



## **Andrew D. Toebben Recognized in The Recorders' "Lawyers On The Fast Track"**

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The Recorder has named VLP partner Andrew Toebben to its inaugural list of 50 "Fast Track" lawyers.

Recorder editors chose the winners after reviewing materials on more than 300 nominees from across California. The editors judged the nominees as leaders, lawyers and community members, and they stated that making the list typically required substantial accomplishments in all three areas — leadership positions within the firm or practice community, significant responsibility in high-stakes matters and extensive community involvement.

"We were pleased to see so many strong contenders," said Recorder Editor in Chief Greg Mitchell, "even though it meant some tough choices between people with enviable career tracks."

Mr. Toebben chairs VLP's Corporate, Securities and M&A group and has a robust legal practice representing high-tech start-ups, entrepreneurs, angel investors and venture capital funds. Mr. Toebben's clients are primarily in the consumer internet, social media, mobile, gaming and clean technology industries and he advises on legal issues faced throughout the business cycle. Since 2010, Mr. Toebben has also played a crucial role in firm leadership by being a member of VLP's Executive Committee. He heads VLP's Hiring Committee and has spearheaded our recruiting process to successfully hire almost 20 new attorneys to the firm. In addition to Mr. Toebben's contributions towards the success and growth of VLP, he has a proven track record of making service to the community a priority. In the fall of 2008, Mr. Toebben took a leave of absence to serve on Barack Obama's Campaign for Change. As Deputy Director of Voter Protection, he led the Presidential campaign's legal efforts to protect the vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Toebben currently serves as a member of the Fort Mason Center Board of Directors and will be traveling with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on an economic development tour through India in April 2012. His pro bono and socially conscious clients include Kiva and Kredits, two leaders in the micro-finance industry, as well as Change.org, GoodGuide and Golden Hour Restoration Institute.

Recognized for his outstanding legal expertise and guidance for founders and investors, Mr. Toebben has built a robust client base and established a preeminent reputation in the start-up community. All while taking VLP to new heights and maintaining his commitment to community service and pro bono work. He clearly exemplifies the best of California's attorneys, and VLP feels proud to count him as part of its team.