
ATTORNEYS of the YEAR

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## *Criminal Practice*

### **E. MARTIN ESTRADA**

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**E**strada, now of counsel with Munger, Tolles & Olson, led a team that won convictions of more than 90 Southern California associates of the criminal organization known as Armenian Power. The defendants either pleaded guilty to or were convicted at trial on extortion, kidnapping, racketeering, bank fraud, and other charges. In one scheme, the prosecutors showed, the defendants used skimming devices to steal debit-card information from more than 2,000 customers of 99 Cents Only Stores. The leader of the scheme was sentenced in November to 32 years in prison. Also convicted was a federal court clerk (with her husband) for leaking documents to Armenian Power members.

**ADDITIONAL CALIFORNIA LAWYERS:** Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joseph T. McNally, Stephen G. Wolfe, Elizabeth R. Yang, and Robert E. Dugdale.

**STATUS:** Numerous defendants have appealed to the Ninth Circuit.