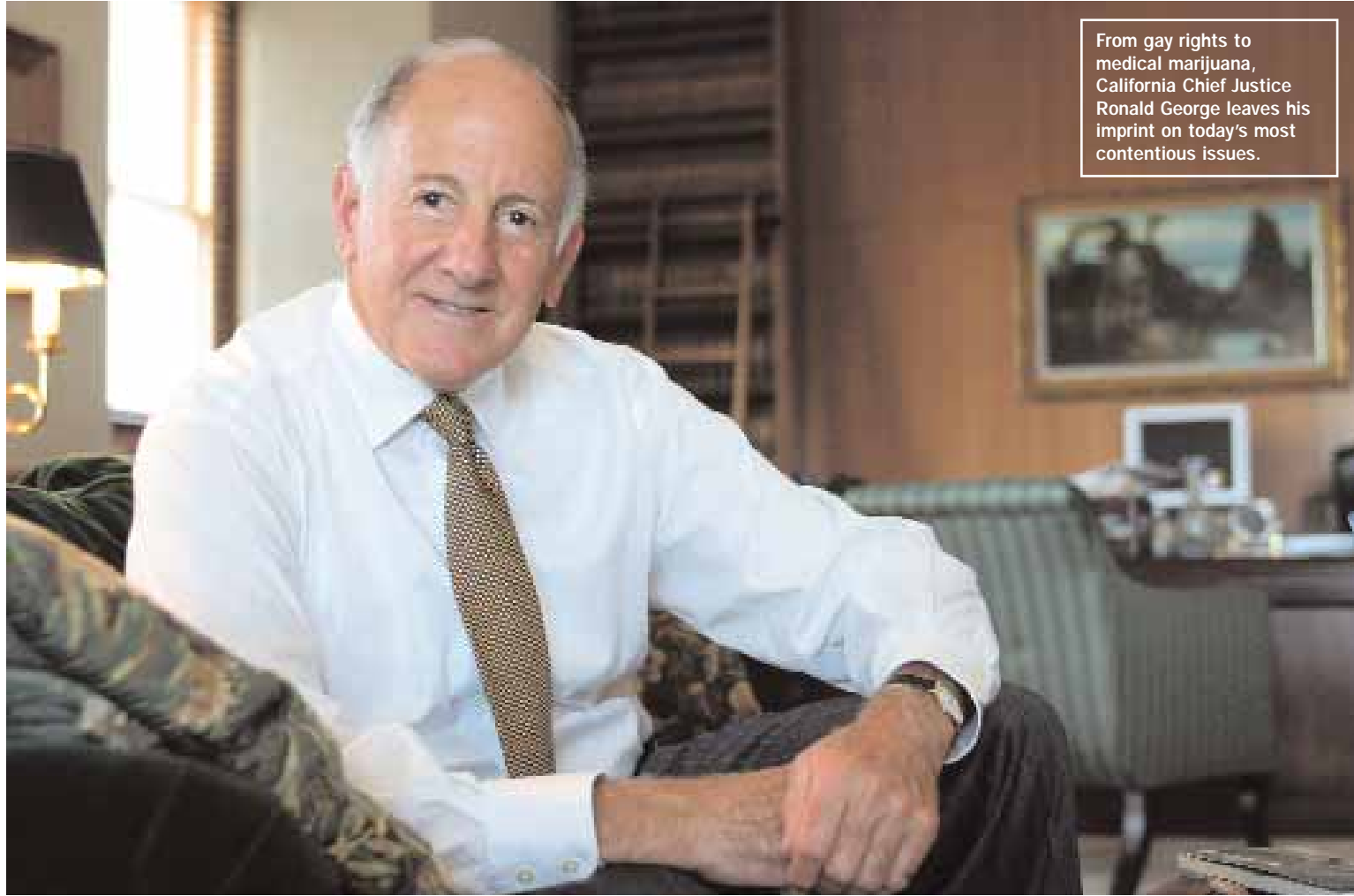
**Thelton Henderson** U.S. District Court, Northern District of California (San Francisco, California) The federal judge's next assignment is one few would tackle: **policing** California's prisons.

**David Hendrick** Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Flatt (Atlanta, Georgia) The biggest name in the birthplace of construction law should be on anyone's **shortlist**.

**Russ Herman** Herman, Herman, Katz & Cotlar (New Orleans, Louisiana) A big name, taking on big tobacco with much **success**.

**Lynne Hermle** Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (Menlo Park, California) The employment pro has defended Blockbuster, The Gap and others in **high-stakes** class actions.

**Jennifer Hernandez** Holland & Knight (San Francisco, California) This environmental lawyer turns brownfields to **green**.



From gay rights to medical marijuana, California Chief Justice Ronald George leaves his imprint on today's most contentious issues.

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**Kenneth Hertz** Goldring Hertz & Lichtenstein (Beverly Hills, California) Will Smith and other artists place this lawyer on music's **most-requested** list. **Jonathan Hiatt** AFL-CIO (Washington, D.C.) This top union counsel's **mettle** will be tested by this summer's highly charged defections. **William Hirschberg** Shearman & Sterling (New York, New York) The financing **wiz** for Fortune 500 companies. **Gary Horlick** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) With Charlene Barshefsky, delivers the one-two punch of Wilmer's **knockout** international trade practice. **L. Francis Huck** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) A **superpower** in syndicated commercial lending. **Daniel Jaffe** Jaffe & Clemens (Beverly Hills, California) The road to splitsville leads Hollywood couples to this **top-tier** divorce lawyer. **Joseph Jamail** Jamail & Kolius (Houston, Texas) Long the nation's most prominent trial lawyer, the **octogenarian** still carries a full load of cases. **Charles James** Chevron Corp. (San Ramon, California) The oil company's top lawyer has had his **hands full** with the Unocal merger. **Jesse Jenner** Ropes & Gray (New York, New York) Thanks to him and Herb Schwartz, no firm has a better **winning** formula for patent litigation. **Charles Johnson** General Motors Corp. (Detroit, Michigan) Handling GM's legal affairs for North America, he also wins accolades for promoting **diversity**.

**Dixie Johnson** Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (Washington, D.C.) This securities specialist **counsels** the New York Stock Exchange and major investment banks. **Edith Jones** 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (New Orleans, Louisiana) A media **favorite** to take the next open seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. **Laura Davis Jones** Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Jones & Weintraub (Wilmington, Delaware) For corporate insolvencies, she reigns over a Delaware **dynasty**. **Russell Jones** Harris, Martin, Jones, Shrum, Bradford & Wommack (Nashville, Tennessee) The Music Row lawyer keeps the country music scene **humming**. **Martha Jordan** Latham & Watkins (Los Angeles, California) If you know what a REIT is, you probably know she handles the **biggest**. **Vernon Jordan** Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (Washington, D.C.) These days, the ultimate Clinton **insider** advises clients on corporate, legislative and international matters. **Stephen Juelsgaard** Genentech Inc. (South San Francisco, California) This general counsel helps the blockbuster biotech company find **cures** for cancer and other ills. **Gerald Kafka** Latham & Watkins (Washington, D.C.) The **favored** fighter for the tax troubled. **Peter Kalis** Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) He **champions** the cause of policyholders in environmental disasters. **Harvey Kaplan** Shook, Hardy & Bacon (Kansas City, Missouri) A nationally known **defender** of pharmaceutical and medical device companies.

**Brad Karp** Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (New York, New York) The respected litigator will be a **major player** in the securities arena for many years to come. **David Katz** Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (New York, New York) Corporations like AT&T have his **high-end** M&A boutique on speed dial. **Joel Katz** Greenberg Traurig (Atlanta, Georgia) This music industry **stalwart** hits all the right notes. **Judith Kaye** New York State Unified Court System (New York, New York) The revered chief justice is **reforming** the courts to better serve women and children. **John Kecker** Kecker & Van Nest (San Francisco, California) This litigator **does it all**: from criminal defense a la Frank Quattrone to patent wins Genentech-style. **Stanley Keller** Palmer & Dodge (Boston, Massachusetts) A highly **respected** leader in shaping Sarbanes-Oxley regulations. **David Kendall** Williams & Connolly (Washington, D.C.) For Beltway litigation, he's **the guy** for the Clintons, Orioles, AOL and others. **Richard Kendall** Irell & Manella (Los Angeles, California) **Courtroom** counsel to clients big and small, from media giant Viacom to embattled photographers. **Anthony Kennedy** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) Known for forming unlikely coalitions, he tends to vote **unpredictably**. **Jeffrey Kessler** Dewey Ballantine (New York, New York) The **perennial star** puts his collective-bargaining and antitrust expertise to work for major players unions.

**B. Robbins Kiessling** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) Simply the **best** lawyer in the banking industry. **William Kilberg** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Washington, D.C.) With clients like UPS and Delta Airlines, he's the labor lawyer of **choice** for corporate America. **H. Ronald Klasko** Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) National and multinational companies **rely on** him for immigration matters. **Kenneth Klee** Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern / UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, California) The man wrote the **modern** bankruptcy laws. Need we say more? **Deborah Klein** Barnes Morris Klein Mark Yorn Barnes & Levine (Santa Monica, California) This counselor to the **stars** gets top billing. **Tom Kline** Kline & Specter (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) His wins for clients with catastrophic injuries run the **gamut** from medical malpractice to fires. **Harold Hongju Koh** Yale Law School (New Haven, Connecticut) The longtime-professor-turned-dean has kept Yale at the **top spot** among law schools. **Victor Kovner** Davis Wright Tremaine (New York, New York) There's not a newspaper in **all** of New York City that doesn't have him in its Rolodex. **Alex Kozinski** 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (San Francisco, California) The conservative **straight shooter** is one of the country's most provocative and influential jurists. **Kenneth Kraus** Loeb & Loeb (Nashville, Tennessee) One-stop legal shopping for Nashville's musical **players**.



Global corporations seek the protection of Los Angeles' Brad Brian in the most sensitive of federal investigations.

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Washington, D.C., has an abundance of top-notch appellate lawyers, with Miguel Estrada on the shortlist.

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**Robert Krupka** Kirkland & Ellis (Los Angeles, California) From Honeywell to individual inventors, few IP litigators can match his winning **track record**. **Ira Kurzban** Kurzban, Kurzban, Weinger & Tetzeli (Miami, Florida) Wrote the **definitive** book on immigration and reps everyone from individuals to foreign governments. **Walter Lack** Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack (Los Angeles, California) Always cleaning up in the biggest toxic tort cases, he's also a **star litigator** for aviation crashes. **Catherine Lamboley** Shell Oil Co. (Houston, Texas) Shell's top counsel pumps **diversity** into the energy giant's outside legal departments. **Phillip Lear** Lear & Lear (Salt Lake City, Utah) To **access** and drill oil, gas and minerals, he's your guy. **Mark Leddy** Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (Washington, D.C.) Like the cell phone company he represents, Leddy has **global reach**. **Bill Lann Lee** Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein (San Francisco, California) The Fed's former top civil rights **crusader** now fights abuses in the private sector. **David Lee** Lee & Levine (Boston, Massachusetts) In all of New England, you'll be hard-pressed to find a **better** family lawyer. **William Lee** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Boston, Massachusetts) Bean Town's best and **brightest** intellectual property litigator. **L. Poe Leggette** Fulbright & Jaworski (Washington, D.C.) Onshore or off, on federal or native lands, he's the guy companies **turn to** for oil and energy issues.

**David Leitch** Ford Motor Co. (Dearborn, Michigan) Ford **convinced** the former White House lawyer to trade the war on terror for life in the private sector. **Mark Lemley** Stanford Law School / Keker & Van Nest (Stanford, California) The likes of Genentech, Google and Intel rely on his intellectual property and antitrust **expertise**. **William Lerach** Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins (San Diego, California) Accusations of wrongdoing haven't diminished his **accomplishments** for shareholders nationwide. **Lawrence Lessig** Stanford Law School (Stanford, California) Where Constitutional and intellectual property issues meet, you'll likely find this leading **academic**. **Andrew Levander** Dechert (New York, New York) Mr. Bow Tie's spectacular defense of Adelphia executive Michael Rigas earned him high **praise**. **Jack Levin** Kirkland & Ellis (Chicago, Illinois) The **grand pooh-bah** of private equity. **Jerome Levine** Holland & Knight (Los Angeles, California) Tribes and their casinos hit it big with this **prominent** Indian law expert. **Lee Levine** Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz (Washington, D.C.) The Associated Press and 60 Minutes are among the media outlets who hire this First Amendment **defender**. **Gregg Levy** Covington & Burling (Washington, D.C.) This litigation and antitrust specialist is the **chief** outside counsel relied upon by the NFL. **Seth Lichtenstein** Goldring Hertz & Lichtenstein (Beverly Hills, California) He **rocks** the house for his music clients.

**Robert Lighthizer** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Washington, D.C.) A **fierce** international trade lawyer with an affinity for the political side of the practice. **Laura Lindley** Bjork Lindley Little (Denver, Colorado) The Rocky Mountain **expert** for oil and gas lease appeals. **Thomas Lindley** Perkins Coie (Portland, Oregon) **Guiding** Oregon clients through the rocky terrain of environmental law. **Martin Lipton** Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (New York, New York) The poison pill creator still **dominates** the M&A landscape two decades later. **Linda Listrom** Jenner & Block (Chicago, Illinois) Defense industry giant General Dynamics calls on her to **beat back** competitors. **Cheryl Little** Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (Miami, Florida) Continuing to **fight** for asylum for Haitians and other immigrants in a time of tightening borders. **Judith Livingston** Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore (New York, New York) The first woman to earn a place in the Inner Circle of Advocates has the **trial skills** to back it up. **Paul Luvera** Luvera Law Firm (Seattle, Washington) The **dean** of the plaintiffs' bar for all the Northwest. **Gary Lynch** Morgan Stanley (New York, New York) The former SEC officer brings his legal **expertise** to one of the world's top investment banks. **Pamela Mackey** Haddon, Morgan, Mueller, Jordan, Mackey & Foreman (Denver, Colorado) Successful navigation of Kobe Bryant's case thrust this **top-notch** lawyer into the spotlight.

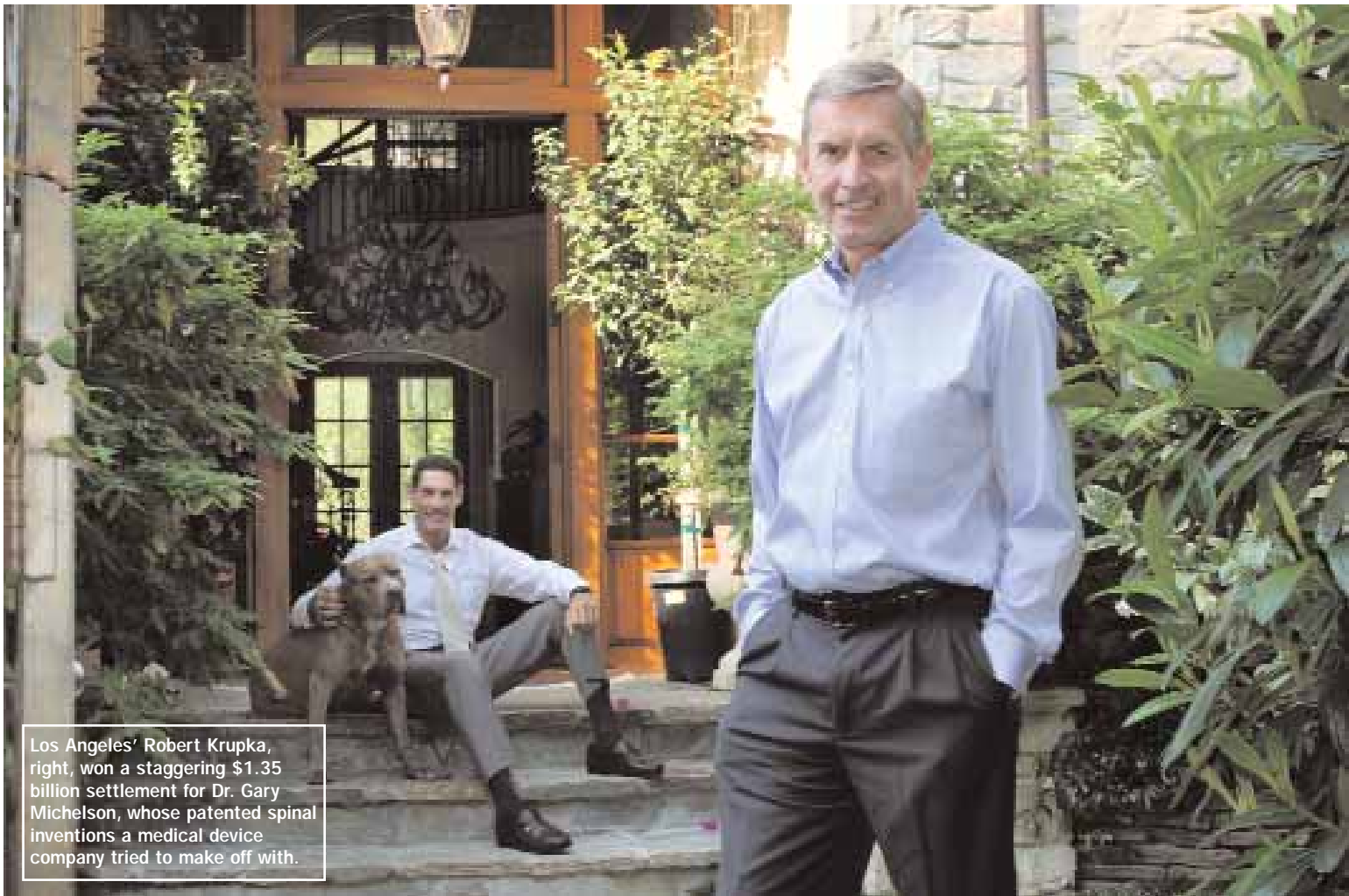


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**Paul Maco** Vinson & Elkins (Washington, D.C.) This bond and securities specialist investigated San Diego's **staggering** pension deficit. **Patricia Madrid** New Mexico Attorney General (Albuquerque, New Mexico) Making her mark using settlement funds for health and poverty initiatives and **protecting** New Mexico's water supply. **Maureen Mahoney** Latham & Watkins (Washington, D.C.) She's always **popping up** on Supreme Court cases, from affirmative action to Arthur Andersen's appeal. **Thomas Malcolm** Jones Day (Irvine, California) The trial lawyer is "**The Man**" in Orange County when it comes to complex business litigation. **William Maledon** Osborne Maledon (Phoenix, Arizona) Those with business litigation needs in Arizona **stop** at his door. **Gregory Markel** Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft (New York, New York) The securities litigation **guru** serves Bank of America, BDO Dunwoody and America's CPAs. **Tom Mars** Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (Bentonville, Arkansas) He's the top lawyer at the company single-handedly **reshaping** America's work force. **Lawrence Marshall** Stanford Law School (Stanford, California) Led the **effort** that put Illinois' death penalty on moratorium, then moved to California this year. **Margaret Marshall** Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (Boston, Massachusetts) Like it or not, writing the nation's **first** ruling allowing same-sex marriages puts this chief justice on the map. **William Martin** Blank Rome (Washington, D.C.) High-profile clients, including former Atlanta mayor Bill Campbell, call on him to **bail** them out of criminal and civil jams.

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San Francisco's Dale Minami specializes in entertainment and personal injury law, but is best known for his civil rights work on behalf of Asian Americans.

**Nina Matis** Katten Muchin Rosenman (Chicago, Illinois) An expert real estate lawyer, she's one of the nation's leading **dealmakers**. **Judith Matlock** Davis Graham & Stubbs (Denver, Colorado) From coalbed methane to royalties calculation, she has the **final word** for many energy companies. **Charles Matthews** Exxon Mobil Corp. (Irving, Texas) The general counsel keeps one of the nation's largest oil producers **pumping**. **Brian McCarthy** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Los Angeles, California) The M&A specialist is a **dominant** force in Los Angeles' corporate landscape. **J. Thomas McCarthy** University of San Francisco Law School / Morrison & Foerster (San Francisco, California) Trademark's **biggest name**. **William McLucas** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) The former head of the SEC enforcement division is the **go-to guy** for accounting fraud investigations. **Jonathan Mechanic** Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (New York, New York) At the top of his game, the real estate expert handles **huge deals** like the sale of the Sears Tower for \$800 million. **Thomas Mesereau** Mesereau & Yu (Los Angeles, California) Already a **brilliant** criminal defense lawyer; saving Michael Jackson made him famous. **Michael Meyer** DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary (Los Angeles, California) Legitimizing leasing as a bona fide practice while establishing a **stronghold** in the California market. **Harriet Miers** White House Counsel (Washington, D.C.) President Bush **tapped** this Texas lawyer to replace Alberto Gonzales as top legal counsel at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Arthur Miller** Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts) Thanks to former TV stints, the civil procedure scholar is one of Harvard's most **recognizable** names. **Elizabeth Miller** Scott, Douglass & McConnico (Austin, Texas) In the land of black gold and cowboy hats, she's **tops** for oil-related government regulation work. **James Fox Miller** Miller Schwartz & Miller (Hollywood, Florida) After calling it quits, rich and famous couples call this **prominent** divorce lawyer. **Lee Miller** DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary (Chicago, Illinois) The law firm world is waiting to see if his mark will be world **domination**. **Lloyd Benton Miller** Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson (Anchorage, Alaska) The plaintiffs' liaison counsel in Exxon Valdez litigation is also a **voice** for Alaskan natives. **Ira Millstein** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (New York, New York) CalPERS, Westinghouse, Bethlehem Steel and even George Pataki turn to this corporate governance **guru**. **W. Michael Milom** Bass, Berry & Sims (Nashville, Tennessee) He makes **beautiful** music with clients from the Nashville scene. **Dale Minami** Minami, Lew & Tamaki (San Francisco, California) This **veteran's** practice runs from Kristi Yamaguchi to preventing civil rights abuses after 9/11. **Jeffrey Mishkin** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) The former top NBA lawyer is now the league's **outside man** while also repping a mix of pro leagues and sports. **Robert Montgomery** Montgomery & Larson (West Palm Beach, Florida) Led Florida's fight against tobacco companies, which **garnered** \$13.5 billion for the state.

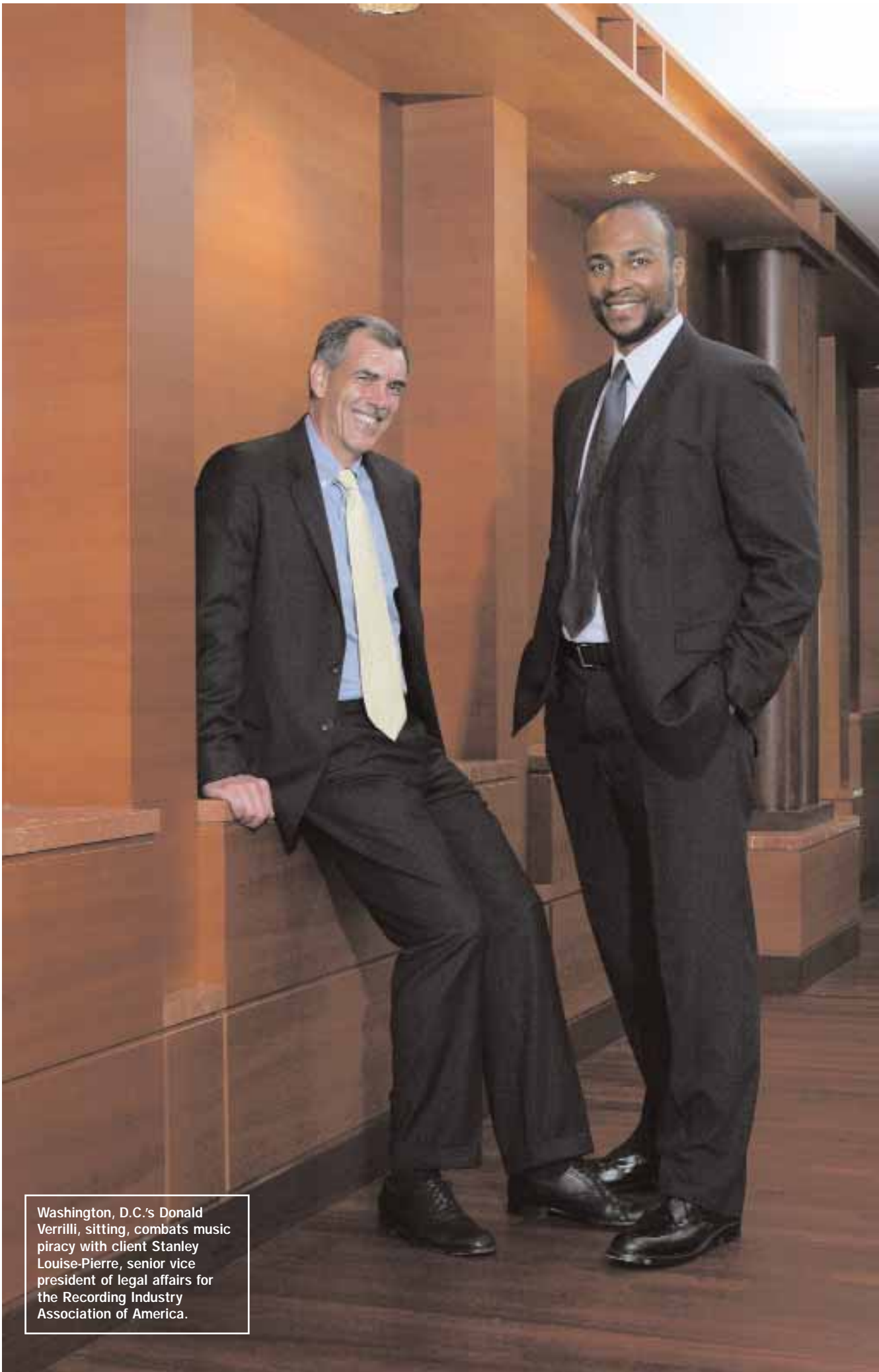
**Harold Moore** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) This project finance pro has **powered** through more than 140 domestic and international deals. **Thomas Moore** Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore (New York, New York) New York hospitals **fear** his presence on the other side of a medical malpractice case. **J. Mark Morford** Stoel Rives (Portland, Oregon) No problem is too complex for this environmental **eminence**. **Alan Morrison** Stanford Law School (Stanford, California) The consumer rights **champion** and Supreme Court veteran specializes in separation of powers. **Robert Morvillo** Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason, & Silberberg (New York, New York) Although Martha spent time in the big house, criminal clients still say it's a **good thing** to hire this defender. **Edward Moss** Shook, Hardy & Bacon (Miami, Florida) Boeing, DuPont, Texaco, Brown & Williamson: the list of big-name clients he **defends** goes on and on. **Ronald Motley** Motley & Rice (Mount Pleasant, South Carolina) He's **lead counsel** for 9/11 survivors and family members who are suing al Qaeda financiers. **Thomas Moyer** Supreme Court of Ohio (Columbus, Ohio) Improving the **safety** of those on the bench is high on the list of this chief justice's priorities. **Christopher Murray** O'Melveny & Myers (Los Angeles, California) Helping Hollywood **master** the digital age, byte by byte. **Fredrick Muto** Cooley Godward (San Diego, California) In San Diego, no name is **bigger** in corporate and securities law.



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**Clifford “Mike” Naeve** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Washington, D.C.) This former FERC commissioner is an **expert** on energy policy. **Charles Nathan** Latham & Watkins (New York, New York) The bigger the better for the takeover **titan** who left his mark on the \$16 billion Amgen-Immunex union. **Stephen Neal** Cooley Godward (Palo Alto, California) Oops, he did it again! The **talented** trial lawyer has taken on another high-profile client — this time, attorney Tower Snow. **Benjamin Needell** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (New York, New York) Representing the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is **enough** to make any real estate lawyer tops. **Daniel Neff** Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (New York, New York) He manages the **800-pound** gorilla of corporate takeover practices. **Peter Nelson** Nelson Felker Toczek & Davis (Los Angeles, California) He’s the lord of **dealmaking** for Hollywood clients like director Peter Jackson. **Burt Neuborne** New York University School of Law (New York, New York) A **leading** voice for Constitutional issues since the Vietnam War. **David Nevin** Nevin, Benjamin & McKay (Boise, Idaho) He wins verdicts for **headliners** like Ruby Ridge’s Kevin Harris and accused terror helper Al-Hussayen. **Steven Newborn** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (Washington, D.C.) The **sultan** of high-stakes antitrust matters. **Thomas Nolan** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Los Angeles, California) Top dog among California’s talented and **diversified** trial lawyers, he ranges from intellectual property to securities’ defense.

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Washington, D.C.'s Donald Verrilli, sitting, combats music piracy with client Stanley Louise-Pierre, senior vice president of legal affairs for the Recording Industry Association of America.

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**John Norman** Norman & Edem (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) From motor vehicle accidents to Vioxx litigation, he's the **choice** for plaintiffs in the Sooner state. **Charles Ogletree** Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts) Love him or hate him, he's still the **authority** on racial issues. **David O'Keefe** Bonne Bridges Mueller O'Keefe & Nichols (Los Angeles, California) Hospitals and doctors alike rely on his **excellence** to bail them out of litigation. **John Olson** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Washington, D.C.) Corporate America's **counsel of choice** for securities and corporate governance. **Ronald Olson** Munger, Tolles & Olson (Los Angeles, California) His corporate and business expertise **extends** vastly beyond his role as Warren Buffet's attorney. **Theodore Olson** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Washington, D.C.) The former solicitor general now **steers** his firm's vaunted appellate practice. **Michael O'Neill** Senate Judiciary Committee (Washington, D.C.) The chief counsel is Sen. Arlen Specter's right-hand man and the guy helping **screen** judicial nominations like John Roberts. **Jerold Oshinsky** Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky (Washington, D.C.) In insurance coverage disputes, this **aggressive** litigator pursues big wins for policyholders. **Barry Ostrager** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) Big insurers **count on** this lawyer to fend off hundreds of millions in claims. **Wayne Outten** Outten & Golden (New York, New York) In **employment** disputes, this plaintiffs' lawyer is the choice of Wall Street brokers and execs.

**Richard Owens** U.S. attorney's office (New York, New York) His success **cracking down** on fraud has this assistant U.S. attorney high on everyone's list. **Cliff Palefsky** McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky (San Francisco, California) A trailblazer in employment **discrimination** and workplace drug testing. **Brian Panish** Panish, Shea & Boyle (Los Angeles, California) A new name on the law firm door, still the same **stellar** results at trial. **Angelo Paparelli** Paparelli & Partners (Irvine, California) When companies need **immigration** help, he's usually at the top of their list. **Richard Parker** O'Melveny & Myers (Washington, D.C.) Oversaw merger probes at the FTC (Exxon-Mobil, AOL-Time Warner), he's now a **private** antitrust leader. **Kirk Pasich** Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky (Los Angeles, California) When it comes to representing policyholders, there's no **bigger name** on the West Coast. **Donald Passman** Gang, Tyre, Ramer & Brown (Beverly Hills, California) He is a dealmaking **maestro** for clients like Mariah Carey. **Eva Paterson** Equal Justice Society (San Francisco, California) The longtime **civil rights** leader is a powerful voice in the San Francisco public interest community. **John Payton** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) Affirmative action got a **big boost** from his Supreme Court arguments last year. **Michael Pearson** Jackson Walker (Houston, Texas) His wide **range** of skills are like black gold for busy energy companies.

**David Pedersen** Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim (Omaha, Nebraska) He fights for **funding** Omaha's schools. **Jane Perkins** National Health Law (Chapel Hill, North Carolina) She works to prescribe **equal access** to health care for low-income people. **Peter Perlman** Peter Perlman Law Offices (Lexington, Kentucky) With a long record of courtroom **victories**, he's the top trial lawyer in the Bluegrass State. **Philip Perry** Homeland Security (Washington, D.C.) This insider's insider (he's Cheney's son-in-law) took the **top legal post** at Homeland Security in June. **Kathleen Flynn Peterson** Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi (Minneapolis, Minnesota) The top-notch trial lawyer **strikes fear** into the hearts of medical malpractice defendants. **Carol Ann Petren** MCI Inc. (Ashburn, Virginia) Restoring **credibility** post-WorldCom, she structured settlements that saved jobs. **Carter Phillips** Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Washington, D.C.) In oral argument, the Supremes refer to this appellate **ace** by name. **Lee Phillips** Manatt, Phelps & Phillips (Los Angeles, California) The music industry veteran hits the **right notes** for Barbra Streisand and Josh Groban. **Jesse Pierce** Howrey (Houston, Texas) When energy companies get their pipelines **crossed**, they call on this litigator. **Regina Pisa** Goodwin Procter (Boston, Massachusetts) With many Boston firms shrinking or merging, she's **guiding** hers to new heights.



Latham & Watkins' William Voge, center, and David Gordon, right, help clients like Lehman Brothers, with executive John Veech, left, finance construction of the world's largest energy projects.

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**Michael Pitt** Pitt, Dowty, McGehee, Mirer & Palmer (Royal Oak, Michigan) The Secretary of State and women's prisons are just two of this Michigan trial lawyer's **targets**. **Aaron Podhurst** Podhurst Orseck (Miami, Florida) A **top-flight** aviation lawyer representing crash victims. **Debra Pole** Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Los Angeles, California) From silicone breast implants to diet drugs, she's a go-to **defender** for medical companies. **Daniel Polsenberg** Beckley Singleton (Las Vegas, Nevada) Right to die, wrongful life, reporter's shield and George Foreman — no one has more **fascinating** cases. **Robert Dean Pope** Hunton & Williams (Richmond, Virginia) The **baron** of bond law. **Richard Posner** 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Chicago, Illinois) What can we say about this **prolific** writer and conservative judge that you don't already know? **Joseph Power** Power Rogers & Smith (Chicago, Illinois) A recent \$6 million verdict is just one example of his **savvy** litigating of medical malpractice claims. **Matthew Powers** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (Redwood Shores, California) The **biggest** name in the Silicon Valley for intellectual property recently won a patent case for Cisco. **Giovanni Prezioso** Securities and Exchange Commission (Washington, D.C.) The general counsel has a **profound** impact on SEC policy. **Daniel Price** Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Washington, D.C.) A **seasoned** negotiator trusted by multinational corporations on complex trade issues.



Corporations on the financial brink seek out insolvency lawyer Laura Davis Jones of Wilmington, Delaware, to turn their fortunes around.

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**James Quinn** Weil, Gotshal & Manges (New York, New York) Players unions' advocate defended the MTA's right to **negotiate** a stadium with the New York Jets. **John Quinn** Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges (Los Angeles, California) His verdict against Bertelsmann gives us \$290 million reasons why he's a **top-notch** litigator. **Marsha Rabiteau** Hartford Financial (Hartford, Connecticut) A **key** lawyer for the nation's largest insurance company, she also spearheads tort-reform efforts. **Bruce Ramer** Gang, Tyre, Ramer & Brown (Beverly Hills, California) The **shark** in 'Jaws' was named after this lawyer for Spielberg and Eastwood. **Marc Raspanti** Miller, Alfano & Raspanti (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) When whistle-blowers turn investigators on to physicians, docs call him **first**. **Gordon Rather** Wright, Lindsey & Jennings (Little Rock, Arkansas) The veteran litigator is the Natural State's top defense lawyer, **naturally**. **Donald Re** Law Office of Donald Re (Los Angeles, California) Hollywood private eye Anthony Pellicano tapped this **veteran** criminal defense lawyer. **Lucy Reed** Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (New York, New York) Her commercial arbitration wins dot the **globe** — most recently \$130 million in Argentina. **William Rehnquist** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) Serving as chief justice for 19 years, he ushered in a new conservative era, forming a **formidable** right wing with Scalia and Thomas. **Daniel Reidy** Jones Day (Chicago, Illinois) The white-collar **wizard** of the defense bar.

**Charles Renfrew** Sole practitioner (San Francisco, California) The former federal judge is a trusted **neutral** for high-stakes complex business and international disputes. **Constance Rice** English, Munger & Rice / Advancement Project (Los Angeles, California) A visionary leader for **solving** poverty, education and discrimination issues within the legal system. **Frederic Rich** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) A member of project finance's **inner circle**. **Miriam Rivera** Google Inc. (Mountain View, California) Heads the company's many commercial deals and stayed **clean** when the SEC smacked her boss. **David Rivkin** Debevoise & Plimpton (New York, New York) Megamillion-dollar international disputes are **common-place** in his international arbitration practice. **John Rizzo** CIA (Washington, D.C.) He's at the **forefront** of the thorny legal issues raised in the war on terror. **Gary Roberts** Tulane Law School (New Orleans, Louisiana) The director of Tulane's excellent sports-law program is simply the most **trusted** expert in the field. **John Roberts** U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (Washington, D.C.) Rehnquist's death shifts his High Court nomination into the **fastrack** position for the post of chief justice. **Mark Robinson** Robinson, Calcagnie & Robinson (Newport Beach, California) Car companies and pharmaceutical makers alike **fear** this veteran trial lawyer. **Mark Rosenbaum** ACLU of Southern California (Los Angeles, California) With **imagination** and tremendous intellect, he tackles big cases in education, poverty and more.

**Joshua Rosenkranz** Heller Ehrman (New York, New York) When colleges said no to military recruiting, he came **on board** to defend that right. **Paul Rosenthal** Collier Shannon Scott (Washington, D.C.) Hard to find a better **petitioner-side lawyer** in international trade than this firm chairman. **Jeffrey Rudman** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Boston, Massachusetts) This **steely** veteran is a Boston-based standout in both securities litigation and enforcement work. **Kelli Sager** Davis Wright Tremaine (Los Angeles, California) From the networks to The New York Times, she's the media's **best friend**. **Richard Sandler** Davis Polk & Wardwell (New York, New York) Oversees Davis Polk's **enviable** capital markets practice. **Gloria Santona** McDonald's Corp. (Chicago, Illinois) She's **marched** right up the Supersized ladder to run legal affairs at the Golden Arches. **Donald Sasser** Sasser, Cestero & Sasser (West Palm Beach, Florida) **High-profile** divorces, from Jeff Gordon to JLo, wind up on his caseload. **Robert Saylor** Covington & Burling (Washington, D.C.) The **godfather** of insurance coverage. **Antonin Scalia** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) Incredibly **sharp**, not afraid to speak his mind, an unapologetic conservative. **Anthony Scariano** Scariano, Himes and Petrarca (Chicago Heights, Illinois) This **top-grade** litigator helps schools ace their court battles.

**Arthur Scavone** White & Case (New York, New York) His prominent project finance practice **spans** the globe. **Mary Schapiro** National Association of Securities Dealers (Washington, D.C.) A **powerful** regulator of the securities industry. **Donald Schiller** Schiller, DuCanto and Fleck (Chicago, Illinois) Chicago's wealthy **elite** turn to him for their family law matters. **Michael Schler** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) Corporate America's **tax man**. **Frank Schreck** Schreck Brignone (Las Vegas, Nevada) The only name bigger in **Sin City** these days is his boss — Steve Wynn. **Alan Schulman** Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann (San Diego, California) A witness in the Milberg Weiss case, he also has a practice to **rival** that of his former firm. **John Schulman** Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (Burbank, California) The **dean** of Hollywood studios. **Herbert Schwartz** Ropes & Gray (New York, New York) A **first-caliber** patent litigator, he forms a powerful combination with partner Jesse Jenner. **Robert Schwartz** O'Melveny & Myers (Los Angeles, California) Hollywood's courtroom **warrior** fights for studios like New Line Cinema. **Judith Scott** James & Hoffman (Washington, D.C.) As counsel for the service workers, she **guides** the country's largest, fastest-growing union.



Howard Zucker's creative bond issue for The Housing New York Corp., led by president Emily Youssouf, used rent revenues from the World Financial Center to pay for homeless housing.



Gordon Rather, right, protects southern companies in a fix. Here, the Little Rock defense lawyer inspects a trial exhibit with client Wallace Moody, general counsel for Lion Oil Co. of El Dorado, Arkansas.

Photo: Joseph Oxandale

**Richard Scruggs** The Scruggs Law Firm (Oxford, Mississippi) Led the charge to put tobacco companies **on the hook** for state Medicaid costs. **Mary Anne Sedey** Sedey & Ray (St. Louis, Missouri) Her **victory** against Mitsubishi established her as a force in sex harassment cases. **Jay Sekulow** American Center for Law and Justice (Washington, D.C.) From policy to litigation, no one **scares** liberals more. **Brad Seligman** The Impact Fund (Berkeley, California) The Wal-Mart class action has established him as a worker's **hero**. **Carl "Kim" Seneker** Morrison & Foerster (San Francisco, California) Known **around the country**, big San Francisco real estate purchases tend to go through him. **Mark Senn** Senn Visciano Kirschenbaum Merrick (Denver, Colorado) Peers say this Rocky Mountain state leasing lawyer is absolutely **superb**. **Karen Patton Seymour** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) The former federal prosecutor took **Martha** out of the kitchen and into the mess hall. **Howard Shapiro** Proskauer Rose (New Orleans, Louisiana) The best **benefits** lawyer in the Big Easy, according to management praise. **Theodore Shaw** NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (New York, New York) The longtime civil rights leader is a **strong voice** for racial justice in the courts and in Congress. **Daniel Sherrick** United Auto Workers (Detroit, Michigan) This general counsel leads the **drive** for the nation's auto workers.

**Robert Shulman** Howrey (Washington, D.C.) He **grabbed** headlines for forcing insurers to cover defamation claims. **E. Clement Shute** Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger (San Francisco, California) This environmental specialist has the **scoop** on Tahoe takings cases. **Richard Shutran** Dewey Ballantine (New York, New York) A clear **power** in project finance. **Harvey Silets** Katten Muchin Rosenman (Chicago, Illinois) He holds the fort when the IRS **attacks**. **Leslie Silverman** Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (New York, New York) Competitors **drool** over his cross-border capital markets practice. **Joe Sims** Jones Day (Washington, D.C.) He handles all of the antitrust matters for the biggest **acquisitions** like AOL and Time Warner. **Martin Singer** Lively & Singer (Los Angeles, California) The legal **bulldog** protecting Hollywood's elite. Watch out. **Mike Sloan** Sole practitioner and consultant (Las Vegas, Nevada) From union negotiations to battling anti-gaming statutes, his **impact** in Sin City is undeniable. **Jason Sloane** Sloane Offer Weber & Dern (Beverly Hills, California) This counselor to Jennifer Garner and Lindsay Lohan is at the front of **hip** Hollywood. **Brad Smith** Microsoft Corp. (Redmond, Washington) **Steering** legal issues around the globe for the world's computer giant.

**Bradley Smith** Davis Polk & Wardwell (New York, New York) J.P. Morgan banks on this finance **juggernaut**. **Paul Smith** Jenner & Block (Washington, D.C.) Video gamers raise their joysticks in **celebration** of this First Amendment fighter. **Michael Sohn** Arnold & Porter (Washington, D.C.) The former FTC general counsel now reps **big names** from General Electric to Intel. **Jerold Solovy** Jenner & Block (Chicago, Illinois) Chairman of this appellate **powerhouse**, Solovy is a leading pro bono and trial attorney in his own right. **Larry Sonsini** Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Palo Alto, California) This Silicon Valley icon takes **techies** from startup to Fortune 500. **Sonia Sotomayor** 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (New York, New York) She's on the shortlist for a **Supreme Court** seat — next time there's a Democrat in the White House. **David Souter** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) Down the middle is the best way to describe this **moderate** justice. **A. Gilchrist Sparks III** Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell (Wilmington, Delaware) Disney's directors have turned to this highly **respected** counselor of Delaware corporate law. **Robert Spatt** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) Carrying on the Simpson tradition of top-notch lawyering in corporate **takeovers**. **Gerry Spence** The Spence Law Firm (Jackson, Wyoming) The longtime plaintiffs' lawyer is one of the most recognizable, not to mention fashionable, names among lawyers **nationwide**.

When tragedy strikes, the families of plane crash victims have no greater ally than Thomas Demetrio of Chicago.



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**Steven Spencer** Morgan, Lewis & Bockius (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) Companies **benefit** greatly from the nation's top ERISA expert. **Eliot Spitzer** New York State Attorney General's Office (New York, New York) He's the attorney general others want to be; is **governor** next? **Broadus Spivey** Spivey & Ainsworth (Austin, Texas) Sexual harassment, legal **malpractice** and wrongful imprisonment are just some of the cases handled by the Lone Star plaintiffs' lawyer. **James Sprayregen** Kirkland & Ellis (Chicago, Illinois) This United Airlines counsel flies high as the nation's **preeminent** bankruptcy counsel. **Myron Steele** Delaware Supreme Court (Dover, Delaware) The chief justice is the final authority on the **majority** of the laws governing our nation's corporations. **Stanton "Larry" Stein** Alschuler Grossman Stein & Kahan (Santa Monica, California) Still riding the vertical integration wave, this trial attorney **rocks the boat** for Hollywood talent. **Marc Stern** American Jewish Congress (New York, New York) A **vocal leader** on separation of church and state, religious freedom, Israel and U.S. security issues. **John Paul Stevens** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) The senior liberal on the Supreme Court **holds sway** over its rare left-leaning decisions. **Stanley Stevens** Equity Office Properties Trust (Chicago, Illinois) Only the federal government owns more land than the trust whose legal affairs he **oversees**. **Bryan Stevenson** Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama / New York University School of Law (Montgomery, Alabama) Parlayed his NYU post into a veritable feeding ground for **equal justice** staffers in the South.

**Lawrence Stewart** Stewart Tilghman Fox & Bianchi (Miami, Florida) Product liability and medical malpractice claims are a **specialty** for this trial lawyer. **Charles Stillman** Stillman & Friedman (New York, New York) The trial lawyer of choice for many embattled executives and **politicos**. **Thomas Stipanowich** CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (New York, New York) The nationally acclaimed **neutral** is also a construction law scholar. **Dan Stormer** Hadsell & Stormer (Pasadena, California) The employment expert and civil rights **crusader** has battled Texaco and Unocal — and won. **Leo Strine** Delaware Chancery Court (Wilmington, Delaware) The influential corporate judge is an **outspoken** Sarbanes-Oxley critic. **Edward Strohehn** Bingham McCutchen (San Francisco, California) He's environmental law **royalty**. **Brendan Sullivan** Williams & Connolly (Washington, D.C.) This defender's **famous** clients include Ollie North and Walter Forbes. **Dwight Sullivan** Chief Defense Counsel, Guantanamo (Washington, D.C.) A critic of military tribunals, he's the **Pentagon's pick** to lead the defense of Guantanamo detainees. **Kathleen Sullivan** Stanford Law School / Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges (Stanford, California) Made Stanford Law School what it is today, not to mention her cred as a top Constitutional **scholar**. **Brian Sun** Jones Day (Los Angeles, California) From espionage to complex business disputes, nobody's caseload is full of more **intrigue**.



As New Mexico's first woman attorney general, Patricia Madrid makes her mark using settlement funds for health and poverty initiatives.

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**Cass Sunstein** University of Chicago Law School (Chicago, Illinois) The top thinker on matters where law **intersects** with political processes. **Stephen Susman** Susman Godfrey (Houston, Texas) This **hard-driving** attorney takes opponents like NASCAR on a ride they'll never forget (but wish they could). **Letty Tanchum** Harpo Inc. (Chicago, Illinois) TV shows, magazines, book clubs and charities galore — **Oprah's** top lawyer does it all. **John Tarantino** Adler Pollock & Sheehan (Rhode Island) **Scored** the first win for lead paint companies in litigation over alleged poisoning of children. **Richard Taranto** Farr & Taranto (Washington, D.C.) A **veteran** appellate specialist tapped by Grokster to present its case to the high court justices. **Sanford Teplitzky** Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver (Baltimore, Maryland) He administers the **cure** for Medicare and Medicaid blues. **Clarence Thomas** U.S. Supreme Court (Washington, D.C.) A leading conservative justice, he **draws fire** for a lack of leadership on the High Court. **James Thompson** Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton (Birmingham, Alabama) Took the case of Arkansas **farmers** against Tyson chicken, to the tune of \$42.5 million. **Michael Tigar** The Tigar Law Firm (Annapolis, Maryland) From Terry Nichols to Lynne Stewart, the **activist** lawyer doesn't dodge the difficult cases. **Paul Tosetti** Latham & Watkins (Los Angeles, California) Hilton, Telemundo and Amgen turn to this **leader** in the left coast M&A bar.

Public Counsel President Daniel Grunfeld, front, helped Antonio and María Pedrasa, right, of Los Angeles obtain guardianship of their nieces and nephew. After their mother's death, the children fled Mexico to escape an abusive father.



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**John Townsend** Hughes Hubbard & Reed (Washington, D.C.) He heads the panel deciding who will win **control** of \$350 million Axtel. **Laurence Tribe** Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts) A leading Constitutional scholar for decades, he still **weighs in** on important cases. **John Trotter** JAMS (Orange, California) Few neutrals are as respected and **well-liked** as this former state appellate court justice. **Michael Tuchin** Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern (Los Angeles, California) The heir apparent to legendary partner Ken Klee is a bankruptcy **brain trust** in his own right. **Robert Tyler** Alliance Defense Fund (Phoenix, Arizona) He pops up in courtrooms across America to preserve **traditional** families. **Marc Van Der Hout** Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale (San Francisco, California) Representing individuals before immigration courts, he **fighters** against removals and deportations. **Bruce Vanyo** Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Palo Alto, California) This securities litigator keeps clients like Krispy Kreme from being **fried** by the SEC and investors. **Chilton Varner** King & Spalding (Atlanta, Georgia) Big business hires her to **fight back** attacks on products like Paxil. **Donald Verrilli** Jenner & Block (Washington, D.C.) The **premier** appellate lawyer keeps racking up Supreme Court wins. **Ann Morgan Vickery** Hogan & Hartson (Washington, D.C.) A Medicare and Medicaid **maven** for the health care industry.

**William Voge** Latham & Watkins (New York, New York) His project finance practice **towers** over the competition. **Fred von Lohmann** Electronic Frontier Foundation (San Francisco, California) From JibJab to Grokster, he's a leading **advocate** against "the man." **Mary Kay Vyskocil** Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, New York) She's **busy** as counsel for the lead property insurer in the 9/11 attacks. **Richard Walker** Deutsche Bank AG (New York, New York) The former director of the SEC's enforcement division now **counsels** one of the world's largest banks. **Leigh Walton** Bass, Berry & Sims (Nashville, Tennessee) Nashville's thriving health care industry calls upon this M&A **specialist**. **Elizabeth Warren** Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts) This **prolific** writer fights for families forced into bankruptcy. **Donald Watkins** Law Office of Donald Watkins (Montgomery, Alabama) The **unstoppable** advocate got HealthSouth's Scrusby acquitted. **Richard Watt** Watt, Beckworth, Thompson & Henneman (Houston, Texas) This Texas counselor knows the oil and gas biz **inside and out**. **Seth Waxman** Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Washington, D.C.) The Supreme Court winner most recently **convinced** the justices to bar the death penalty for juveniles. **Dan Webb** Winston & Strawn (Chicago, Illinois) GE, Microsoft, Philip Morris, the New York Stock Exchange: **defense** litigators don't have bigger clients.

**Eugene Wedoff** U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Chicago, Illinois) Megacases like United Airlines land in this highly **respected** judge's court. **Reid Weingarten** Steptoe & Johnson (Washington, D.C.) Still a **clutch** white-collar defense lawyer despite the Bernie Ebbers setback. **Daniel Weinstein** JAMS (San Francisco, California) A **pioneer** for class action mediations, he's on the shortlist for the nation's biggest cases. **Jack Weiss** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (New York, New York) The media maven counsels The Wall Street Journal and other news organizations in **First Amendment** fights. **Melvyn Weiss** Milberg Weiss Bershad & Shulman (New York, New York) A breakup of his firm and now a criminal investigation — still he's created a considerable **legacy**. **Theodore Wells** Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (New York, New York) From Washington officials to tobacco and Vioxx, the trial lawyer defends top **headline** grabbers. **John White** Cravath, Swaine & Moore (New York, New York) The **top dog** of the capital markets. **Mary Jo White** Debevoise & Plimpton (New York, New York) The U.S.-attorney-turned-rainmaker **guides** companies through complex investigations. **William Whitehurst** Whitehurst, Harkness, Ozmun & Brees (Austin, Texas) The former pharmacist and licensed pilot is tops at med-mal and **aviation** litigation. **Richard Wiley** Wiley Rein & Fielding (Washington, D.C.) The former FCC chairman guides the legal work of communications **giants** Viacom, Verizon, Motorola and more.

**Beth Wilkinson** Latham & Watkins (Washington, D.C.) Corporate America's **best defense**, just ask Philip Morris. **B. John Williams** Shearman & Sterling (Washington, D.C.) Back at the firm after a stint as the IRS' **hard-charging** chief counsel. **William Williams** Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, New York) This senior partner is a securities **czar**. **Alan Wolff** Dewey Ballantine (Washington, D.C.) The former deputy trade representative is the **master** at opening international trade markets to American products. **Jay Worona** New York State School Boards Association (Latham, New York) This **highly regarded** education specialist oversees litigation for a consortium of 750 school districts. **Robert Wyman** Latham & Watkins (Los Angeles, California) Clients of this clean air law **guru** see blue skies. **Juliette Youngblood** Irell & Manella (Los Angeles, California) She's the **legal wiz** behind the curtain for MTV and reality television's Mark Burnett. **Kenneth Ziffren** Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman & Cook (Los Angeles, California) Hollywood's legal legend is a Tinseltown **visionary**. **Howard Zucker** Hawkins Delafield & Woods (New York, New York) This housing-finance heavyweight is at home leading the nation's **premier** bond boutique. **Margaret "Peggy" Zwisler** Latham & Watkins (Washington, D.C.) Handling some of the biggest antitrust cases today, she's **defending** Ford next.