

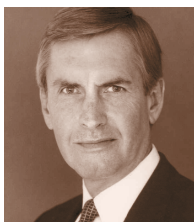
# THE CLAY AWARDS

## CALIFORNIA LAWYER ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 2004

BY THE EDITORS OF CALIFORNIA LAWYER

In our annual CALIFORNIA LAWYER Attorneys of the Year Awards, we recognize those attorneys around the state whose work has had a profound, far-reaching impact in 2004 or whose achievements in 2004 are expected to have such an impact in the coming years. This year, we identified 30 accomplishments in 15 areas of legal practice that reflect the breadth and depth of sophistication in the work performed by California lawyers. The attorneys we honor changed law, broke new ground in various practice areas and business sectors, and substantially influenced public policy.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



**ROBERT G.  
KRUPKA**  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS  
Los Angeles



**MARC  
MARMARO**  
JEFFER, MANGELS,  
BUTLER & MARMARO  
Los Angeles

In October a federal jury in Memphis, Tennessee, awarded Dr. Gary K. Michelson and his licensing firm, Karlin Technology, more than \$570

million in compensatory and punitive damages in a patent-infringement and breach-of-contract case against Medtronic Sofamor Danek. The victory was the largest in Krupka's career and was unusual on several counts. Krupka and Marmaro, partners in different Los Angeles firms, jointly represented Michelson in all phases of the five-month trial. In addition, Michelson was technically the defendant in the case. Medtronic had initially sued for breach of contract and fraud; Krupka and Marmaro prevailed on summary judgment, then cross-claimed for breach of contract and patent infringement. Though Michelson was still called "defendant," the court realigned the order of proof and permitted Krupka and Marmaro to present their case first.