

BEST of the BAR

“The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower (34th President of the United States)

Dwight Eisenhower’s insightful view of the law is as relevant now as it was more than two generations ago and San Diego’s extensive legal community is committed to its stewardship. Whether representing global corporations or struggling families, our region’s legal advocates bring a wealth of knowledge gleaned not just from their legal training, but tangible, real-world experience that makes them uniquely qualified to stand as champions for their clients.

In our fourth annual Best of the Bar issue, we honor 100 of these local attorneys who were chosen by their peers as

the most outstanding in their field. This final list represents an extensive range of specialties that include class-action consumer rights, estate planning, high-tech intellectual property, malpractice, immigration, and criminal defense.

A record 2,535 votes were cast for a field of 1,133 attorneys affiliated with 795 firms and solo practices in the region.

Legal professionals throughout the 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.



OLGA ALVAREZ
Firm: Heisner Alvarez
Website: heisneralvarez.com
Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law
Best Phrase: To whom much is given, much is expected
Little-Known Fact: I’ve been chased by a bull

services to my clients, the life education I received working in family businesses throughout my childhood and adolescence helps me every day



JUDY BAE
Firm: Miller Monson Peshel Polacek & Hoshaw
Website: mmpph.com
Areas of Practice: Probate Litigation

Best Phrase: If opportunity does not knock, build a door!
Little-Known Fact: I attended medical school prior to pursuing my legal career



SOTERA ANDERSON
Firm: Law Offices of Sotera L. Anderson
Website: calemonlawattorney.com
Areas of Practice: Breach of Warranty, Products Liability
Best Phrase: It’s all about attitude and perspective
Little-Known Fact: I was a National Championship ROTC Drill Team Commander in high school that led me to my current 24 years of service in the military (California Air National Guard)



DANIEL ANDRIST
Firm: Daniel Andrist, Attorney at Law
Website: andrist-law.com
Areas of Practice: Insurance



EDWARD BARBAT
Firm: Law Offices of Edward F. Barbat
Website: barbatlaw.com
Areas of Practice: Hospitality, Alcohol Licensing, Business and Corporate Transactions, Real Estate

Best Phrase: Try to surround yourself with smart people; then pay careful attention
Little-Known Fact: I am filling out this form while hiding out in Barcelona for the weekend

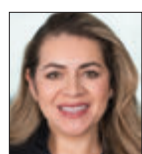


ALFRED ATALLAH
Firm: Atallah Law Group
Areas of Practice: Business and Corporate Law, Real Estate, Contracts, Transactions, Estate Planning
Best Phrase: People don’t buy what you do; they buy WHY you do it
Little-Known Fact: Although my formal education enables me to provide legal

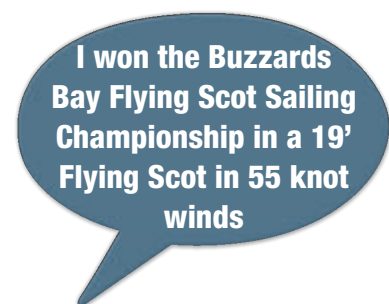


MICHAEL BERG
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Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense, Federal Crimes, White-Collar Crime
Little-Known Fact: I was born and raised in South Dakota

Litigation, Intellectual Property Counseling
Best Phrase: “Mental toughness is doing the right thing for the team when it’s not the best thing for you.” Bill Belichick
Little-Known Fact: My mom owns a candy store in New Hampshire that has been in the family since the 1950s



NADIA BERMUDEZ
Firm: Klinedinst PC
Website: klinedinstlaw.com
Areas of Practice: Employment, Civil Litigation
Best Phrase: “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.” Steve Jobs
Little-Known Fact: As an employment litigator, I love the human interest aspect of my practice, particularly in understanding how personalities impact workplace dynamics



WANA BERNALES
Firm: Bernales Law Firm
Website: bernaleslaw.com
Areas of Practice: Business and Real Estate Law

Best Phrase: It’s going to happen because I’m going to make it happen
Little-Known Fact: I’m relentless



CHARLES BLEILER
Firm: The Bleiler Law Firm, APC
Website: bleilerlaw.com
Areas of Practice: Employment, Personal Injury Litigation

Best Phrase: “Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” Finley Peter Dunne
Little-Known Fact: I won the Buzzards Bay Flying Scot Sailing Championship in a 19’ Flying Scot in 55 knot winds



MATTHEW BERNSTEIN
Firm: Perkins Coie
Website: perkinscoie.com
Areas of Practice: Patent Litigation, Intellectual Property



ISAAC BLUMBERG
Firm: The Law Office of Isaac Blumberg
Website: isaacblumberg.com
Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense

Best Phrase: I’m the lawyer you’ll swear by, not at
Little-Known Fact: I have driven across the United States more than 10 times

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**RAFAEL BONILLA****Firm:** Heisner Alvarez, APC**Website:** heisneralvarez.com**Areas of Practice:** Trust Litigation, Estate Planning, Business Litigation
Best Phrase: "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Mark Twain
Little-Known Fact: My favorite city to be in is Paris. My favorite to eat in is Florence. My favorite to relax in is Granada**JOSHUA BONNICI****Firm:** Bonnici Law Group, APC**Website:** bonnicilawgroup.com**Areas of Practice:** Personal Injury, Disability Appeals
Best Phrase: My socks are usually cooler than me.
Little-Known Fact: I have a personal goal to ride my bicycle 2,500 miles this year**DAVID BRANFMAN****Firm:** Branfman Law Group, P.C.**Website:** branfman.com**Areas of Practice:**Intellectual Property, Entertainment
Little-Known Fact: I still own my 1966 Ludwig black oyster pearl Ringo-look-alike drum set**TARA BURD****Firm:** T. Burd Law Group, APC**Website:** tburdlawgroup.com**Areas of Practice:** Civil Litigation, Probate Litigation
Best Phrase: It's never too early
Little-Known Fact: I played the clarinet in marching band in high school**JENNIFER CHANG****Firm:** Gresham Savage**Website:** greshamsavage.com**Areas of Practice:** Real Estate Transactions, Corporate
Best Phrase: Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody
Little-Known Fact: I was born in Canada

I ran the Boston Marathon and loved it

**ALARA CHILTON****Firm:** Law Office of Alara T. Chilton**Website:** lawofficeofalarachilton.com**Areas of Practice:** Criminal Defense, Consumer Rights Litigation
Best Phrase: Be the change you want to see in the world
Little-Known Fact: I ran the Boston Marathon and loved it**KEITH COCHRAN****Firm:** Fitzgerald Knaier LLP**Website:** fitzgeraldknaier.com**Areas of Practice:** Business Litigation
Best Phrase: If nothing is going right,

then go left

Little-Known Fact: After years of yoga, I can now touch my toes**ANDY COOK****Firm:** Law Offices of Andy Cook**Website:** divorcesd.com**Areas of Practice:**Family Law
Best Phrase: I break up marriages
Little-Known Fact: I am a former professional radio announcer**JULIE CORBO RIDLEY****Firm:** Hurst & Hurst**Website:** juliecorboridley.com**Areas of Practice:** Litigation
Best Phrase: The only difference between you and someone you envy is that you settled for less
Little-Known Fact: I'm a weekend baker and candy-maker**ELVIRA CORTEZ****Firm:** Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel**Website:** sullivanhill.com**Areas of Practice:**Construction Law, Insurance Law, Commercial and Business Litigation
Best Phrase: We will be known forever by the tracks we leave
Little-Known Fact: I participated in the Junior Olympics for Tae Kwon Do**JAMES CROSBY****Firm:** James D. Crosby, Attorney at Law**Website:** crosbyattorney.com; trialcall.net**Areas of Practice:** Business Litigation, Trial Representation
Best Phrase: No matter where you go, there you are
Little-Known Fact: I was a marine biologist before becoming a lawyer**MATT DEEN****Firm:** Black and Deen, LLP**Website:** blackdeenlaw.com**Areas of Practice:** Business Law, Estate Planning
Best Phrase: No one looks back on their life and remembers the nights they got plenty of sleep
Little-Known Fact: If I wasn't an attorney, I would be a professional mountain guide**CHANDARA DIEP****Firm:** RJS Law**Website:** rjlawfirm.com**Areas of Practice:** Tax**Best Phrase:** If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you
Little-Known Fact: I am a spelling bee champ**AMBER ECK****Firm:** Zeldes Haeggquist & Eck, LLP**Website:** zhlaw.com**Areas of Practice:** Employment, Class Actions, Securities
Best Phrase: "The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just." Abraham Lincoln
Little-Known Fact: Shortly after Rollerblades first came out, I traveled to San Francisco and entered a Rollerblade race in hilly Golden Gate Park — and I didn't even know how to brake yet**WILLIAM EIGNER****Firm:** Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP**Website:** procopio.com**Areas of Practice:**Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions
Best Phrase: Companies buy companies that look like them. Try to look like them
Little-Known Fact: I was a U.S. Supreme Court judicial intern, helping to write speeches and reports for Chief Justice Warren Burger**JEREMY EVANS****Firm:** California Sports Lawyer®**Website:** cslllegal.com**Areas of Practice:** Sports,Entertainment, Business
Best Phrase: Embrace the struggle; change in character comes with challenges
Little-Known Fact: I traveled the world in three months seeing 19 countries, 29 cities and 3 baseball games**SARAH EVANS****Firm:** Schwartz Semerdjian Cauley & Moot, LLP**Website:** sscmlegal.com**Areas of Practice:** Employment Law
Best Phrase: There is no work-life balance — there is just a balanced life, and it is a wonderful thing
Little-Known Fact: As a Kentucky native, my favorite food is country ham, which is hard to find in San Diego

I dunked a basketball on my 50th birthday and haven't come close to doing so since

**KENNETH FITZGERALD****Firm:** Fitzgerald Knaier LLP**Website:** fitzgeraldknaier.com**Areas of Practice:** Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation
Best Phrase: "Without music, life would be an error." Friedrich Nietzsche
Little-Known Fact: I dunked a basketball on my 50th birthday and haven't come close to doing so since**JOSHUA FRANKLIN****Firm:** Franklin Soto LLP**Website:** franklinsoto.law**Areas of Practice:** Insurance Bad FaithLitigation, Business Litigation
Best Phrase: If you always tell the truth, you never have to remember what you said
Little-Known Fact: For the past two years I have coached my son's tee ball and Little League teams**ERIC FREEBERG****Firm:** Eric O. Freeberg, APLC**Website:** freeberglaw.com**Areas of Practice:** Real Estate Transactions
Best Phrase: Change is inevitable but growth is optional
Little-Known Fact: I was the first child born in U.S. from parents who were Vikings**DAN GILLEON****Firm:** Gilleon Law Firm**Website:** gilleonlawfirm.com**Areas of Practice:**Civil Litigation, Injury, Employment, Civil Rights
Best Phrase: "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway." John Wayne
Little-Known Fact: I like to hunt for sea glass at the beach (please don't tell anybody)**DANIEL GREENE****Firm:** The Law Offices of Kerry L. Armstrong, APLC**Website:** sandiegodefenselawfirm.com**Areas of Practice:** Criminal Defense
Best Phrase: Iuventus stultorum magister
Little-Known Fact: Despite the accent, I am not from the East Coast — #SanDiegoNative**JOHN HAMMERSTRAND****Firm:** Chihak & Martel**Website:** chihaklaw.com**Areas of Practice:**Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice/Aviation
Best Phrase: Good enough rarely is
Little-Known Fact: One of my best friends and guiding lights is a WWII veteran, long time fly-buddy, and all around great man, George Parker**RAMIN HARIRI****Firm:** Hariri Law Group**Website:** haririlaw.com**Areas of Practice:**Personal Injury
Best Phrase: The world cares very little about what a man knows; it is what a man does that counts
Little-Known Fact: I have visited 46 states and over 40 countries**JASON HARTLEY****Firm:** Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP**Website:** stuevesiegel.com**Areas of Practice:**Antitrust, Class Action, Consumer Law
Best Phrase: The world cares very little about what a man knows; it is what a man does that counts
Little-Known Fact: I have visited 46 states and over 40 countries**WILLIAM HARTSOCK****Firm:** William D. Hartsock, Tax Attorney Inc.**Website:** thetaxlawyer.com**Areas of Practice:** Taxation-Audits, Appeals, Tax Litigation
Little-Known Fact: I've raced Porsches on professional racetracks, and hunted grizzly bear with a bow and arrow**JERRY HEMME****Firm:** Goode, Hemme & Peterson, APC**Website:** sandiegoattorney.com**Areas of Practice:** Real Estate, Business Litigation
Best Phrase: Doing the average keeps the average down
Little-Known Fact: I worked as an usher in the 1972 Munich Olympics

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**ROBERT HILL**

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Website: rlhfirm.com

Areas of Practice:

Business Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation

Best Phrase: "Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." John F. Kennedy

Little-Known Fact: My high school graduating class in North Dakota had 35 students (I was one of three valedictorians)

**AMY HSIAO**

Firm: Hsiao Law, PC
Website: hsiaolaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Estate Planning

Little-Known Fact: I used to be a Taiwanese opera actress

**CONOR HULBURT**

Firm: The McClellan Law Firm
Website: mclellanlaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Personal Injury

Best Phrase: "Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing gonna be alright." Bob Marley

Little-Known Fact: I married my study partner from law school and now we have two amazing boys together

**AREZOO JAMSHIDI**

Firm: Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
Website: lewisbrisbois.com

Areas of Practice:

Civil Litigation, Appeals

Best Phrase: Always ask for what you want

Little-Known Fact: I secretly love math

**PAUL JONNA**

Firm: LiMandri & Jonna LLP
Website: limandri.com

Areas of Practice:

Business Litigation, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

Best Phrase: What we think or what we know or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only thing of consequence is what we do

Little-Known Fact: My wife and I have four young children and a fifth on the way. They're a great blessing and fill our life with joy

**DEEPALE MILIE JOSHI**

Firm: Joshi Law Group
Website: joshilawgroup.com

Areas of Practice:

Bankruptcy Law, Business Law

Best Phrase: "I love to see a young girl go out and grab the world by the lapels. Life's a bitch. You've got to go out and kick ass." Maya Angelou

Little-Known Fact: My hometown is the Mule Capital of the world

**ROSS JUREWITZ**

Firm: Jurewitz Law Group
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Areas of Practice:

Plaintiff Personal Injury

Best Phrase: "If worms carried pistols, birds wouldn't eat them." Coach Darrell Royal

Little-Known Fact: I am a huge fan of the University of Texas Longhorns sports and have traveled to see numerous games across the country,

including the best football game ever played — the 2006 Rose Bowl

**ASHLEY KERINS**

Firm: Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel
Website: sullivanhill.com

Areas of Practice:

Real Estate, Corporate Transactions, Tax

Best Phrase: The grass is always greener where you water it

Little-Known Fact: I won a state championship in basketball twice

**GARRISON "BUD" KLUECK**

Firm: Law & Mediation Firm of Klueck & Hoppes, APC
Website: familylawsandiego.com

Areas of Practice:

Family Law, ADR (Mediation and Collaborative Law)

Little-Known Fact: I have read the Bible before congregations on three continents

**ERIN LEE**

Firm: Law Offices of Erin J. Lee
Website: erinjee.com

Areas of Practice:

Immigration

Best Phrase: You can do it!

Little-Known Fact: I was in a Broadway musical

I have a really hard time coming up with little-known facts about myself

**JACK LEER**

Firm: Caldarelli Hejmanowski Page & Leer LLP
Website: chpllaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Litigation

Best Phrase: "Things are going to start happening to me now." Navin R. Johnson (Steve Martin) in "The Jerk"

Little-Known Fact: I have a really hard time coming up with little-known facts about myself

**MICHAEL LEONARD**

Firm: San Diego Corporate Law
Website: sdcorporatelaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Transactional Corporate

Best Phrase: Sign here; initial there

Little-Known Fact: I worked as a physicist for seven years before starting law school

**JOSEPH LEVENTHAL**

Firm: Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
Website: dinsmore.com

Areas of Practice:

Commercial Litigation

Best Phrase: "Don't take anything personally. Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality." Don Miguel Ruiz

Little-Known Fact: My dream retirement is to own and work in a restaurant

**RAY LEWIS**

Firm: Law Offices of Ramon E. Lewis
Website: raylewislaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Elder Abuse, Medical Malpractice, Serious Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

Best Phrase: Elder abuse in any form should not be tolerated

Little-Known Fact: I moonlighted in the Navy as a limo driver while stationed in San Diego

**RICK LIU**

Firm: Perkins Coie LLP
Website: perkinscoie.com

Areas of Practice:

White Collar and Investigations, Securities Litigation

Best Phrase: Good, better, best — never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best

Little-Known Fact: My dog is named after Arya Stark, not the hotel in Las Vegas

**MARTY LORENZO**

Firm: Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
Website: kilpatricktownsend.com

Areas of Practice:

Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions, Finance

Best Phrase: "I don't like that man; I must get to know him better." Abraham Lincoln

Little-Known Fact: I day-hiked Mount Whitney, but will take my time next time

**JEFFREY MACH**

Firm: Mach Law
Website: mach-law.com

Areas of Practice:

Family Law

Best Phrase: Serve and give to others

Little-Known Fact: Privacy is important to me

**LAWRENCE MAXHAM**

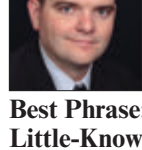
Firm: The Maxham Firm
Website: maxhamfirm.com

Areas of Practice:

Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Trade Secrets

Best Phrase: It has to be done right, not just good enough

Little-Known Fact: My high school graduating class was one of the largest in several years — 16

**JOSH MAXWELL**

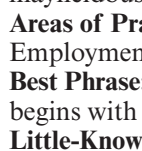
Firm: Hone Maxwell LLP
Website: honemaxwell.com

Areas of Practice:

Tax

Best Phrase: Time to make the donuts

Little-Known Fact: My wife and I got married eight days after we met

**GAYLE MAYFIELD-VENIERIS**

Firm: Mayfield Bustarde LLP
Website: mayfieldbustarde.com

Areas of Practice:

Business, Employment, Real Estate

Best Phrase: A journey of 1,000 miles begins with the first step

Little-Known Fact: I attended junior high and high school in Houston, Texas

I am a former science educator and a California licensed general contractor since 1977

**DARAL MAZZARELLA**

Firm: Mazzarella & Mazzarella LLP
Website: mazzarellalaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Real Estate Litigation, Business and Commercial Litigation

Best Phrase: Dedication, focus and hard work assure success

Little-Known Fact: I am a former science educator and a California licensed general contractor since 1977

**JAMES MCFAUL**

Firm: Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, LLP
Website: ddwklaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Professional Liability Defense, Employment Defense, Business/Commercial Litigation, Risk Management Counseling

Best Phrase: "Have fun storming the castle." Miracle Max (Billy Crystal) in "The Princess Bride"

Little-Known Fact: I actually do have an inside voice (sometimes)

**GEORGE MILLER**

Firm: Shustak Reynolds & Partners, P.C.
Website: shufirm.com

Areas of Practice:

Securities and Business Litigation

Best Phrase: "You've got to think lucky. If you fall into a mud hole, check your back pocket — you might have caught a fish." Coach Darrell Royal

Little-Known Fact: I can recite the preamble to the Constitution in song form

**PATRICK MONROE**

Firm: Best Best & Krieger LLP
Website: bbklaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Corporate & Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions, Business Transactions

Best Phrase: An ounce of prevention is worth much more than a pound of cure

Little-Known Fact: I can recite the preamble to the Constitution in song form

**CYNTHIA MORGAN-REED**

Firm: Morgan Reed Law
Website: morganreedlaw.com

Areas of Practice:

Land Use, Real Estate

Best Phrase: Do the right thing, even when no one is looking

Little-Known Fact: I grew up in a small town with one traffic light and no fast food restaurants

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**KRIS MUKHERJI**

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Website: kmsdlawoffice.com

Areas of Practice: Business Law, Estate Planning, Probate

Best Phrase: "He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything." Thomas Carlyle

Little-Known Fact: I attended a boarding school from first through seventh grade

**DAVID MUNOZ**

Firm: Mission Legal Center
Website: missionlegalcenter.com

Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Wrongful Death

Best Phrase: Perfect practice makes perfect games

Little-Known Fact: I'm the world's worst dancer

I was born in Afghanistan and immigrated to the U.S. as a refugee

**MACYH NAWAEY**

Firm: SD Lawyer
Website: sdlawyer.com

Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Car Accidents

Best Phrase: May the dreams you dream today be the life you live tomorrow

Little-Known Fact: I was born in Afghanistan and immigrated to the U.S. as a refugee

**BETH OBRA-WHITE**

Firm: Dummit, Buchholz & Trapp
Website: dbt.law

Areas of Practice: Medical Malpractice Defense, Insurance, Construction, Employment & Business Litigation

Best Phrase: "Be present in all things and thankful for all things." Maya Angelou

Little-Known Fact: I lived at Earl's Court in London, England for a spell

**SARA O'CONNELL**

Firm: McNamara Benjamin
Website: mcnamarallp.com

Areas of Practice: Intellectual Property Litigation, White-Collar Criminal Defense

Best Phrase: It's not the tragedies that kill us; it's the messes." Dorothy Parker

Little-Known Fact: After we evacuated from our Capitol Hill office building on 9/11, the member of Congress for whom I worked moved our entire office to my home for the day

**MATTHEW ODGERS**

Firm: Odgers Law Group
Website: odgerslawgroup.com

Areas of Practice: Dental Law, Business/Corporate Law, Estate Planning

Best Phrase: Life is too short to be small

Little-Known Fact: I have still not decided what football team I will be

rooting for next year. The Chargers broke my heart

**JEFF PETERSEN**

Firm: Law Offices of Jeffrey T. Petersen, P.C.
Website: lawofficesjtp.com

Areas of Practice: Corporate and Securities Law

Best Phrase: Practice like you want there to be a few less lawyer jokes

Little-Known Fact: I knew "Moonlight" had won the whole time

I am a fourth-generation California attorney and the first female attorney in my family

**ASHLEY PETERSON**

Firm: Law Office of Ashley M. Peterson
Website: ashleypetersonlaw.com

Areas of Practice: Real Estate, Business, Probate

Best Phrase: Do something today that you will be proud of tomorrow

Little-Known Fact: I am a fourth-generation California attorney and the first female attorney in my family

**JENNA RANGEL**

Firm: Zeldes Haeggquist & Eck, LLP
Website: zhlaw.com

Areas of Practice: Employment Law - Plaintiffs

Best Phrase: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Little-Known Fact: I'm a first-generation Italian, second-generation Portuguese, and all San Diego native

**MALCOLM ROBERTS**

Firm: Landay Roberts LLC
Website: landayroberts.com

Areas of Practice: Civil Litigation

Best Phrase: "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence." Calvin Coolidge

Little-Known Fact: I once hiked to the top of Mount Whitney

**KIMBERLEY ROBIDOUX**

Firm: Maggio Kattar Nahajzer + Alexander PC
Website: maggio-kattar.com

Areas of Practice: Immigration

Best Phrase: What matters is that you always do your best and give 110 percent in work, in play and in relationships

Little-Known Fact: I grew up making all types of arts and crafts and sewing clothes with my grandmother.

**PARISIMA ROSHANZAMIR**

Firm: Roshanzamir Law
Website: roshanzamirlaw.com

Areas of Practice: Personal Injury

Best Phrase: Never surrender

Little-Known Fact: Mint chocolate chip is the best flavor

**CHAD RUYLE**

Firm: Ruyle & Ruyle
Website: ruyleandruyle.com

Areas of Practice: Estate Planning

Best Phrase: "Try not to become a man of success. Rather, become a man of value." Albert Einstein

Little-Known Fact: I am expecting my first child

**PUJA SACHDEV**

Firm: Sachdev Legal Group, APC
Website: sachdevfamilylaw.com

Areas of Practice: Family Law Litigation, Mediation

Best Phrase: "A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt

Little-Known Fact: I don't like berries. I don't like cherries because it rhymes with berries

Despite the fact I live on a golf course, I have never played a round in my life

**JOHN SCHENA**

Firm: Small & Schena LLP
Website: smallschena.com

Areas of Practice: Business Litigation

Best Phrase: All work and no play makes John a dull boy

Little-Known Fact: Despite the fact I live on a golf course, I have never played a round in my life

**RONSON SHAMOUN**

Firm: RJS Law
Website: rjslawfirm.com

Areas of Practice: Tax Law, White-Collar Criminal Defense

Best Phrase: You have to believe in order to achieve

Little-Known Fact: I was born on July 4, 1976, the 200-year anniversary of our country

**DAVID SHAPIRO**

Firm: The Law Office of David P. Shapiro, APLC
Website: davidpshapiro.com

Areas of Practice: Criminal Defense

Best Phrase: A good name is better than good perfume

Little-Known Fact: I sometimes don't wear socks with shoes, unless I'm going to court

**JOY SIDHWA**

Firm: The Mogin Law Firm P.C.
Website: moginlaw.com

Areas of Practice: Antitrust, Consumer Protection, Unfair Competition, Class Actions

Best Phrase: "Be so good they can't ignore you." Steve Martin

Little-Known Fact: My middle name, Montha, used to be my first name.

"Joy" was just a nickname. I had it legalized as my first name because no one called me Montha.

**MONICA SLEV**

Firm: Stryker Slev Law Group
Website: strykerslev.com

Areas of Practice: Construction Law

Best Phrase: Always be the best you can possibly be

Little-Known Fact: I'm a huge movie fan

**ALLISON SOARES**

Firm: RJS Law
Website: rjslawfirm.com

Areas of Practice: Tax

Best Phrase: It is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice

Little-Known Fact: I grew up on a farm in Wisconsin

**ARIE SPANGLER**

Firm: The Spangler Firm
Areas of Practice: Business, Real Estate, Professional Liability

Best Phrase: "Civility is not a sign of weakness." John F. Kennedy

Little-Known Fact: I moonlight as a photographer

**JACK STEPHENS**

Firm: Stephens Law Group
Website: jackstephens.com

Areas of Practice: Estate Planning, Elder Abuse

Best Phrase: Where there's a Will, there's a way. Where there's a Trust, there's a better way

Little-Known Fact: Due to a catastrophic accident, I lost my trial law practice in Houston. After moving to San Diego, I built an estate planning practice which I began at age 46

**DENNIS STRYKER**

Firm: Stryker Slev Law Group
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Areas of Practice: Real Estate, Business Organizations

Best Phrase: The deal's done

Little-Known Fact: I've been on stage with the Rolling Stones

**SUSAN SWAN**

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Best Phrase: Start preparing for trial from the day you take the case

Little-Known Fact: I spent a summer selling T-shirts at the Del Mar Fair

**PHILIP TENCER**

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Areas of Practice: Complex Business Litigation

Best Phrase: The good of the people is the greatest law

Little-Known Fact: I grew up in Cardiff-by-the-Sea

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**ANTHONY THOMPSON****Firm:** Thompson | Wedeking
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Areas of Practice: Personal Injury, Environmental Litigation**Best Phrase:** "You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength." Marcus Aurelius**Little-Known Fact:** Punk rock is my favorite music genre. It's all I listen to — much to the dismay of my wife**JONAH TOLENO****Firm:** Shustak Reynolds & Partners, P.C.
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Securities Law, Securities Litigation, Financial Services Law, Business Litigation

Best Phrase: You never know**Little-Known Fact:** I love gummy bears**CHRISTOPHER WALTERS****Firm:** Walters Law Group
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I was nicknamed the neighborhood lawyer at age 12

**CHRISTOPHER WALTON****Firm:** Walton Law, A.P.C.
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by sharing music, food, and culture from different parts of the world

I spent six days rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon — twice

**CHRISTINA WHITE****Firm:** The Law Office of Christina Krywucki White
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Best Phrase: Be passionate about what you do**Little-Known Fact:** I spent six days rafting down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon — twice**DEREK WILSON****Firm:** Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz
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Best Phrase: Justice is taking care of those who aren't able to take care of themselves**Little-Known Fact:** I was a projectionist and movie theater manager for four years before starting a career in law**RUSSELL WINSLOW****Firm:** Pestotnik LLP
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Business Disputes, Officer and Director Liability, Professional Liability, Real Estate Disputes, Trust Disputes

Best Phrase: Be prepared**Little-Known Fact:** I'm president of the board of directors of ElderHelp of San Diego**CHARLES WITHAM****Firm:** Witham Mahoney & Abbott, LLP
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Business, Corporate Law

Best Phrase: Always strive to be fair, firm and consistent**Little-Known Fact:** While in college, I provided private tours of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.**ARLENE YANG****Firm:** Brown Law Group
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