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The Recorder Announces 50 Lawyers on the Fast Track

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The Recorder has named its 50 "Fast Track" lawyers, recognizing California attorneys whose early accomplishments indicate they will be tomorrow's top lawyers and leaders.

Recorder editors chose the winners after reviewing materials on more than 300 nominees, all California lawyers in their first 10 years out of law school. We judged the nominees as leaders, lawyers and community members: Making the list typically required either substantial accomplishments in all three areas — leadership positions within the firm or practice community, significant responsibility in high-stakes matters and extensive community involvement — or a jaw-dropping example of accomplishment in one.

"We were pleased to see so many strong contenders," said *Recorder* Editor in Chief Greg Mitchell, "even though it meant some tough choices between people with enviable career tracks."

One honoree, James Nevin Jr. of Brayton Purcell, for example, has tried a dozen asbestos cases to verdict — including a \$10.2 million win, the highest asbestos verdict ever in the state of Washington. Candice Petty of Davis Wright Tremaine is spearheading a program to ensure that every black woman law student in the Bay Area is paired with a mentor — and she adds to that community commitment by devoting extensive service to nonprofit boards aimed at helping underserved youth.

And Byron Rodriguez is a leader in his firm, the legal community and the wider community. He chairs VLP Law Group's real estate practice group and serves on the executive committee while juggling complicated multimillion-dollar real estate deals and extensive board service with the nonprofit San Francisco Beautiful.

The lawyers on the Fast Track will be honored at an awards luncheon on June 5, with a keynote delivered by U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Grewal.

Here are *The Recorder's* 50 Fast Track lawyers:

James Abrams

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Maribeth Annaguey

Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor

Christopher Banys

The Lanier Law Firm

Justin Berger

Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy

Brian Blalock

Bay Area Legal Aid

Gloria Borges

O'Melveny & Myers

Tamika Butler

The Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center

Grant Davis-Denny

Munger, Tolles & Olson

William Delgado

Willenken Wilson Loh & Lieb

Matthew Edling

Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy

Tera Heintz

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

Sadik Huseny

Latham & Watkins

Daniel Hutchinson

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein

Miles Imwalle

Morrison & Foerster

Joshua Jessen

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Venus Johnson

Alameda County district attorney's office

Theane Evangelis Kapur

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Tamara Kurtzman

The Law Offices of Tamara Kurtzman

Selena Kyle

Natural Resources Defense Council

Rachael Langston

The Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center

Kristina Lawson

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips

Jean-Paul Le Clercq

Makarem & Associates

Craig Levine

Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell

Rita Lin

Morrison & Foerster

Eugene Mar

Farella Braun & Martel

Sonal Mehta

Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Don Melamed

O'Melveny & Myers

Enrique Monagas

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Leila Narvid

Payne & Fears

John Neukom

Mayer Brown

James Nevin Jr.

Brayton Purcell

Candice Petty

Davis Wright Tremaine

Philippe Phaneuf

Greenberg Traurig

Eric Pooch

San Diego City attorney's office

J. Edwin Rathbun Jr.

Seki, Nishimura & Watase

Ingrid Rehtin

Covington & Burling

David Reidy

Reed Smith

Byron Rodriguez

VLP Law Group

Kristen Law Sagafi

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein

Cassie Springer-Sullivan

Springer-Sullivan & Roberts

Molly Stephens

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

Devin Storey

The Zalkin Law Firm

Vivian Thoreen

Holland & Knight

Andrew Toebben

VLP Law Group

Rocky Tsai

Ropes & Gray

Glenn Vanzura

Irell & Manella

Bryan Wahl

Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear

James Williams

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Kahlil Yearwood

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Theona Zhordania

McKenna Long & Aldridge

