

Our sixth annual list of the state's most influential lawyers reflects a time of change and the immutability of power.

TOP 100

Cristina C. Arguedas

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Name Partner, Arguedas
Cassman & Headley,
Emeryville — With clients

from Enron, McKesson, Critical Path and Guidant, Arguedas is one of the country's go-to lawyers for corporate directors and officers accused of white-collar crimes. In two recent cases, she got prosecutors to drop charges against her clients — once in the middle of trial.



— *"Cris is dynamic, she's smart, and she exudes a lot of warmth in the courtroom. She's also tenacious and relentless on cross-examination."*