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## TOP 100

### California's Leading Attorneys of 2010

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The Daily Journal's annual list of the 100 most influential lawyers in California has always been encompassing. The counselor to corporate boards sits alongside the prosecutor chasing down dangerous criminals, the consumer plaintiffs' lawyer next to the land use lawyer, and so on. The purpose of this list is to recognize the elite lawyers across all practices in California — those men and women who are making the most impact on the legal profession and on society right now.

— David Houston  
Editor  
Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals



#### Rahul Kapoor

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*Morgan, Lewis & Bockius*

*Palo Alto*

*Emerging business and technology, corporate*

Kapoor advised Toyota Motor Corp. on a major deal in May to invest \$50 million in Tesla Motors Inc. and cooperate in the development and manufacture of electric cars.

Before entering law, Kapoor was an electrical engineer at a Pittsburgh-based startup called Formtek Technologies, which was later bought by Lockheed Martin Corp.. Kapoor rose through the ranks to become a project manager, where he got his first taste of contractual matters and deal making.

Today, his legal colleagues say his background in technology and business allows him to put himself in the shoes of his clients and understand what's at stake for a small company throwing it all on the line for one patent.

He also advises SanDisk Corp., the Apollo Group Inc., Palm Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc. on transactions, patent licensing and joint ventures.

When he isn't advising high-tech companies, he teaches a class on intellectual property strategy at the Berkeley School of Law.