

# TOP 100

California's Leading Lawyers

Among the 2006 honorees are United States Attorney Kevin Ryan, Banafsheh Akhlaghi of National Legal Sanctuary for Community Advancement, and Charles James of Chevron Corp.

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## Keys to the Courthouse

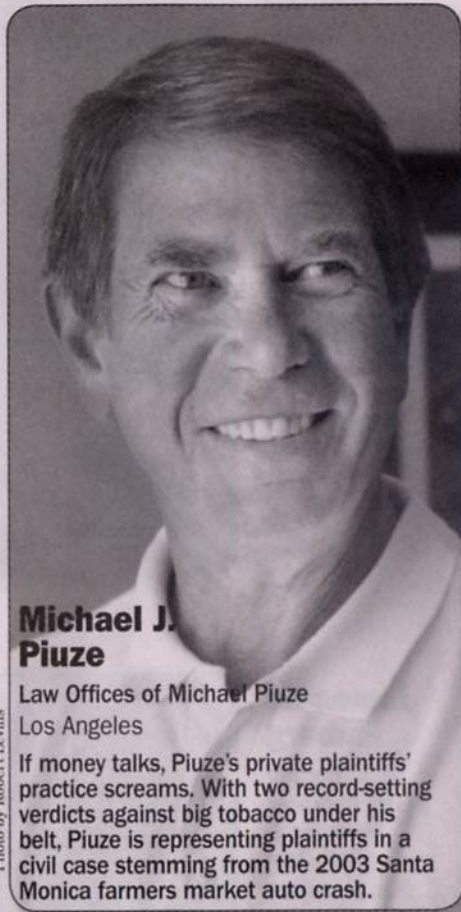


### Elizabeth Cabraser

Partner  
Lieff, Cabraser,  
Heimann &  
Bernstein  
San Francisco

Cabraser boasts some of the biggest plaintiffs' victories in the last half-century, including one that resulted in a \$1.2 billion verdict against State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. for the use of generic car parts in repairs.

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### Michael J. Piuze

Law Offices of Michael Piuze  
Los Angeles

If money talks, Piuze's private plaintiffs' practice screams. With two record-setting verdicts against big tobacco under his belt, Piuze is representing plaintiffs in a civil case stemming from the 2003 Santa Monica farmers market auto crash.

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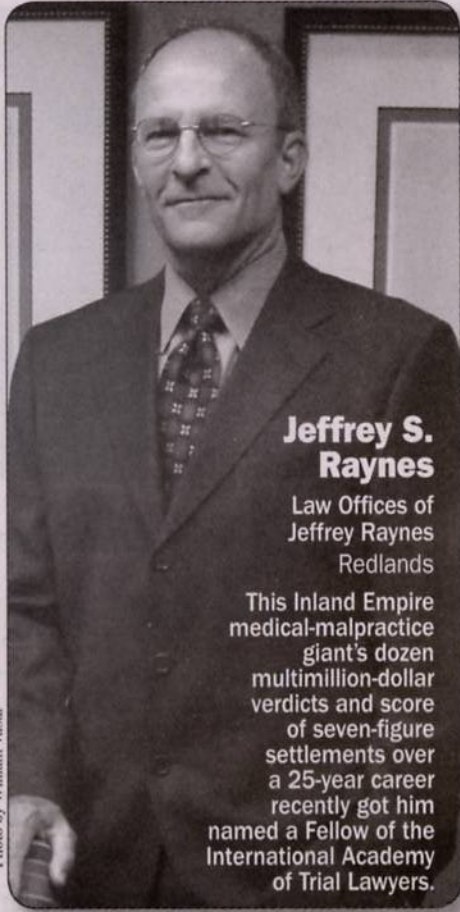


### Thomas V. Girardi

Partner  
Girardi  
& Keese  
Los Angeles

Known for taking on and beating Pacific Gas & Electric in a celebrated case, Girardi fought Sempra Energy in an antitrust claim that settled this year for \$3.5 billion.

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### Jeffrey S. Raynes

Law Offices of  
Jeffrey Raynes  
Redlands

This Inland Empire medical-malpractice giant's dozen multimillion-dollar verdicts and score of seven-figure settlements over a 25-year career recently got him named a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

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