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Celebrating 10 Years of

TOP 100

California's Leading Lawyers



Illustration by Dwayne Booth

Editor's Note

There's been a lot of hand-wringing over the future of newspapers: Fewer people seem to be reading them, and more people seem to be getting their news, and whatever else newspapers have to offer, from somewhere else.

One of the things that newspapers can do well, if they put some effort into it, is to reflect a specific community. Sometimes, that means shining a light on a part of the landscape that people have neglected. The Daily Journal certainly has done its share of that, encouraging debate and focusing attention on issues, such as the conflict between gentrification and affordable housing, immigration, the struggle for greater diversity in the legal profession and the questions women have been raising about traditional ways that work has been organized in the law business.

For the past 10 years, we've been assembling the Top 100 list, in order to reflect the people at the top of the profession and the work they do. This is another opportunity to shine light, this time on the power of individual attorneys to transform not only the legal community but also the community at large.

We're highlighting the remarkable achievements and tremendous impact of the 14 lawyers who have been included on the list each year. And we're excited to be featuring, instead of our usual photos, portraits of each of the Top 100, created by Los Angeles artist Dwayne Booth, aka Mr. Fish.

Welcome to the Daily Journal's 10th-anniversary edition of the Top 100 Lawyers. We hope you enjoy it, and we look forward to reflecting the legal community, and stirring it up, for years to come.

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