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THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL LAWYERS IN AMERICA

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We evaluated the Most Influential Lawyers based upon four basic criteria. The following icons indicate the areas where we think they excelled.



POLITICAL CLOUT
Has deep access to critical government leaders.



LEGAL RESULTS
Is renowned for his or her ability to get results for clients.



MEDIA PRESENCE
Appears frequently and effectively in high-profile media settings.



BUSINESS LEADER
Has deep ties to the business world or runs a substantial business.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP
Is known for cutting-edge commentary about legal issues.

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The National Law Journal has selected 100 lawyers who shape the legal world through their work in the courtroom, at the negotiating table, in the classroom or in government. They have taken on major legal battles and orchestrated the biggest corporate deals. They've tackled unpopular causes and helped run giant corporations.

The lawyers here were chosen by the NLJ's editors, aided by nominations from the legal community and research by our reporting staff. We asked several key questions to help judge the influence of lawyers profiled: How deep were their political connections?; what kind of results did they achieve for clients?; how far and how effective was their media reach?; have they been

business leaders?; are they thought leaders on important legal issues? (Icons throughout this report indicating the qualities we feel the lawyers best embody.)

We limited selections in a few ways, focusing on accomplishments since 2006, the last time we published the 100 Most Influential Lawyers list. Judges weren't eligible, nor were members of Congress or the president. This list is for practicing attorneys, members of the legal academy and officials in law-centric government positions (elected or otherwise).

Our goal, in the end, was to identify members of law's power elite. Meet the 100 members in the pages that follow.



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Through a storied legal career that included helping President George W. Bush secure the contested 2000 election, Fred Bartlit Jr. has loved taking stands. The 80-year-old Chicago and Denver lawyer paved the way for plaintiff payouts from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Horizon oil spill in his role as President Obama's National Oil Spill Commission chief counsel. In 2011, he convinced a Massachusetts state judge that Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt could sue Bingham McCutchen for malpractice for its preparation of financial papers for McCourt and his now-ex-wife.