

LAW BUSINESS

THE TOP 100

California Law Business ranks the state's most influential attorneys.



THE TOP 10 IN 1999

The following lawyers received the most votes from their peers:

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| Larry Sonsini | Bert Fields |
| Burt Pines | Morgan Chu |
| Warren Christopher | Bill Lerach |
| Ron Olson | Joe Grundfest |
| TOM GIRARDI | Erwin Chemerinsky |

Power is, admittedly, in the eye of the beholder — as most of the 300 or so lawyers who voted for the Top 100 reminded us. And in a state with more than 140,000 attorneys who make their mark in ways large and small, it's not surprising that nearly 600 lawyers received "votes" on the question of "Which lawyers have the most influence in California?"

Thomas V. Girardi

Partner at Los Angeles' Girardi & Keese. The most powerful plaintiffs' lawyer in Los Angeles and a past-president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, he's known for his engaging personality and sharp wit.

"Everyone is fearful of him. I don't know what there is about that guy . . . he's kind of like a magic man."