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# Seven area lawyers make "top powerbrokers" list

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California Law Business, a weekly newspaper covering the legal industry, has named seven Silicon Valley area attorneys or law professors to its annual "Top 100 Lawyers List," a look at what it believes are the 100 most influential attorneys in the state.

The weekly publication says its list is a "who's who" of California's most powerful lawyers, representing a broad range of interests from the entertainment industry to the technology industry, from the judiciary to the governor's office.

The list is a culmination of more than 1,100 votes cast by prominent members of the state's legal community, culling the top legal eagles from the more than 134,000 lawyers practicing in California, it says.

The continued shakeout in the high-tech market reduced the number of Silicon Valley lawyers on the list by close to half. By contrast, San Francisco, San Diego and Sacramento posted gains and Orange County increased its contribution nine fold.

Those tabbed from Silicon Valley are Joseph Grundfest, professor, Stanford Law School; Kathleen Sullivan, dean and professor, Stanford Law School; Joseph Cotchett Jr., Cotchett Pitre & Simon, Burlingame; Thomas Nolan, Nolan Armstrong & Barton, Palo Alto; Matthew Powers, Weil Gotshal & Manges, Menlo Park; Larry Sonsini, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto; and Donald Chisum, professor, Santa Clara Law School.

Mr. Sonsini and Mr. Cotchett made the publication's list of the state's "top 10" attorneys.

The larger list also includes Gov. Gray Davis, former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and flamboyant trial attorney Johnnie Cochran.