

# CALIFORNIA LAWYER ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 2003

BY THE EDITORS OF CALIFORNIA LAWYER

**A**lthough much of law practice is collaborative, and any given project can span years, there are some achievements made by California lawyers that have such far-reaching impact that they cannot go unrecognized. The lawyers selected as Attorneys of the Year for 2003 substantially influenced public policy or a particular industry, brought about a significant development in their field of practice or in law-firm management, or achieved a notable victory for a client or for the public in a difficult, high-stakes matter. —*The Editors*

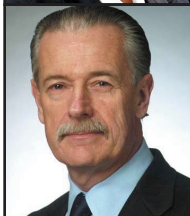
## LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT



### FRANKLIN BROCKWAY GOWDY STEPHEN R. FINN

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius;  
San Francisco

After the shocking collapse of one of California's largest and most venerable law firms, Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, attorneys and staff alike—who by all accounts found themselves in a state of chaos and despair—were sent scrambling for new



jobs, some after spending their entire careers at Brobeck. Within 48 hours of the law firm's closure in February, Gowdy and Finn brought 250 partners, associates, and staff to four California offices of Philadelphia-based Morgan Lewis. Once there, Gowdy and Finn joined the firm's advisory board and helped lead its strategic planning efforts in California. By year's end, Morgan Lewis had hired an additional 50 California lawyers, including attorneys from Zevnik Horton and the Palo Alto office of Pennie & Edmonds, further expanding its West Coast presence and its global strength in the areas of insurance recovery and intellectual property.