“Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope...”

— Robert F. Kennedy (1925–1968; 64th U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Senator, New York; University of Virginia School of Law)

Robert Kennedy’s words resonate today as they did half a century ago. Following in that tradition, San Diego’s legal community encompasses a diverse and passionately committed group of individuals whose experience and expertise rivals those in cities of a much grander scale. In this, our second annual Best of the Bar issue, we honor 268 local lawyers who were chosen by their peers as the most outstanding in their field.

The list of attorneys represents a wide range of practice areas from intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, to civic rights and family law — each specialty with its own unique perspectives and strategies. However, one of the most striking commonalities of the assembled honorees is their local connection. More than half of the attorneys in our final list graduated from a law school in San Diego — notably the University of San Diego School of Law, California Western School of Law and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. These three distinguished institutions have fostered a prolific force of top notch legal professionals who bring a distinct approach to their firms and their clients that is entrenched in the ethics, aspirations, hopes and dreams of our unique region of the country.

An impressive 1,576 votes were cast in a field of 721 attorneys affiliated with 544 firms and solo practices throughout the area. Legal professionals throughout the metro area cast votes and were urged to consider colleagues inside and outside of their respective firms. No one made the list based solely on votes from others at the same firm.

Not only is this section a showcase for the area’s top attorneys, but it is a comprehensive resource for anyone needing legal services. Congratulations to all the worthy honorees.

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Best Advice: Surround yourself with great mentors and to make sure you like and respect the people you work with.

Comments:

Little Known Fact: I was a somewhat serviceable left wing/defenseman on my official rugby team at UC Santa Cruz

Favorite Quote: “The best way out is always through,” Robert Frost.

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Favorite Quote: “The best way out is always through,” Robert Frost.
Nick Brauns
Firm: Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Employment, Business Litigation
Law School: Washington and Lee School of Law
Website: www.higgslaw.com
Most Influential Person: My father, without hesitation. He taught me never to quit, always be there for your family, and always to think before you act. The best piece of advice I ever got from him (always with smile on his face), “Illegitimi non carborundum.”
Comments: I was a piano teacher in London and I disregarded my family’s advice and love car racing!

Carolyn Brock
Firm: Law Office of Carolyn Brock
Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law
Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.crtbrooklaw.com
Favorite Quote: “We are what we repeatedly do, excellence, then is not an act but a habit,” Will Durant.
Comments: Thank you to my wife Jenn, my best friend and biggest fan, and to Rudy Shepard, the best mentor that any attorney could hope to have.

Mike Brown
Firm: Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rutherford, PC
Areas of Practice: Corporate, Securities
Law School: University of Virginia School of Law
Website: www.sycr.com
Comments: I went into law in large part because my high school government teacher took generic interest in history and government and turned it into a passion for law and government. He was an extraordinary teacher who had a profound impact on my career path.
Best Advice: Find something you are passionate about (if it’s the law great) and spend as much time as you can doing it.

Michele Brown
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch, LLP
Areas of Practice: Family Law
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com
Comments: The essence of family law is to successfully help families navigate this difficult process with the least impact on the lives of children.

Laura Buckley
Firm: Higgs Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Tax Law, Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Reorganization, Business and International Tax Planning
Law School: Southwestern University School of Law
Website: www.higgslaw.com
Favorite Quote: “If it doesn’t kill, it makes you stronger.”
Most Influential Person: Dr. Cook (Oxford University Professor) who taught me how to think critically.
Little Known Fact: I was a piano teacher in college.

Marjorie Burchett
Firm: McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate
Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.mckennalong.com
Comments: I have learned something from everyone I have worked with in my career, mostly on the positive side, but sometimes I have learned the most from those who have challenged me and have not been easy or pleasant to deal with.
Best Advice: Be open to opportunity, you never know when it comes knocking and where it may take you. Be helpful to all when you have the capacity to do so, and you will be rewarded. Serve your community, and make it a better place, a little each day.

Matthew Butler
Firm: The Butler Firm, APC
Areas of Practice: Employment Litigation
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.butlerfirm.com
Comments: I am honored to be chosen as part of such a distinguished group. I credit this honor to the unwavering support of my beautiful wife Nika and incredible children, Chloe and Kurt Jr! My family and I have continued my lifelong passion of traveling the globe. I have now visited 110 countries, and we all eagerly await our next adventure.

Gil Cabrera
Firm: The Cabrera Firm, APC
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Employment Litigation
Law School: Boston College Law School
Website: www.cabrerafirm.com
Comments: Above the light switch in my office is a quote from Abraham Lincoln, “Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good ‘atonement.’ There will still be business enough.” I am guided by this wisdom and find settlement to be particularly beneficial to many clients facing family law issues, yet I remain focused on preparing to strategically advocate in court when litigation does become necessary.

William Caldarelli
Firm: Caldarelli
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, 1P Litigation
Law School: University of California Berkeley School of Law
Website: www.chplaw.com
Favorite Quote: “We know the truth not only by reason, but also by the heart,” Blaise Pascal.

Elizabeth Call
Firm: Green Bryant & French LLP
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, Real Estate, Corporate Law
Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.gbflawyers.com
Comments: “Do not fear from a challenge, embrace it.” Without my parents’ support and encouragement, I wouldn’t be where I am today.

Kurt Cardone
Firm: Klinedinst PC
Areas of Practice: Construction, Real Estate, Business Litigation, Premises Liability, General Liability
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.klinedinstlaw.com

David Cardone
Firm: Batzdunn & DeSantis APC
Areas of Practice: Business, Corporate Representation, Risk Management Counseling, Business, Commercial Litigation (Including Employment Defense, Professional Liability Defense)
Law School: Duquesne University School of Law
Website: www.batzdunn.com
Favorite Quote: The entirety of Theodore Roosevelt’s “Citizenship in a Republic” speech.
Most Influential Person: Ken Gormley, the dean of my law school.
Why Law: Since childhood, I have always sought out the opportunity to take up the causes of others and enjoyed the camaraderie of competition, which are both present in the practice of law. Also, my family discouraged pursuing sports car racing as a career.
Little Known Fact: I am guided by this wisdom and find settlement to be particularly beneficial to many clients facing family law issues, yet I remain focused on preparing to strategically advocate in court when litigation does become necessary.
tourist, passing through.

Best Advice: “To young lawyers — work smart, and take plenty of time for yourself. Racking up billable hours is far less important than racking up adventures and a life worth living. Most lawyers come to that realization after it’s too late.”

Favorite Quote: “In prosperity your friends know you; in adversity you know your friends.”

Juan Castaneda
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation

Law School: Notre Dame Law School
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com
Comments: I was encouraged at Notre Dame to be a “different kind of lawyer.” Thus, as a litigator, I strive to seek justice with passion and humility.

Joy Chang
Firm: McKeenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense, Civil Litigation

Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.mckennalong.com
Comments: Listen wholeheartedly; don’t just wait your turn to talk. Law is not practiced in a vacuum: always keep in mind the people affected.

Jennifer Chavez
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Environmental Litigation

Law School: Pepperdine University School of Law
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com
Comments: A passion for justice ignited my career as a prosecutor.

Alara Chilton
Firm: Law Office of Alara Chilton
Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense, Consumer Rights Litigation

Law School: Northeastern University School of Law
Website: www.lawofficeofalarachilton.com
Comments: I chose the law as a career because I wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of others. As a criminal defense and consumer rights attorney, I get great satisfaction in seeking and obtaining justice for my clients. In my view, there is no better job.

Angela Jae Chun
Firm: Casey Gerry Schenk Francolla, P.A.
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Products Liability

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.casesgyerry.com
Comments: The practice of law requires faith, determination and hard work.
Best Advice: My mentor gave me to work hard, be yourself and have fun.

Christina Ciceron
Firm: Christina A. Ciceron, A Professional Corporation
Areas of Practice: Community Association Law, Construction Defect Litigation, Small Business, Corporate Law

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.ciceronlaw.com
Comments: You should never have to wait to hear from you attorney. At our office, our number one priority is to promptly address client phone calls and emails.

Keith Ciceron
Firm: Christina A. Ciceron, A Professional Corporation
Areas of Practice: Community Association Law, Construction Defect Litigation, Insurance Defense Litigation, Small Business, Corporate Law

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.ciceronlaw.com
Comments: Thank you for this honor. Remember your most important client is the one you already have; if you want respect, you must treat others with respect.

Carey Cooper
Firm: Elkins, Liedtke, PC
Areas of Practice: Business, Commercial Litigation, Environmental, Land Use, Asbestos Litigation, Product Liability

Real Estate
Law School: Washington and Lee University School of Law
Website: www.wkleindlaw.com
Comments: It is not enough to fight. It is the spirit which we bring to the fight which decides the issue,” General George Marshall.

Bob Copeland
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Mergers and Acquisitions, Real Estate Transactions, Family Businesses, Family Offices, Litigated Case Mediation, Private Equity, General Business Law, Nonprofit Organizations

Law School: University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com
Little Known Fact: Founder and CEO of the Thomas C. Ackerman Foundation since its inception in 1992, grant-making activities have provided over 84 million.

Benjamin Coughlan
Firm: Gomez Trial Attorneys
Areas of Practice: Litigation, Personal Injury

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.thegomezfirm.com
Comments: I work on cases involving traumatic brain injuries. I am the vice president of the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation.

Jeremy Crickard
Firm: McKeenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Trust, Estate Administration, Charitable Planning

Law School: University of Michigan Law School
Website: www.mckennalong.com
Comments: Take care of the client and focus on what is in the client’s best interest and the rest (namely, your legal career) will take care of itself.

Tom Crosby
Firm: Crosby Cliney Schuffman Southard & Swanson LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate

Law School: Northwestern University School of Law
Website: www.cgcs.com
Favorite Quote: “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not, nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not, unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not, the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent,” Calvin Coolidge.

James Crosby
Firm: Henderson, Caverly, Punn & Charney, LLP
Areas of Practice: General and Complex Business Litigation, Trials

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.lshecq.com
Comments: Work hard. Be tireless and persistent. Show up on time, ready to go. Treat clients, the court and counsel with respect. Have fun. Winning is always better than losing.

Dawn Hall Cuneen
Firm: Duane Morris
Areas of Practice: Trusts, Estates Planning, Litigation

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.duanemorris.com
Comments: The law is a fantastic career that continually provides opportunities to learn, grow and develop professionally.

Michael Dallio
Firm: Dalio Law Group
Areas of Practice: Tax Law

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.daliolawgroup.com
Comments: I am a tax attorney and CPA with more than 10 years of tax experience. I devote my practice to helping individuals and small businesses resolve tax disputes with the IRS and California taxing agencies.

Alicia Dearn
Firm: Bellatrix PC
Areas of Practice: Business, Employment, Civil Litigation

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: bellatrixlaw.com
Comments: Bellatrix is the third brightest star in the constellation Orion and is the standard for luminary measure and also is Latin for “Female Warrior.”

Little Known Fact: I sing opera as a soprano. When I was 17, I sang at President Clinton’s inaugural ball.

Matt Deen
Firm: Deen Law, Inc
Areas of Practice: Business Law, Estate Planning

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.deen-law.com
Multi Infl uences: My late father, who provided me with all the confidence and opportunity that I needed to be successful.

Melissa Deleon
Firm: Deleon Law
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Civil Litigation

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.thedeleonfirm.com
Comments: Thank you to Jim “Mac” McElroy, Ed Chapin, Randy Rechs and Valerie Garcia Hong, some of the most talented lawyers in San Diego, who have been my mentors, teachers and friends.
Favorite Quote: “First they ignore you. Then they laugh at you. Then they fight you. Then you win,” Mahatma Gandhi.

Christina Denning
Firm: Hicks, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation (Emphasis in Construction, Personal Injury)

Law School: Willamette University, College of Law
Website: www.hicksfirm.com
Comments: There is a winner and a loser in every case. If I lose, I try again. Favorite Quote: “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent,” Eleanor Roosevelt.

Deborah Dixon
Firm: Gomez Trial Attorneys
Areas of Practice: Complex Litigation (Including Class Actions, Mass Torts)

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.thegomezfirm.com
Comments: It is an honor to practice in class actions and mass injury cases because it allows me to help multiple victims at the same time.

Rommel Dizon
Firm: Law Office of Rommel Dizon
Areas of Practice: Labor and Employment

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.rommeldizon.com
Comments: I chose law as a career because it allows me to make a profound difference in people’s lives.
Best Advice: Don’t be afraid to make mistakes. Always strive to be a better person.

Little Known Fact: I enjoy surfing and playing board games.

Joseph Dunn
Firm: The Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, PC
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, Bankruptcy

Law School: Washington and Lee University School of Law

Little Known Fact: I enjoy surfing and playing board games.

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Website: www.mintz.com
Best Advice: Trust your instincts.
Most Influential Person: My brother, who convinced me to enter the practice of law.

Why Law: Because I thrive on finding practical solutions to business problems, and the law plays a vital role in reaching that end.

Meghan Dunn
Firm: Law Office of Meghan M. Dunn
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Real Estate Law

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.munalinlawfirm.com
Most Influential Person: My mother. She is the most courageous, hardworking woman I know. Not only has she run a successful cleaning business for more than 20 years, but at age 68, she continues to scrub floors on her hands and surgically replaced knees. Through her example, the best advice I have received is to work diligently, give generously, love deeply, and never ever give up.

Favorite Quote: “Courage is grace under pressure.” Hemingway

Eric Eastham
Firm: Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Areas of Practice: Litigation, Employment Litigation, Entertainment

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.mintz.com
Most Influential Person: Other than my parents, my former Mintz Levin colleague, Nathan Hamler.

Dan Eaton
Firm: Selzer Caplan McMahon Vitek
Areas of Practice: Employment - Defense

Law School: Harvard Law School
Website: www.scmv.com
Best Advice: From hiring partner at law firm that did not offer me a job — San Diego is a great place to practice law at the highest level and to have an impact on the legal community and beyond.

Favorite Quote: “If we all did the things we want to see in the world,” Mahatma Gandhi.

Nicole Egans
Firm: Egans Law
Areas of Practice: Trusts and Estates, Ch. 7 Bankruptcy

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.eganslawsd.com
Favorite Quote: “Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.” Maya Angelou.

Most Influential Person: Nicole Heeder. Everything about my law practice changed when I met her.

Little Known Fact: I can trace my genealogy to three passengers on the Mayflower and two who signed the Mayflower Compact.

Lawyer Focus: California Western School of Law
Website: www.masonlaw.com

William Eigner
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Areas of Practice: Mergers and Acquisitions, Business and Corporate Transactions

Law School: University of Virginia School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com
Comments: Go-to guy for M&A and corporate/business transactions.

James Eischen
Firm: Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Corporate and Securities, Health Care, Real Estate

Law School: UC Davis School of Law
Website: www.higgslaw.com
Comments: I appreciate practicing law in such a wonderful legal community here in San Diego.

Best Advice: From Vince Whelan while I was a first year attorney at Higgs. I asked Vince how to deal with older counsel who all seemed much more confident and knowledgeable than me. He replied that my job was to learn the law at least as well if not better than those attorneys — that could be an equalizer. I took his advice to heart and work toward that on a daily basis.

Jon Epstein
Firm: Epstein Grinnell & Howell, APC
Areas of Practice: Construction Defect, Litigation, Community Association Law

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.epsteon.com
Comments: I have been blessed with wonderful clients and dedicated firm colleagues for more than 30 years. While the practice of law is difficult and challenging, the satisfaction of winning a case or resolving a complex problem makes the effort all worthwhile.

Karolina Ericsson
Firm: Gresham Savage
Areas of Practice: Nolan & Tilden
Real Estate

Law School: Stanford Law School
Website: www.greshamsavage.com
Favorite Quote: “We must be the change we wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi.

Jeremy Evans
Firm: California Sports Lawyer
Areas of Practice: Sports, Entertainment, Business

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.collegal.com

Jason Femrite
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Areas of Practice: Corporate and Securities, Mergers and Acquisitions, Strategic Joint Ventures

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com
Comments: My practice focuses on the representation of both private and publicly held companies, funds and investment firms in a wide range of transactions from structure and formation to capitalization and financings, and sale and acquisition.

P. Randolph Finch Jr.
Firm: Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP
Areas of Practice: Construction

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.ftblaw.com
Comments: My favorite aspect of the practice of law is the relationships I have been able to form with clients who almost always become close friends.

Brian Findley
Firm: Mulligan, Banham & Findley
Areas of Practice: Medical Malpractice

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.janmulligan.com
Comments: I get to help hurt people. Everyday. It doesn’t get better than that.

Kenneth Fitzgerald
Firm: Chapin Fitzgerald Knaer LLP
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Intellectual Property, Disputes

Law School: UCLA School of Law
Website: www.coftriallawyers.com
Comments: I was lucky to learn from mentors like the late Howard B. Turcette, U.S. District Judge, Joseph “Jay” Wheeler, the founder of my firm, and Hugh Steven Wilson, a retired Latham & Watkins partner.

Best Advice: Gerry McMahon had the best advice I ever read about how to be a successful lawyer — work, work, work.

Little Known Fact: I studied music in college, and play the trumpet. I am the principal trumpet in the La Jolla Symphony, and I occasionally fill in with the San Diego Symphony.

Sean Foldenauer
Firm: Foldenauer Law Group, APC
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Contract and Partnership Disputes, Personal Injury

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.foldenauercalaw.com
Comments: Litigation and Trial Counsel. Making the world a better place, one lawsuit at a time.

Christian Fonsen
Firm: Elinendorf PC
Areas of Practice: Corporate and Securities

Law School: George Washington University Law School
Website: www.elinendorflaw.com
Comments: With respect to influential people to my legal career, I was very fortunate early on to have a number of attorneys, both at the associate level
and the partner level, who took an interest in my development as a lawyer. They not only showed me the ropes with respect to the substantive aspects of corporate and securities law, but also taught me the proper way to treat clients, colleagues and co-workers. Their guidance has been invaluable to my career.

Victoria Fuller
Firm: Higgins, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Civil Appeals
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.higgsglaw.com

Little Known Fact: My grandfather was a semi-famous Latin jazz musician. I met my husband surfing at Blacks Beach.

Reenee Galente
Firm: Galante Ganci, APC
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury
Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.gandgtriallawyers.com

Little Known Fact: I moonlight as a drummer with my live band karaoke group, “Rock Out Karaoke.” One time, Ving mer with my live band karaoke group, Boston University School of Law

Favorite Quote: “You give me your best effort, and I’ll give you mine.”

Firm: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.justice-lawgroup.com
Comments: The best compliment as an attorney is receiving referral business from former clients. Fighting for plaintiffs makes one realize the cards are stacked against the little guy far too much. If a successful law career leads to a chance at reshaping legislation, I’d consider that a good career.

Favorite Quote: “If we don’t fight hard enough for the things we stand for, at some point we have to realize we don’t really stand for them,” Paul Wellstone.

Jeremy Glaser
Firm: Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Pepe, PC
Areas of Practice: Mergers and Acquisitions
Law School: Harvard Law School
Website: www.mintz.com
Comments: I became a corporate attorney because I get to work with creative business people and learn about cutting edge products and technology. Helping clients achieve their dreams is my ultimate goal and gives me great satisfaction.

Noam Glick
Firm: Glick Law Group, PC
Areas of Practice: Employment
Law School: Loyola Law School
Website: www.glicklawgroup.com
Comments: Most Influential Person: My father, who taught me to always test my limits.

Favorite Quote: “It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed,” Theodore Roosevelt.

Little Known Fact: I have never broken a bone.

Anne Elise Goetz
Firm: Higgins, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate
Law School: Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Website: www.higgsglaw.com
Comments: The best results in law and in life come when you get out of the box and attack an obstacle from a new perspective.

Susan Gorman
Firm: Gorman IP Law, APC
Areas of Practice: Patent, Trademark Prosecution
Law School: Whittier Law School
Website: www.gormanplaw.com
Comments: I am an avid marathon runner. I serve as president of Team Hoyt San Diego, a nonprofit that involves people with disabilities in running races.

Sahib Gun
d Firm: Amin Hariri
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Workers' Compensation, Employment
Law School: Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Website: www.haririlaw.com
Comments: I am very proud and honored to have been nominated. I am passionate about my field of work and dedicated to serving my clients.

Elaine Harwell
Firm: Selman Breitman LLP
Areas of Practice: Business and Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Defense, Insurance Coverage Litigation
Law School: Seton Hall Law School
Website: www.selmanbreitman.com

Nicole Heeder
Firm: Law & M[O]cean
Areas of Practice: Employment Litigation - Plaintiff
Law School: Atlanta's John Marshall Law School
Website: www.lawandmocan.com
Comments: Always be grateful and exude grace. I am a very spiritual person.

Favorite Quote: “The cure for anything is salt water - sweat, tears, or the sea,” Karen Blixen.

Mandy Haxom
Firm: Epstein Grinnell & Howell, APC
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation
Law School: Williamette University College of Law
Website: www.epsten.com
Best Advice: From a presiding judge when I was in law school: Know the facts of your case.

Favorite Quote: Treat others the same way you want to be treated.

Most Influential Person: My mother. She influenced my decision to pursue education and how I develop professional relationships.

Little Known Fact: I am an expert snowboarder.

Robert Hill
Firm: Law Offices of Robert L. Hill
Areas of Practice: Business, Commercial Litigation
Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.rlhfirm.com

Favorite Quote: “Continuous effort — not strength or intelligence — is the key to unlocking your potential,” Winston Churchill.

Most Influential Person: My father.

Michael Hoisington
Firm: Higgins, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Areas of Practice: Trademark, Copyright, Internet Related, Entertainment
Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.higgsglaw.com

Favorite Quote: “The cure for anything is salt water - sweat, tears, or the sea,” Karen Blixen.
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Favorite Quote: “Emotions are like waves, watch them disappear on the vast calm ocean,” Richard Alpert. I read that when I was in the military and it has helped through the years.

Most Influential Person: My grandfather. He was always quietly there for his family, never talked bad about anyone and always did what he said he’d do.

Little Known Fact: My undergraduate degree is in music composition. I went to UCSD - a very fine music school.

Matthew Holder
Firm: Shepard Mullin
 Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, Labor and Employment Litigation

Law School: University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com

Little Known Fact: I am an identical twin.

Patricia Hellenbeck
Firm: Daum Morris LLP
 Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Franchise Litigation, Class Actions

Law School: University of Colorado School of Law
Website: www.daumemorris.com

Comments: I feel fortunate to have chosen law as my career. I was trained by outstanding lawyers who taught me about the dedication necessary to practice well, and to represent clients to the very best of your ability and with the highest of ethical standards. I am passionate about professional integrity, teaching and mentoring others, equal opportunity in the profession, and giving back to the community.

Valerie Hong
Firm: Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC
 Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Insurance Defense, Personal Injury, Appellate

Law School: Chicago-Kent College of Law
Website: www.pettitkohn.com

Comments: Being a good lawyer requires hard work, ceaseless effort, and staunch courage to question everything.

Lincoln Horton
Firm: Selman Breitman LLP
 Areas of Practice: Corporate, Business, Employment, Real Estate, Construction

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.selmanbreitman.com

Comments: My philosophy as an attorney: Know your clients to serve them best. Effort without a defined goal is wasted. Creativity is the most important quality of a great lawyer.

Robert Howard
Firm: Latham & Watkins LLP
 Areas of Practice: Litigation

Law School: Duke University School of Law
Website: www.lw.com

Favorite Quote: “If you’re going through hell, keep going.” Sir Winston Churchill.

Little Known Fact: I recently was honored with the 2014 President’s Award from Filipino-American Lawyers of San Diego and Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego in recognition of my efforts.

Why Law: Outside medicine, there is no better way to shape public policy and lives for the better.

Lawrence Huerta
Firm: Huerta Mediation
 Areas of Practice: Mediation and Arbitration

Law School: University of Michigan Law School
Website: www.huertamediation.com

Favorite Quote: “Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.” Albert Einstein.

Conor Hulburt
Firm: Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC

Areas of Practice: Professional Liability, Personal Injury

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.pettitkohn.com


Danielle Humphries
Firm: Halin Looser & Parks LLP
 Areas of Practice: Trusts and Estates

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.halinlaw.com

Comments: My father, an estate planning attorney, inspired me to be a trusts and estates attorney.

Little Known Fact: I am the oldest of seven children.

Thomas Ingrassia
Firm: Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC
 Areas of Practice: Employment, Labor

Law School: Boston University School of Law
Website: www.pettitkohn.com

Best Advice: “Take care of your clients, and the rest will take care of itself.”

Most Influential Person: David S. Lane. He taught me that you can take your work and your career seriously, even if you chose not to take yourself too seriously.

Little Known Fact: I once provided sexual harassment prevention training to the San Diego Padres players and coaching staff.

Ariel A. Javier
Firm: Law Office of Ariel A. Javier, APC
 Areas of Practice: Taxation

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.ajtaxlaw.com

Comments: As a lawyer, we are in a position to be able to assist others with a particular need. Not only can we assist our clients, but we can and should also assist our community.

Favorite Quote: “If you’re going through hell, keep going.” Winston Churchill.

Little Known Fact: I was in the military and it has helped me about the dedication necessary to create their perfect practice is to start with the end in mind. What does it look like? How does it serve your life rather than how does your life serve your job.

Dustin Jones
Firm: Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP
 Areas of Practice: Construction, Development

Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.ftblaw.com

Comments: Business owners need straightforward guidance, cost-effective solutions and aggressive representation. Meeting those needs is what I love about my job.

Deepak Milie Joshi
Firm: Joshi Law Group
 Areas of Practice: Bankruptcy Law and Litigation, Civil Litigation, Business Law

Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.joshilawgroup.com

Favorite Quote: “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Mahatma Gandhi.

Lee Jurewitz
Firm: Jurewitz Law Group
 Areas of Practice: Social Security Disability Appeals (SSD/SSI)

Law School: American University, Washington College of Law
Website: www.jurewitz.com

Best Advice: For any attorney who wants to create their perfect practice is to start with the end in mind. What does it look like? How does it serve your life rather than how does your life serve you.

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<td>Ashley Kerins</td>
<td>BLS LAW Areas of Practice: Taxation Law School: University of San Diego Law School Website: <a href="http://www.blslaw.com">www.blslaw.com</a></td>
<td>Always work hard and have fun doing it!</td>
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<td>Pejman Kharrazian</td>
<td>Epstein Grinnell &amp; Howell, APC Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, Community Association Law Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.epsten.com">www.epsten.com</a></td>
<td>Agree, for the law is costly.</td>
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<td>Michael Kirby</td>
<td>Kirby Noonan Lance &amp; Hoge LLP Areas of Practice: Business and Commercial Litigation Law School: University of Iowa College of Law Website: <a href="http://www.knlh.com">www.knlh.com</a></td>
<td>Often used quote for unreasonable parties when discussing settlement: “Remember what we say in Iowa, pigs get fed, but hogs get slaughtered.” There is no such thing as being over-prepared for trial.</td>
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<td>Jim Krenn</td>
<td>Morrison &amp; Foerster LLP Areas of Practice: Mergers and Acquisitions Venture Capital Law School: Harvard Law School Website: <a href="http://www.mifo.com">www.mifo.com</a></td>
<td>I focus on representing emerging-growth companies and investors. It is my pleasure to work with top San Diego entrepreneurs and business leaders.</td>
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<td>Julie Kearns</td>
<td>Jones Day Areas of Practice: Intellectual Property Litigation Law School: University of Michigan Law School Website: <a href="http://www.jonesday.com">www.jonesday.com</a></td>
<td>As a trial lawyer handling trade secret and patent disputes, every day I meet amazing scientists and engineers who are changing people’s lives with their innovation. I get to learn how their inventions work, and then I get to tell their stories in court. That is a fun job.</td>
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<td>James Lance</td>
<td>Kirby Noonan Lance &amp; Hoge LLP Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Law School: Washington and Lee University School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.knlh.com">www.knlh.com</a></td>
<td>Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.</td>
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<td>John Landay</td>
<td>Landay Roberts LLP Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Class Actions, Business Litigation, Real Estate Law School: Washington and Lee University School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.landayroberts.com">www.landayroberts.com</a></td>
<td>Do good work and the clients will come.</td>
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<td>Kenneth Lee</td>
<td>Tully Rinchey, PLLC Areas of Practice: Military Law Law School: Wartime College of Law Website: <a href="http://www.tullylegal.com">www.tullylegal.com</a></td>
<td>And do as adversaries do in law — strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.</td>
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<td>Jack Lear</td>
<td>Caldarrelli, Hejmanowski Page &amp; Lear LLP Areas of Practice: Business, Commercial, Real Estate and Construction Litigation Law School: University of San Diego Law School Website: <a href="http://www.chplaw.com">www.chplaw.com</a></td>
<td>Don’t go chasing waterfalls, T.L.C.</td>
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<td>Michael Leonard</td>
<td>San Diego Corporate Law, A Professional Law Corporation Areas of Practice: Transactional Corporate Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.sdcorporatelaw.com">www.sdcorporatelaw.com</a></td>
<td>These go to 11, Nigel Tufnel, “This is Spinal Tap.” Most Influential Person:Reg Vitek taught me everything I know.</td>
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<td>Ramon Lewis</td>
<td>Law Offices of Ramon E. Lewis Areas of Practice: Elder Abuse and Neglect Litigation Law School: University of San Diego School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.raylewisdaw.com">www.raylewisdaw.com</a></td>
<td>Comments: Elder abuse in any form should not be tolerated.</td>
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<td>Susana Mahady</td>
<td>Law Offices of Susana M. Mahady Areas of Practice: Business Transactions and Commercial Litigation Law School: University of San Diego School of Law Website: <a href="http://www.mahadylaw.com">www.mahadylaw.com</a></td>
<td>Comments: Never forget that our role as lawyers is to serve, always follow your instinct, and never, ever lose your sense of humor.</td>
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**Comments:** California employers face unique and evolving challenges. I help my clients manage risk to avoid employment disputes and efficiently solve problems when they arise.

**Rosie Lorencz**

**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law

**Website:** www.brown.com

**Best Advice:** Better to work smart than simply hard.

**Favorite Quote:** “Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Albert Einstein

**Most Influential Person:** Jackie Robinson, for not shying away from disrupting old paradigms with courage, dignity and charm.

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**Marie Lorenzo**

**Law Firm:** Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

**Law School:** University of San Diego Law School

**Website:** www.mintz.com

**Comments:** I’m a lifelong student of leadership — in the context of entrepreneur-ship as well as the Marine Corps.

**Favorite Quote:** “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming.” — Theodore Roosevelt.

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**Thomas Lencane**

**Law Firm:** Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla, Blatt & Penfield, LLP

**Law School:** Western State University College of Law

**Website:** www.caseygerry.com

**Comments:** Competent cross examination is the truest test of truth.

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**Roche Luzon**

**Law Firm:** Shepherd, Finkelman, Miller & Shah, LLP

**Law School:** University of California, Hastings College of the Law

**Website:** www.sfmilaw.com

**Favorite Quote:** “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can,” — Arthur Ashe.

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**Suzanne Mahady**

**Law Firm:** Law Offices of Susana M. Mahady

**Areas of Practice:** Business Transactions and Commercial Litigation

**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law

**Website:** www.mahadylaw.com

**Best Advice:** Never forget that our role as lawyers is to serve, always follow your instinct, and never, ever lose your sense of humor.
Jerrilyn Malana  
**Firm:** Littler Mendelson, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Employment Law  
**Law School:** California Western School of Law  
**Website:** www.littler.com  
**Comments:** I am deeply committed to community service. I have been blessed with many opportunities and have had the support of many people over the years. I am eternally grateful for their support, and want to give back. As attorneys, we have unique skills and abilities to help the community; and we each have an obligation and duty to give back.  
**Favorite Quote:** “Everyone has the power for greatness — not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Robert Marasco  
**Firm:** Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** White Collar Criminal Defense  
**Law School:** Seton Hall University School of Law  
**Website:** www.procopio.com  
**Best Advice:** “Look it up.” My father used this to teach me self-reliance — it worked.  
**Favorite Quote:** “…To thine own self be true,” Polonius, “Hamlet.”

Amy Rose Martel  
**Firm:** Cynthia Chihak & Associates  
**Areas of Practice:** Plaintiff’s Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury  
**Law School:** University of San Diego, School of Law  
**Website:** www.chihaklaw.com  
**Best Advice:** Lead by example.  
**Most Influential Person:** Cynthia Chihak and Tom Lincoln  
**Little Known Fact:** I was a Zamboni driver.

Jennifer Martinez  
**Firm:** Martinez & Schill LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Personal Injury  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.martinezschill.com  
**Best Advice:** Knowledge is power and continue learning.  
**Favorite Quote:** “Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground,” Theodore Roosevelt.

Megan Mazza  
**Firm:** Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Litigation & Law School  
**Law School:** University of Michigan Law School  
**Website:** www.greshamsavage.com  
**Comments:** I chose law as a career because I enjoy advocating for clients in the courtroom. As my practice has grown, counseling clients and finding efficient solutions to potential disputes is now one of my favorite things about being a litigator.

Darai Mazzarella  
**Firm:** Mazzarella & Mazzarella, LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Commercial Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Serious Personal Injury  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.mazzarellass.com  
**Comments:** It is a great privilege to assist those in need. I love my job! Every day brings something new. More importantly, every day brings something important. Each client whom I have the honor of representing is faced with a challenge that threatens their wellbeing in some way. I take very seriously the fact that each client looks to me to protect them from injustice. It is a very personal calling and creates bonds that transcend mere “business.” I am honored to be included among the best.

Mark Mazzarella  
**Firm:** Mazzarella & Mazzarella, LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** General Business, Real Estate Litigation  
**Law School:** UCSD School of Law  
**Website:** www.mazzarellass.com  
**Comments:** I was very fortunate to have been mentored during my baby-lawyer years at Luce Forward by a number of the best trial lawyers in town.

John McCarthy  
**Firm:** Law Offices of John F. McCarthy  
**Areas of Practice:** Labor and Employment, Elder, Business  
**Law School:** Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
**Website:** www.meservylawpc.com  
**Comments:** Each of my clients quickly become a part of the Meservy Law, PC family. I appreciate the opportunity to advocate for their rights and interests.

Kevan McLaughlin  
**Firm:** McLaughlin Legal  
**Areas of Practice:** Tax Law  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.mclaughlinlegal.com  
**Best Advice:** An attorney’s two worst enemies are complacency and hubris. The law is a noble profession that requires us to leave those traits at the door.

Julie Mebane  
**Firm:** Duane Morris LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Real Estate Transactions  
**Law School:** UCLA School of Law  
**Website:** www.duemorris.com  
**Comments:** Real estate transactions are fulfilling matters to handle. Ultimately, the parties are working together to make the deal come together and close.

London Meservy  
**Firm:** Meservy Law, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Employment Litigation, Civil Litigation  
**Law School:** UCSD School of Law  
**Website:** www.meservylawpc.com  
**Comments:** Real estate transactions are fulfilling matters to handle. Ultimately, the parties are working together to make the deal come together and close.

George Miller  
**Firm:** Shustak & Partners, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Securities Litigation  
**Law School:** Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
**Website:** www.shustak.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “I can’t imagine a person becoming a success who doesn’t give this game of life everything he’s got,” Walter Cronkite.

Kimberly J. Miller, Ph.D.  
**Firm:** Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Intellectual Property  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.knobbe.com  
**Comments:** Intellectual property law allows me to blend science and the law in order to protect my clients’ innovations.

William Miller  
**Firm:** Higgins, Fletcher & Mack LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Health Care and Business Litigation  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.higglaw.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “Argue your limitations and sure enough they’re yours.”

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Kathy Minella  
**Firm:** Minella Law Group  
**Areas of Practice:** Family Law  
**Law School:** Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
**Website:** www.minellawgroup.com  
**Most Influential Person:** My Mother.  
**Best Advice:** Figure out what you don’t want to do rather than what you do.  
**Little Known Fact:** I sing Taylor Swift songs in the shower.  

Paul Mirovski  
**Firm:** Mirovski & Associates  
**Areas of Practice:** Business Transactional, Business Litigation  
**Law School:** University of San Francisco School of Law  
**Website:** www.mirlaw.com  
**Little Known Fact:** As a member of Rock Justice, playing both keyboards and rhythm guitar - won the San Diego Lawyer Battle of the Bands in both 2007 and 2010. I made my first barrel of wine in 1999 with Carignane grapes brought from Mexico. In 2007 opened a full production winery with brother James selling wine under the trademark Treasure Island Wines.  

Jeff Miyamoto  
**Firm:** Pettit Kohin Inggrassia & Lutz PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Professional Liability, Business Litigation, Personal Injury  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.pettitkohin.com  
**Comments:** I enjoy spending time with my twin daughters, going to Padres games and playing softball.  
**Favorite Quote:** “Remember these two things — play hard and have fun,” Tony Gwynn.  
**Best Advice:** Be mindful of civility and integrity when dealing with opposing counsel and appearing in court. San Diego is a relatively small legal community. One’s reputation is extremely important and word travels fast.  

Vik Monder  
**Firm:** Monder Law Group, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Criminal Defense, DUI  
**Law School:** Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
**Website:** www.monderlaw.com  
**Comments:** Surrounding myself with other talented attorneys has pushed me to be the best I can be.  

Candace Moon  
**Firm:** The Craft Beer Attorney, APC  
**Areas of Practice:** Business, Trademark and Beverage Law  
**Law School:** Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
**Website:** www.thecraftbeerattorney.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “The universe tends to unfold as it should.”  

Danielle Moore  
**Firm:** Fisher & Phillips, LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Labor and Employment Law, including Employment Discrimination, Wrongful Termination, Workplace Harassment, Retaliation, Unfair Competition and Wage-hour Lawsuits  

Cassandra Mougin  
**Firm:** Pettit Kohin Inggrassia & Lutz PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Retail Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Professional Liability  
**Law School:** California Western School of Law  
**Website:** www.pettitkohin.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “When a young person, even a gifted one, grows up without proximate living examples of what she may aspire to become — whether lawyer, scientist, artist, or leader in any realm — her goal remains abstract. But a role model in the flesh provides more than inspiration; his or her very existence is confirmation of possibilities one may have every reason to doubt, saying, ‘Yes, someone like me can do this,’” Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.  

Alejandro Moreno  
**Firm:** Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Business Litigation, Securities Litigation, Banking Compliance  
**Law School:** Harvard Law School  
**Website:** www.sheppardmullen.com  
**Comments:** I am lucky to work as part of a talented team of litigators at Sheppard Mullin.  

Cynthia Morgan-Reed  
**Firm:** Higgs Fletcher & Mack  
**Areas of Practice:** Land Use, Real Estate, Environmental  
**Law School:** University of Notre Dame Law School  
**Website:** www.higgslaw.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “One cannot consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar,” Helen Keller.  
**Most Influential Person:** My mother: She told me I could do anything I wanted to do in life and loved me unconditionally, which resulted in me being confident enough to believe her.  

John Morrell  
**Firm:** Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Reorganization, Business Litigation, Corporate and Securities, Financial Services  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.higgslaw.com  

Haley Morrison  
**Firm:** Paul Hastings  
**Areas of Practice:** Employment Defense  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.paulhastings.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose,” Dr. Seuss.  

Rebecca Morrison  
**Firm:** Thornes Bartolotta McGuire  
**Areas of Practice:** Business, Real Property Litigation  
**Law School:** University of San Diego School of Law  
**Website:** www.tbmlawyers.com  
**Comments:** I represent plaintiffs in real estate and business disputes, including litigation regarding owners’ and developers’ land use and development rights, eminent domain and inverse condemnation ‘takings’ claims; claims for lost business profits and trade secret or brand infringement; and insurance claims related to extensive real property and business damage.  

Cassandra Mougin  
**Firm:** Pettit Kohin Inggrassia & Lutz PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Retail Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Professional Liability  
**Law School:** California Western School of Law  
**Website:** www.pettitkohin.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “When a young person, even a gifted one, grows up without proximate living examples of what she may aspire to become — whether lawyer, scientist, artist, or leader in any realm — her goal remains abstract. But a role model in the flesh provides more than inspiration; his or her very existence is confirmation of possibilities one may have every reason to doubt, saying, ‘Yes, someone like me can do this,’” Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.  

Jonathan Muenkel  
**Firm:** Torrey Pines Law Group, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Intellectual Property and Litigation  
**Law School:** University of Richmond School of Law  
**Website:** www.torreyplineslaw.com  
**Why Law:** The variety of matters keeps every day interesting.  
**Favorite Quote:** “The Unexamined Life Is Not Worth Living,” Socrates.  

David Munoz  
**Firm:** Mission Legal Center, PC  
**Areas of Practice:** Personal Injury  
**Law School:** St. Mary’s University School of Law  
**Website:** www.missionlegalcenter.com  
**Comments:** This career allows me help people which is a rewarding feeling in itself. Awards like this one add to the gratification I get from this profession. I am reminded of how much I have to learn daily!  
**Favorite Quote:** “You know, it was just so interesting to me that a ride could make me so frightened, so scared, so sick, so excited, and so thrilled all together! Some didn’t like it. They went on the merry-go-round. That just goes around. Nothing I like the roller coaster. You get more out of it,” Grandma, “Parenthood.”  

Heather Murray  
**Firm:** Law Office of Heather Moss Murray  
**Areas of Practice:** Business Formation and Compliance, Employment Law  
**Law School:** California Western School of Law  
**Website:** www.heatherrmurraylaw.com  
**Favorite Quote:** “If you can’t fly, then run. If you can’t run, then walk. If you can’t walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward,” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  

Frederick Muto  
**Firm:** Cooley LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Corporate and Securities  
**Law School:** University of California Berkeley School of Law  
**Website:** www.cooley.com  
**Most Influential Person:** My dad is one of the two most influential people in my career — by showing every day the value and importance of hard work. My wife also — by being a great partner every step of the way and always there when I needed help or advice.  
**Little Known Fact:** I am extremely competitive in all things — sports, games — all things.  

Anthony Nash  
**Firm:** Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.  
**Areas of Practice:** Litigation, Real Estate  
**Law School:** University of California, Hastings College of the Law  
**Website:** www.mintz.com  
**Most Influential Person:** Steven S. Wall.  
**Best Advice:** Expect the unexpected.  
**Favorite Quote:** “To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift,” Steve Prefontaine.  

Saman Nasseri  
**Firm:** Law Office of Saman Nasseri  
**Areas of Practice:** Criminal Defense  
**Law School:** California Western School of Law  
**Website:** www.nasserilegal.com  
**Comments:** Fairness has always been important to me. Having my own practice gives me the ability to take on the type of cases that I believe in fighting for.  

Todd Neal  
**Firm:** Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Swicht LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Business Litigation  
**Law School:** The John Marshall Law School  
**Website:** www.procopio.com  
**Best Advice:** One of the best pieces of advice that I have received was from a senior partner when I was a young associate. He had a saying, “Your future is on your desk.” That made a lasting impression on me that doing great work is the best marketing we can do and it is the real key to success and longevity in our business.  

Beth Obra-White  
**Firm:** Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP  
**Areas of Practice:** Construction Litigation  
**Law School:** Southwestern University School of Law  
**Website:** www.lorberlaw.com  
**Comments:** No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything.  

Michael O’Halloran  
**Firm:** Law Office of Michael T. O’Halloran  
**Areas of Practice:** Bankruptcy, Insolvency  
**Law School:** University of Southern California Gould School of Law  
**Website:** www.debtsd.com  
**Comments:** A bankruptcy practice is the recycling of real people. Bankruptcy was provided for in the U.S. Constitution, years before the Bill of Rights was added. This illustrates the value and importance the framers put on
preventing financial disaster from utterly destroying the citizens. The London of the destitute portrayed in “A Christmas Carol” was not fictional. Don’t let your law school grades at all suggest how your career will go.

Timothy O’Leary
Firm: O’Leary Law PC
Areas of Practice: Employment, Business Litigation

Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.cwlaw.com
Comments: Stay informed with what the leaders in your field are focusing on.
Favorite Quote: “You’ll miss 100% of the shots you do not take,” Wayne Gretzky.
Little Known Fact: I am a certified sommelier.

Stacey O’Neill
Firm: Juriewitz Law Group
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury
Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.juriewitz.com
Favorite Quote: “So often in life the things you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune,” Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Barbara Orr
Firm: Barbara Orr
Areas of Practice: Trust and Probate Litigation
Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.barbaraoorrlaw.com
Comments: I enjoy fighting for my clients. It is what I do best.

Rosana Ortega
Firm: Ortega Business Law Firm, APC
Areas of Practice: Corporate and Business
Law School: University of San Diego
Website: www.ortegabusinesslaw.com
Comments: I chose a law career to leave a positive imprint and the corporate field to create. I’ve learned though that without heart the brain doesn’t matter.

Rebecca O’Toole
Firm: McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Estate and Trust Administration, Tax, Exempt Organizations
Law School: University of San Diego
Website: www.mckennalong.com
Best Advice: From Fred Vandever — Keep it simple, always look for a practical solution.
Most Influential Person: Fred Vandever

Maria Palmieri
Firm: Palmieri Law, APLC
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury
Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.palmierilawfirm.com
Most Influential Person: Lou Helmuth, my career counselor at California Western.
Why Law: To help people.
Little Known Fact: Between college and law school, I served as a full-time AmeriCorps volunteer at a children’s group home.

Shanna Pearce
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Litigation
Law School: Northwestern School of Law
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com

David M. Peters
Firm: Peters & Freedman, L.L.P.
Areas of Practice: Community Association Law, Assessment Collections, Construction Defect Litigation
Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.houlaw.com
Comments: Peters is a longtime volunteer mentor and has an active role tutoring high school students. He and his wife take in young adults to provide financial, educational and other support to enable a college education. Peters’ claim is that he will not live long enough to pay his debt to lot of good people. “This debt cannot be repaid to those who gave it, it can only be repaid to the next generation. Great success without a corresponding social conscious is devoid of substance.”

Jeff Petersen
Firm: Shustak & Partners, P.C.
Areas of Practice: Litigation, Transactional
Law School: Georgetown University Law Center
Website: www.shusfirm.com
Best Advice: Whatever you least want to do in your day, do it first. Otherwise it’ll be there waiting for you tomorrow.
Favorite Quote: “Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself,” George Bernard Shaw.

Andrea Petray
Firm: Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate, Construction Litigation
Law School: UCLA School of Law
Website: www.ftblaw.com
Comments: The best part of being a lawyer is working with clients to find solutions to their business challenges. I also love to win.

Douglas Pettit
Firm: Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC
Areas of Practice: Professional Liability, Business Litigation
Law School: Washington and Lee School of Law
Website: www.pettitkohn.com
Comments: I always wanted to be a lawyer. I look on it as one of the noblest of professions. So much great change is affected by the law and lawyers.
Best Advice: Be honest with everyone—clients, judges, opposing counsel and juries. People need to be able to trust you.
Favorite Quote: “Courage is fear that has said its prayers,” poem by Helen Baker.

J. Christian Platt
Firm: Jones Day
Areas of Practice: Intellectual Property Litigation, Patent Litigation
Law School: University of Texas School of Law
Website: www.jonesday.com
Comments: Success in patent litigation requires a unique team that combines legal excellence with technical expertise. As Michael Jordan said, “Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.”

Stephanie Poli
Firm: Gomez Trial Attorneys
Areas of Practice: Complex Litigation, Mass Torts
Law School: University of California Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.thegomezfirm.com
Favorite Quote: “Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning,” Gloria Steinem.
Most Influential Person: My dad.

Virginia Price
Firm: Higgins Fletcher and Mack
Areas of Practice: Transportation
Law School: Washington and Lee School of Law
Website: www.higgslaw.com
Favorite Quote: “You will become way less concerned with what other people think of you when you realize how seldom they do,” David Foster Wallace.

Jessica Pride
Firm: The Pride Law Firm
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury
Law School: University of California, Los Angeles
Website: www.pridelawfirm.com
Comments: Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. I am passionate about the fight to end sexual violence in San Diego. Representing victims of sexual assault in civil cases has been a great privilege. I want to leave a positive imprint on this community so that when I die, my epitaph will read, “She fought for justice in a great pair of heels.”

Grant Puleo
Firm: Dunne Morris LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate, Finance
Law School: University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Website: www.dunneworris.com
Best Advice: To always put the client first and everything else will sort itself out.

Jamie Quient
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Areas of Practice: Litigation, Insurance Law
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com

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Louisville Memphis New Jersey New Orleans Orlando Philadelphia Phoenix Portland San Antonio San Diego San Francisco Somerset Washington, DC
Favorite Quote: "You can hang a star on that one." Jerry Coleman.

Little Known Fact: I have a large collection of baseball cards.

Andrew Servais
Firm: Wingert Grebing
Areas of Practice: Professional Liability, Business Litigation
Law School: California Western School of Law
Website: www.wingertlaw.com
Comments: My grandfather’s work ethic and commitment to send his children and grandchildren to college has been a constant influence in my life. Practicing law gives me the opportunity to honor that commitment by engaging in complex and interesting legal matters and the opportunity stick up for people who can’t stick up for themselves.

Favorite Quote: “The harder I work, the luckier I get.” Thomas Jefferson.

Most Influential Person: My grandfather.

Why Law? I wanted to stick up for people who couldn’t stick up for themselves.

Ronson J. Shamoun
Firm: RJS Law
Areas of Practice: Tax Law
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.rjslawfirm.com
Comments: If you work hard, you might make it. If you don’t work hard, you’ll never make it. “Being on time is the first step.” Calvin Coolidge.

Favorite Quote: “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence... Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.” Calvin Coolidge.

Jason Sheinberg
Firm: Sheinberg Law Group
Areas of Practice: Securities Litigation, Business Litigation, Arbitration
Law School: New York University School of Law
Website: www.sheinberglawgroup.com
Comments: My family is my passion, my wife and twin boys motivate me every day. I see them in each of the families I represent.

Erwin Shustak
Firm: Shustak & Partners, PC
Areas of Practice: Securities Litigation, Business Litigation, Arbitration
Law School: New York University School of Law
Website: www.shufirm.com
Comments: You’ll never make it. “Being on time is the first step.” Calvin Coolidge.

Jacob Slania
Firm: Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge LLP
Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, Real Estate and Construction Litigation, Trust and Probate Litigation
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.knlh.com
Comments: Litigating provides me with the opportunity to advocate for my clients, through discovery, mediation, and trial, to achieve beneficial results.

William Small
Firm: Small & Schena LLP
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Professional Liability
Law School: University of North Carolina School of Law
Website: www.smallschena.com
Comments: If I wasn’t a lawyer, I’d be a journalist. Favorite San Diego movie, “A Civil Action.”

Brandon Smith
Firm: Law Offices of Brandon M. Smith
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, Personal Injury
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.bradsmithlaw.com
Comments: My parents who showed me that hard work is the key to being successful.

And all of the attorneys who were named San Diego’s Best of the Bar.
mentors in my professional career, but in particular Attorney Dennis Schoville, who really taught me how to try a case to a jury.

Abigail Stephenson
Firm: Blanchard, Krasner & French
Areas of Practice: Business and Corporate Law
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.blkfw.com
Favorite Quote: “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel,” Maya Angelou.

Kenneth Stipanov
Firm: McEnna Long & Alldine LLP
Areas of Practice: Real Estate and Finance
Law School: UCLA School of Law
Website: www.mcel.com
Favorite Quote: “Managers do things right, leaders do the right things.”
Most Recent Book: Thomas Jefferson’s "Que: Islam and the Founders"
Little Known Fact: I was five years on the Star of India sail crew.

Jeff Stoke
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Law School: Loyola Law School
Website: www.procopio.com
Best Advice: Maintain your childhood curiosity for a lifetime.
Favorite Quote: “Action is the foundational key to success,” Pablo Picasso.

Most Influential Person: Abraham Lincoln
Edward Swan
Firm: Jones Day
Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation, White Collar Criminal Defense
Law School: Duke School of Law
Website: www.jonesday.com
Best Advice: The best advice I received from law school was: “Grace Under Pressure.” The practice of law can be very stressful, and it is always important to keep your wits about you, and to keep your composure. I chose the practice of law because I like complex issues and helping to solve problems.

Most Influential Person: My father was a very influential figure in my legal career. He was the first person in his family to go to college, and he graduated through law school. He practiced for more than 50 years.

Susan Swan
Firm: Gruenberg Law
Areas of Practice: Employee Rights, Sexual Harassment, Whistleblowers, Wage Theft
Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.gruenberglaw.com
Comments: I advocate for workplace fairness and equality of opportunity. I fight sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and wage theft.
Favorite Quote: My work is guided by these words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

Little Known Fact: I swam in the Malibu Triathlon, as part of a relay team, three times. I swam faster than Mario Lopez, Treti Hacker, and Jennifer Lopez.

Eric Swenson
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Areas of Practice: Taxation
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com
Comments: Choosing to start my career at the BDS was the best advice I ever received.

Ashley Teague
Firm: Teague Law Firm
Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Estate Administration, Probate
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.teaguelaw.com
Comments: I love what I do every day. People come into my office stressed, and leave smiling and with peace of mind.
Favorite Quote: “He who fails to plan, plans to fail.”

Grachiele Tenorio
Firm: Law Office of Grachiele Tenorio
Areas of Practice: Immigration
Law School: Aleriano University School of Law
Website: www.tenoriolaw.com
Best Advice: Never stop learning.
Favorite Quote: “Be kinder than necessary because every person you meet is fighting some kind of battle.”

Amanda Thompson
Firm: Law Office of Amanda L. Thompson
Areas of Practice: Employment Law
Law School: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Website: www.amandathompsonlaw.com
Favorite Quote: “There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest,” Elie Wiesel.

Anthony Thompson
Firm: Thompson & Wedeking
Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Environmental Litigation
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.thompsonwedeking.com
Comments: I chose the law in order to protect those injured through no fault of their own.
Favorite Quote: “The best revenge is not to be like your enemy,” Marcus Aurelius.

John Tishler
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Corporate Securities
Law School: Yale Law School
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com

Frank Tobkin
Areas of Practice: Labor and Employment
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.ogletreedekins.com
Comments: I chose law as a career as I find it professionally rewarding to help people solve their issues.

Martin Togni
Firm: Allen Matkins
Areas of Practice: Real Estate
Law School: University of Notre Dame Law School
Website: www.allenmatkins.com
Comments: Best phrase — TIME KILLS DEALS. So often said by brokers and clients and so true! I always tell clients that if a deal dies, I can promise it won’t be due to lack of turnaround time by me!
Most Influential Person: Michael Meyer, now with DLA Piper, was my mentor when we were at Pillsbury Madison & Sutro and he was (and still is) the most influential person in my career.
Little Known Fact: English is my second language and I grew up speaking an old Swiss dialect. I also am a Swiss citizen.

Jonah Toleno
Firm: Shustak & Partners, P.C.
Areas of Practice: Securities, Business Litigation
Law School: University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Website: www.shustakfirm.com
Favorite Quote: “Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back,” Babe Ruth.

Tony Toranto
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Corporate, Real Estate, Energy Litigation
Law School: Stanford Law School
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com

Paul Tyrell
Firm: Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation
Law School: University of Virginia School of Law
Website: www.procopio.com
Best Advice: A mentor once told me that I should prepare every case like it is going to go to trial. That mindset gives you the upper hand on so many levels.
Favorite Quote: President Coolidge’s famous quote that starts with “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence…”

Little Known Fact: I took a year off between college and law school, spending time in Seattle, Aspen/Snowmass and San Diego while working as a fitness trainer, ski lift operator and fitness trainer.

Michael Umskis
Firm: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP
Areas of Practice: Corporate
Law School: University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Website: www.sheppardmullin.com

Gregory Vega
Firm: Selzler Caplan McMahon Vitel
Areas of Practice: White Collar Criminal Defense, Compliance
Law School: Valparaiso University School of Law
Website: www.scvmy.com
Favorite Quote: “Any job worth doing, is worth doing well.”

Pauline Villanueva
Firm: Law Office of Pauline E. Villanueva
Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense, Civil Appeals
Law School: Santa Clara University School of Law
Website: www.yoursandiegodefense.com
Favorite Quote: “It is what it is, but it will be what you make of it.”

Little Known Fact: I am a child, I unsuccessfully tried to submit a short story to Highlights magazine.

Christopher Walters
Firm: Walters Law Group
Areas of Practice: Business Litigation
Law School: University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Website: www.walters-lawgroup.com
Little Known Fact: I was a religious studies major at Cal, which is helpful when I need to play therapist with my clients. Cigars are one of the best ways to network.

Garth Ward
Firm: Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith LLP
Areas of Practice: Environmental, Toxic Torts, Engineering and Design, General Liability
Law School: Golden Gate University School of Law
Website: www.lewisbrisbois.com
Comments: It is fascinating how law tracks the evolutionary nature of society while continuing to foster change.
Mom’s Advice: Treat others as you wish to be treated.

Stefanie Warren
Firm: McEnna Long & Alldine LLP
Areas of Practice: Commercial and Environmental Litigation
Law School: Emory Law School
Website: www.mcel.com
Comments: “Oh, there won’t be any money, but when you die, your deathbed, you will receive total consciousness.” So I got that goin’ for me, which is nice.

Steve Wedeking
Firm: Thompson & Wedeking
Areas of Practice: Landlord Tenant - Represent Landlords in Evictions
Law School: University of San Diego School of Law
Website: www.thesandiegoeviction.com
Favorite Quote: Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

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