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LAWYERS ON THE *FAST* TRACK

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.



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