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TOP 100 LAWYERS OF 2009

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The *Daily Journal* compiled its first list of the leading lawyers in California in 1997. It quickly became a key indicator of who is doing the most cutting edge legal work in California. Our criteria then and now are simple: You must be based in California, and your work must have a broad impact on the legal profession or the larger society over the past 18 months. Our selection process is similarly simple: We solicit nominations from lawyers, judges and corporate counsel. This year, we received 850 nominations. We also poll our editors and reporters who write about California lawyers and their work year-round. From there, a list that represents a broad cross section of California lawyers and their work begins to take shape.

This year's list features lawyers making impacts in their neighborhoods and throughout the world. One honoree helped launch precedent-setting clean tech deals from his Silicon Valley office, while another aids the less fortunate from her Compton storefront. Yet another assists countries worldwide navigate the complexities of global water issues. There are civil rights advocates, counselors to corporations and California Chief Justice Ronald M. George, who we can all agree — no matter what your stance on gay marriage — issued a monumental decision in May 2008. In Re: Marriage Cases, (2008) 43 Cal.4th 757. This list is by no means comprehensive. California is fortunate to have hundreds of sharp lawyers who are putting their stamp on all manner of the law and society. But it is a good snapshot of the best and brightest California and the legal profession have to offer.

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In the past year, the veteran litigator secured wins for a list of household names, including J.K. Rowling, Larry King, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Cirque du Soleil, and the Golden Globes. His biggest monetary win came in representing Mexican media conglomerate Grupo Televisa in its fight against Univision Communications Inc., which broadcasts Televisa programming to U.S. audiences. The $600 million settlement resolved a 3-year dispute over whether Univision breached revenue-sharing agreements as part of a program licensing deal. Televisa will receive $25 million in cash and $65 million a year in free advertising time from Univision until the licensing agreement expires in 2017. He also represents the Agudas Chasidei Chabad, seeking return of hundreds of thousands of religious documents seized by the Russian Federation during the Bolshevik Revolution and WWII.

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