



The California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year Awards recognize attorneys around the state whose achievements have made a profound impact in 2006 or whose work from December 2005 to December 2006 is expected to have such an effect in the coming years. The awards identify 28 achievements in 17 areas of legal practice that reflect the breadth and depth of the work performed by California lawyers.

The 43 attorneys honored here changed the law, substantially influenced public policy or the profession, or achieved a remarkable victory for a client or for the public. They include government attorneys, public-interest lawyers, sole practitioners, and attorneys from large international firms. Their successes range from winning a \$2.8 billion judgment for a single client to convincing the state Supreme Court to uphold a city's antidiscrimination law. Congratulations to the winners. —*Chuleenan Svetvilas*

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THE KEystone OF DOWNTOWN Los Angeles's renewal, L.A. Live, is a major redevelopment project begun in 2001 that was aided from the start by Delvac, a partner at Latham & Watkins. Plans for the 27-acre mixed-use complex include a new West Coast headquarters for

ESPN, a 7,000-seat Nokia Theatre (the future home of numerous awards shows), ten restaurants, two major

hotels, and hundreds of thousands of square feet for residential and commercial use.

In 2006, Delvac helped developers obtain a variety of government approvals that moved the work forward at a fast clip. Last year, in a major turning point for L.A. Live, the Los Angeles City Council and the city planning commission agreed to an increase in the overall density of the project by more than 1 million square feet, allowing for the construction of a convention center hotel that is now being developed. **DL**

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