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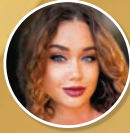
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Roland Achtel is a trust and estate litigator, and the head of litigation for Higgs Fletcher & Mack. He is also a certified specialist in Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law as designated by the State Bar. Roland holds an AV preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards as judged by his peers. Recently, Roland successfully argued a precedent-setting case before the Supreme Court of California, *Haggarty v. Thornton*. The Supreme Court's decision impacts how revocable trusts may be modified, to ensure greater flexibility in capturing a trustor's true intent. In his practice, Roland regularly represents clients in trust contests, will contests, trust and estate accounting disputes, conservatorships and related elder abuse claims. An active volunteer in the San Diego community, Roland currently serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the San Diego Superior Court, Probate Division.

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Brian Adkins has experience handling a variety of complex real estate matters throughout California and beyond. He specializes in housing discrimination investigations conducted by the California Civil Rights Department and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He regularly provides employment advice and counsel, as well as prepares employment agreements for his clients. Additionally, Brian handles commercial and multifamily real estate purchase and sale transactions, as well as litigated real estate, business and employment disputes. He is an active member and speaker for the National Apartment Association. He has worked with startups and small businesses, assisting with entity formation, IP protection, and commercial agreements. Brian was a contract advisor certified by the National Football League Players Association for 11 years, and handles litigation, transactions and advice and counsel for athletes, entertainers, teams, leagues and companies involved in the

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Maxwell C. Agha is the founder of Banker's Hill Law Firm, A.P.C. He graduated with honors from Seattle Pacific University and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. During his career, Maxwell gained significant experience through a judicial clerkship at the California Superior Court, where he conducted legal research and authored bench memoranda. Specializing in personal injury law, Maxwell has secured millions of dollars in settlements for his clients, building a reputation as a dedicated advocate. He has also worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Southern District of California, further enhancing his legal expertise. In addition to his practice, Maxwell volunteers as an arbitrator for the San Diego County Bar Association. Outside the courtroom, he enjoys soccer, reading, and spending time with his family, including his two daughters and their dog, Maui. Maxwell's commitment to justice and community defines his career and personal life.

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David is a partner in the San Diego office and has devoted his entire legal career to representing employers. Fueled by a passion for workplace law and a competitive drive, he is a tireless advocate for his clients. He enjoys developing creative and business-oriented solutions that resolve workplace issues while managing risk and remaining mindful of the client's bottom line. He represents employers in the healthcare and hospitality industries in union and non-union settings. He also represents clients in a wide range of other sectors, from retail to transportation to education. David was included in San Diego Super Lawyers - Rising Stars in consecutive years and selected as San Diego Metro Magazine's "40 Under 40" winner. He serves on the Board of Directors for Sharp Healthcare Foundation, which enhances health care needs of San Diegans through support of critical medical services, clinical research and Sharp's dedicated caregivers through San Diego.

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Anthony advises U.S. and foreign investors and companies across a variety of industries, including software and hardware technology, biotechnology, aerospace and defense, industrials and manufacturing, financial and professional services, real estate, and sports, media and entertainment. Clients value his input, appreciate his strong business sense and innovative thinking and, as a result, view him as a trusted adviser and true partner. What Anthony enjoys most about his transactional practice is analyzing all sides of the critical legal and business issues his clients encounter and working closely with them to develop creative, efficient solutions. In 2022, Anthony spoke on a panel at the Hispanic Heritage Foundation's 9th Annual Conference of the HHF Investors Forum. Anthony has also been named as a California Super Lawyer Rising Star. His community involvement includes a board seat on ACG San Diego, Fresh Start Surgical Gifts as well as an active role in Youth Assistance Coalition.

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Courtney is co-chair of the Commercial Litigation Division of Duane Morris LLP's Trial Practice Group and a member of the Firm's governing Partners Board. She serves as outside counsel to businesses handling litigation and compliance and risk management issues. Courtney has been recognized as San Diego's Women of Influence in the Law, San Diego's Super Lawyers and San Diego's Best of the Bar. She is the past chair of the Civil Litigation Section of the SDCBA and served on the Board of Governors for the S.D. Association of Business Trial Lawyers. She is a member of the Firm's Women's Impact Network for Success Steering Committee, Summer Associate hiring Partner, and member of the Firm's AI and Technology Committees. She serves on the Steering Committee for USD School of Law's Annual Class Action Law Forum and is as a pro bono Arbitrator for the Arbitration Committee of the SDCBA.

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Since joining The Estate Lawyers in 2017, Michelle Bartolic has played a key role in building the team. Starting as a trust and estate litigation attorney, she became a partner in 2021. Her success in litigation and closing cases led to her promotion as Managing Partner of Legal Production. In this role, Bartolic is focused on streamlining workflows, enhancing accountability, and improving overall competency. Her leadership is vital to the firm's strategic direction, ensuring operational excellence and supporting the growth and development of every team member.

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Ariel Bedell utilizes her experience with running a business together with her years of legal experience to provide clients with practical sound legal guidance for real estate transaction and litigation matters. Focusing on the ownership and operation of all aspects of commercial properties, Ariel has negotiated numerous commercial leases and buy/sell agreements for office, industrial, hotel and multifamily projects throughout California. Providing unique service of representing manufactured housing communities, Ariel also provides day-to-day operational guidance and documentation as well as all enforcement matters including overseeing 500+ evictions since 2020 with 99% success rate. Whether assisting clients with transactional documents or litigation services, Ariel provides unique, practical and customized legal solutions for clients.

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Nadia Bermudez, a Principal at Meyers Nave, is a distinguished leader in the legal community, recognized for her expertise, commitment to client advocacy, and dedication to DEI. As a Principal and key member of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group, Nadia consistently guides her team to achieve successful outcomes in litigation and offers proactive strategies tailored to her clients' needs. Nadia serves several influential boards, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Advisory Board and the Judicial Selection Advisory Committee for San Diego and Imperial Counties as Vice-Chair. She actively promotes diversity and mentors young attorneys through her work with the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association and the Lawyers Club of San Diego. Honored as a Daily Journal Top Labor & Employment Attorney, Top 25 San Diego Women Super Lawyer, and Top 100 Leaders in Law, Nadia embodies leadership, community engagement, and excellence in her daily practice.

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CALLIE BJURSTROM
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Callie Bjurstrom, an Intellectual Property partner, is recognized as a trial lawyer delivering big wins. A tenacious client advocate, Callie, who also serves as the managing partner of Pillsbury's San Diego office, has successfully tried cases to verdict as lead counsel in both state and federal courts, as well as represented clients before the International Trade Commission. She litigates patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright, unfair competition and other bet-the-company disputes and defends her clients' IP rights in a diverse range of industries. Notably, some recent matters she has handled include representing medical device company MicroVention in the prosecution of two high-profile cases against competitor Balt USA for misappropriation of trade secrets and patent infringement; HM Electronics in its IP enforcement efforts; and Viking Air Limited in a breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement and unfair competition case against Ikhana Group.

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Ryan Blair focuses his practice on securities, corporate governance, and shareholder litigation, including securities class actions defense, derivative suits, and M&A litigation. He also represents companies, boards, and special committees on SEC investigations, civil enforcement actions, and internal investigations. Ryan works with clients in multiple industries, including hardware, software, semiconductor, pharma/biotech, and digital media. In the past year, Ryan secured dismissals for clients across industries, including a dismissal with prejudice in a securities class action filed against Aurinia Pharmaceuticals – a rare result on the first motion to dismiss. He also represented Everbridge, a critical events and crisis management enterprise software company, for which he secured the dismissal of a securities class action. Ryan also (twice) secured the dismissal of a securities class action against IonQ, the first purely quantum computing company to be publicly traded in the U.S.



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Joshua Bonnici, a life-long San Diegoan, has been running Bonnici Law Group for nearly 12-years serving injured and disabled individuals throughout the state. While running his practice, he has been involved with his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson Law School, serving both on the alumni association board and recently as an adjunct professional teaching students how to open and run a law firm. As a volunteer, Joshua has served on the Executive Committee of the Solo/Small Firm Section of the California Lawyer's Association since 2019, helping support solo and small firm attorneys all over California become better practitioners and better business people. Bonnici Law Group has recently won "San Diego's Best of" litigation firm but the Union Tribune, was winner of the "40 under 40" award, and has been recognized by several local non-profits for his involvement and contributions over the years.



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Erin Bosman is chair of MoFo's Complex Litigation + Advisement Practice Group and is a founder and co-head of the Artificial Intelligence Group. She navigates complex business relationships and serves as a defense liaison counsel in cases where multiple defendants have conflicting defenses. Outside the courtroom, Erin advises on crisis management and guides clients through product recalls, representing clients before the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Erin is a three-time recipient of "Product Liability Lawyer of the Year" from Euromoney America's Women in Business Law Awards, honoring high-achieving female lawyers and progressive law firms. In 2025, Erin was again recommended in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants by Best Lawyers in America. The Legal 500 continues to recognize Erin as a Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Action. She was also named as a "Top Healthcare Lawyer" by the Daily Journal.



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Karie Boyd is the lead trial attorney and CEO of Boyd Law. The National Association of Distinguished Counsel recently ranked her in the "Top 1% of Attorneys in the Nation." Her civil litigation experience includes both jury and bench trials. Having strong litigation and negotiation skills allow Ms. Boyd to handle the integrated areas of business litigation including partnership disputes and unfair business practices as well as representing clients in divorce matters involving businesses. Karie Boyd is a certified family law specialist and the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys ranked her among the "Top Ten" Divorce Attorneys. Ms. Boyd represents celebrities in divorce, high net-worth marital dissolution, child custody, and support disputes. Ms. Boyd is a published author, and contributor to, Inside the Minds: Strategies for Family Law in California, Thompson Reuters' 2015 edition.



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Sarah Evans is a known force in San Diego's legal community. With a practice focused on business litigation and employment law, Sarah helps employers avert potential problems, and when problems are unavoidable, she helps them find a favorable resolution. Her litigation work includes defending individual and class/representative lawsuits and claims involving employment and wage issues. She is highly engaged in our local community, having held leadership roles in organizations including Lawyers Club of San Diego, Border View Family YMCA, and Crawford High School Law Academy. In 2019, Sarah was named California's 40th Senate District's Woman of the Year for this work. For the past few years, Sarah has devoted her civic efforts to leadership and operational roles to Forever Balboa Park. Sarah served as its first co-chair and led its diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility working group, while also maintaining a full-time legal practice and raising two teenagers.



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Sam founded Brotman Law in 2013, recognized as the 14th fastest-growing law firm by Law Firm 500 in 2018 and ranked 593rd nationally on the Inc. 5000 list in 2024. After earning "highest honors" from St. Catherine's College at Oxford University, he worked as a legal assistant at Covington & Burling LLP in New York City, where he handled major corporate transactions and two of the largest bankruptcies in U.S. history. Since 2016, Sam has been named a "Super Lawyer – Rising Star," recognizing the top 2.5% of lawyers nationwide, and has been nominated to San Diego's "Best of the Bar" list of top attorneys. These achievements reflect Brotman Law's commitment to exceptional legal services. Shaped by Sam's vision and leadership, the firm thrives on genuine empathy, a strong desire to help, and relentless tenacity. These qualities drive the team to achieve the best outcomes for their clients.



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Elizabeth is a seasoned legal executive professional and the Executive Director of the Family Law Bar Association. With extensive experience in family law as a Paralegal and a deep understanding of legal processes, she has been instrumental in bridging communication between the judiciary and the legal community. Her leadership ensures that legal teams operate efficiently, meeting high professional standards while navigating the complexities of family law cases. As Director of Management at Casey Gerry Law Firm Elizabeth has demonstrated a strong commitment to upholding ethical standards, resolving performance challenges, and fostering a collaborative work environment. Her experience in managing legal professionals—paralegals, legal assistants, and attorneys—has solidified her reputation as an effective leader who prioritizes both case outcomes and professional growth. She excels in guiding teams through difficult dynamics, refocusing efforts on client service and case progression.



MEGAN CHACON
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Megan Chacon leverages a background in chemical engineering to represent clients in complex patent litigation across a wide range of technologies, including life sciences and pharmaceuticals. She recently represented a pharmaceutical company in litigation brought against a competitor that sought to market a generic version of her client's novel estrogen-free oral contraceptive. The matter resolved in a victory for the client. Megan also serves as lead counsel for a medical dermatology biotech company in ongoing cases involving a treatment for plaque psoriasis. Outside her litigation practice, Megan mentors junior attorneys, especially women and people of color, and manages Fish's San Diego associates as a group leader. In her pro bono practice, she works with organizations including the ACLU of San Diego and the Alliance for Children's Rights in immigration, guardianship, and adoption matters. Megan frequently publishes content and hosts webinars on life sciences topics.



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Helen Cheng is a partner in Withers' private client and tax team, advising clients in all aspects of estate planning, estate and trust administration and charitable planning with an emphasis on international advice and philanthropy. She represents some of the region's most successful individuals and organizations in their complex estate planning, planned giving and tax planning matters. Helen is a professor at the UCI School of Law, where she lectures on Charitable Planning and Tax Exempt Organizations, inspiring the next generation of lawyers. She serves as chair of STEP San Diego and sits on STEP USA's board of directors, is on the planning committee for the prestigious Western Conference of Tax-Exempt Organizations, general counsel for the International Community Foundation, and vice-chair of the ABA Section of Real Property and Trust & Estate Law's Charitable Planning and Organizations Group subcommittee. Helen co-leads Withers' charities and philanthropy special interest group.



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Christopher Conti is a Partner in the San Diego office of Fisher Phillips. Chris dedicates his practice to providing businesses with sophisticated legal solutions in all aspects of labor and employment law. Throughout his career, Chris has vigorously defended unionized and non-unionized employers in a variety of matters, such as wrongful termination, sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation lawsuits, class and representative wage and hour matters, and complex business cases. Chris is also well-versed in handling traditional labor disputes, labor arbitrations, union organizing, and unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board. In addition to his litigation practice, Chris routinely provides practical advice and counseling on day-to-day employment issues. His experience crosses various industry verticals, including construction, retail, fast-food, energy, manufacturing, automotive, hospitality, and cannabis.



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Steve founded The Coopersmith Law Firm 16 years ago, after nearly a decade working at prominent and well-considered law firms in San Diego, and after service as a military prosecutor in the U.S. Army JAG Corp. His firm represents clients throughout Southern California in a wide range of business litigation matters, including those stemming from corporate and partnership dissolutions, financial fraud violations, trade secret violations, bet-the-company litigation, executive-level employment disputes, and fine art law disputes. He has held an AV-Preeminent rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory since 2010. He has been on the list of San Diego Super Lawyers since 2014, and was named to Best Lawyers of America for Commercial Litigation in 2025. He was selected to the San Diego Business Journal's SD500 list of the 500 most influential people in San Diego for 2022 and 2023.



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Thomas Crosbie is a founding partner in Crosbie Gliner Schiffman Southard & Swanson LLP (CGS3), a commercial real estate law firm launched in 2013. He has extensive experience in a broad variety of commercial real estate areas, including acquisitions and dispositions, financing, leasing and construction in connection with commercial, residential, industrial, retail and mixed-use projects. Additionally, he has negotiated the purchase and sale of numerous commercial properties throughout the United States and has worked as counsel to numerous borrowers and lenders regarding all aspects of commercial loan transactions and workouts. He also has vast expertise in all aspects of ground-up development and redevelopment projects. Currently, he is involved with the extensive expansion of Rady Children's Hospital, the development of IQHQ's RaDD life science project and the redevelopment of Horton Plaza. He holds a J.D. from Northwestern University and a B.A. from Columbia University.



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There are few attorneys in San Diego who have successfully handled the variety of complex matters from both the plaintiff and defense side that Jim has handled in his 40+ year career. Jim represents clients in complex and general business, commercial, contract, intellectual property, unfair competition, securities, real property, and business tort litigation. In 2022, the San Diego County Bar Association named Jim as "Attorney of the Year." He has served on the State Bar of California Commission on Judicial Nominations Evaluations, as President of the Board of Directors of the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Association, as Vice President and Treasurer of the San Diego County Bar Association and as President of the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County. In 2023, Jim launched the "Trial Call 10" podcast, where he interviews high-profile trial attorneys who discuss strategy and offer advice for newer attorneys.



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Stacy Fode has been a driving force in empowering women in the legal profession for over two decades and is a champion for diversity and inclusion locally and on the national stage. Stacy is the Managing Partner of Nukk-Freeman & Cerra's San Diego office, and has a thriving employment litigation practice, where she represents and counsels large national employers, including Fortune 500 companies, in all areas of employment law. She serves as General Counsel for the National Association of Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF), an organization aiming to "promote diversity in the legal profession by fostering successful relationships among preeminent minority and women-owned law firms and private/public entities." The firm recently received the MVP Law Firm of the Year Award from NAMWOLF, in part because of Stacy's staunch support of the organization. Stacy has also served in a variety of high-profile leadership roles locally and nationally.



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Chris Frahm skillfully navigates legal, political and business challenges to ensure water agency and utility infrastructure projects are successful and sustainable. Whether creating a strategic plan or drafting an agreement, she brings a track record of getting deals done and a determined approach to achieve optimal results designed to meet the needs of all parties and stakeholders. Few, if any, can rival Chris' experience in and understanding of water issues in southern California. She works closely with key policy leaders and legislative decision-makers to develop and implement public policy-based solutions that meet her clients' water, energy and infrastructure needs while mitigating risk in an ever-changing political, financial and legal landscape. Chris' first-hand knowledge of the near- and long-term implications of water supply matters, including water rate setting, are a product of her decade of service, including as chair of the board of San Diego County Water Authority.



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In 2005, Amy L. Gostanian founded what would become The Estate Lawyers shortly after passing the bar. Mentored by two seasoned attorneys, she developed a focus on estate planning and gained her first significant trust and probate litigation case in 2007, sparking her passion for Conservatorships and Trust Contests. Amy earned bar certification four years into her practice and expanded the firm with a commitment to excellence. In 2017, Michelle C. Bartolic joined as an associate, becoming partner in 2021. By 2023, Amy and Michelle merged with the Law Offices of Bradley R. Kirk, creating The Estate Lawyers.



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Steffi Hafén leads a thriving legal practice as the Managing Partner of Snell & Wilmer's San Diego office. She is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, by the California Board of Legal Specialization. She is co-leader of the firm's Private Client Services practice group and a partner in the General Federal Tax practice group. Steffi helped relocate the firm's newest office to San Diego in 2020 and, in just five years, has grown the office from 2 attorneys to 23 attorneys. As a first generation Cuban American, Steffi has always focused on making a meaningful impact on diverse communities. She serves on the Board of the San Diego Regional EDC, advancing inclusive economic development, and on the Board of Junior Achievement of San Diego County, where she supports career readiness programs and mentorship to enhance educational outcomes and Latino representation in San Diego's high-growth industries.



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Dawn Hall Cunneen has over 30 years of experience representing clients in estate planning, estate and gift taxation, family succession planning, post-death trust and probate administrations, and trust estate and probate estate litigation. When counseling clients on estate planning issues, Ms. Cunneen employs a collaborative approach and works closely with the client, the client's financial advisors, and accountants to develop a customized, practical estate plan. Employing a strategic team-driven approach ensures all aspects of the client's financial and family circumstances are taken into account in the most economic and productive manner. Ms. Cunneen has significant experience working with complex family dynamics, high concentrations of commercial real estate, and unique assets. Ms. Cunneen uses her extensive litigation experience to identify potential issues and create a strategy for avoiding litigation as she counsels and advises individuals in their estate planning.



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Clark Hill's San Diego office Member-in-Charge Myriah is a go-to advisor on data privacy and AI legal issues. Recognized by Legal 500 U.S. and as a Law360 Rising Star, her career defending clients in privacy and data breach class action litigation, regulatory investigations, and technology disputes started through the DOJ's selective Honors Program. She achieves precedent-setting results in wire transfer fraud, cyber bullying and right to publicity matters. Notably, Myriah delivered an impressive win in a first-of-its-kind federal trial on a misdirected wire transfer/business email compromise loss for client Studco Building Systems. An acknowledged industry leader, she was appointed to the Consulting Group to Establish a Legal Specialization in Privacy by the State of California Bar Association; is the Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Executive Committee; and is Vice Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's Privacy and Cyber Committee.



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Phil Jelsma is a partner and chair of the tax practice team at Crosbie Gliner Schiffman Southard & Swanson LLC (CGS3). Widely recognized as one of the state's leading joint venture and tax attorneys, he has more than 30 years of experience in structuring sophisticated real estate and business transactions – with expertise in real estate exchanges, syndications, nonprofit corporations and international tax planning. His practice focuses on limited liability company (LLC) and partnership business and tax planning, with an emphasis on real estate and nonprofit corporations. An expert witness in partnership and LLC disputes, he also served on the executive committee of the Taxation Section of the California State Bar and is an active participant in ABA tax subcommittees. He is an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, specializing in tax law. He holds a B.S. in business from USC and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.



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Daniel A. Kamkar, a partner at intellectual property law firm Knobbe Martens, focuses on creating and protecting valuable IP portfolios for companies around the globe. Armed with a background in scientific research, Mr. Kamkar counsels clients in a wide range of technological fields including batteries, solar cells, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, polymers, alloys, lasers, and other areas of chemistry, physics and materials science. He has extensive experience representing clients in proceedings before the US Patent and Trademark Office. In addition to his dedication to client service, Mr. Kamkar is a leader in the legal community. As a Board Member of the Iranian American Bar Association's San Diego Chapter, he helps lead the planning for events that provide student scholarships and networking opportunities for members of the community. He also volunteers with Women of MENA in Technology, a non-profit with a mission to close the diversity and gender gap in STEM fields.

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Scott Levin is a family law attorney, known as the chief peacekeeper in helping families navigate divorce peacefully without having to go to court. He has been a full-time family attorney since 2004. He has a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University. He leverages an eclectic background in law, business and finance through his family and divorce mediation practice. He provides exclusive mediation services for divorce and family law disputes. He is passionate and dedicated to resolving conflict outside of court. He is known for helping clients understand their needs and goals. He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to the negotiating table to help arrive at an agreement that benefits both parties.



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After joining Sidley Austin in 2023, Cindy has been appointed as one of the leaders of Sidley's San Diego office. She focuses her practice on representing lenders and agents on fund finance transactions, and regularly advises lenders and borrowers on growth stage life science and technology financings, as well as middle-market financings. Her extensive experience includes advising on complex deal structures, cross-border transactions, and investor documentation issues, and she is one of few attorneys in the fund finance industry with experience successfully enforcing a lender's right to call capital and receive capital contributions under a subscription line facility. She is an active member of the Fund Finance Association and its Women in Fund Finance section. Cindy received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology and her B.A. from San Diego State University.





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Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek Shareholder Joseph Martinez is a veteran real estate, finance and business attorney, and leader of the law firm's Cross-Border practice group, which advises clients in connection with in-bound business and asset investment, acquisition and disposition transactions, and helps them navigate disputes and controversies involving international participants who compete in a global marketplace. Joe and his SCMV colleagues also represented the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation in its successful joint venture transaction that will bring a Major League Soccer team to San Diego in Spring 2025. And, outside of his legal practice, Joe serves in a number of community leadership roles, including seats on the San Diego Padres Hispanic Community Advisory Council, the San Diego Opera Board of Directors (and its Philanthropy, Finance and Hispanic Initiatives subcommittees) and the Southwestern College Foundation Board of Directors (where he is the newly elected president).



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One year after opening an office in Tijuana, Mexico, Hone Maxwell LLP Managing Partner Josh Maxwell led his San Diego-based international tax and business law firm in another cross-border expansion, opening a Singapore office in January 2024. Josh is a go-to authority on international tax issues — especially challenges arising from FATCA compliance. A certified public accountant with a robust background in finance and tax law, Josh divides his focus between his successful international tax law practice and leading the eight-attorney, multi-national firm with determination, cultural awareness and market insight. His recent client successes include securing the abatement of all penalties for a client whose CPA didn't file their tax returns on time, creating \$70,000 in international reporting penalties. Another client, facing a \$500,000 penalty under the Off-shore Voluntary Disclosure Program, settled her case for \$120,000 after Josh took over the matter from her previous attorney.



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Kevan P. McLaughlin is the driving force and managing partner behind McLaughlin Legal, APC. Kevan brings a wealth of experience as a Certified Tax Law Specialist, with an unwavering dedication to providing top-notch legal services in San Diego. His practice as a San Diego tax attorney focuses on Federal and California tax law, with a special emphasis on representing taxpayers in civil and criminal tax litigation and controversy cases, which includes defending tax professionals like CPA's, other attorneys, and Enrolled Agents. Kevan has successfully litigated tax cases in the United States Tax Court, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, California Office of Tax Appeals, and resolved countless cases before the IRS, FTB, CDTFA, and EDD.



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As an attorney with more than 40 years of experience in the Antitrust space, Daniel Mogin has been an adjunct professor on the subject, has been honored and recognized countless times by various publications and outlets, and has been invited to participate in some of the largest Antitrust cases in the country, often referred to as a "lawyer's lawyer" for his expertise and experience. Daniel Mogin is the top in the field because he has dedicated his entire career to protecting consumers, promoting competition, and ultimately, changing thousands of lives by improving the way companies do business. Dan has been selected as a "Best Lawyer in America," a "Super Lawyer," and "Lawyer of the Year" and "Thought Leading Author," for Antitrust Litigation. He has repeatedly been chosen as one of San Diego's "Top Attorneys" and has been named International Advisory Expert in Unfair Competition and Complex Business Litigation in California.



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Benjamin Morris is a force in San Diego's legal community, blending professional expertise and advocacy. A litigation partner focusing on construction law at Foley & Lardner, Ben successfully navigates complex legal landscapes and delivers exceptional client outcomes. Ben regularly handles high-stakes construction disputes, negotiates complicated contracts, and provides strategic counsel on significant projects. His in-depth knowledge and innovative problem-solving have earned him a stellar reputation among peers and clients. Beyond his professional achievements, Ben demonstrates a commitment to community service. Serving as the pro bono chair for Foley's San Diego office, he has significantly expanded the firm's pro bono initiatives by getting every attorney in San Diego to participate actively in pro bono projects, ensuring legal assistance reaches those in need.



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As the Managing Partner of Latham's San Diego office, Omar Nazif's leadership and experience help drive the success of the firm in the community. He coordinates 215 lawyers and professional staff as they advise clients ranging from local start-ups to multinational corporations. In his project finance and development practice, Omar represents sponsors, lenders, and investors on debt and tax equity financings of renewable energy projects and other energy transition matters, with particular experience working on solar, wind, energy storage and carbon capture projects. For example, he recently advised Harvestone Low Carbon Partners in a first-of-its-kind carbon capture and sequestration transaction and advised Clearway Energy Group in a \$700 million solar energy and battery storage construction financing in California. Having previously worked in the firm's San Francisco, London, and Dubai offices, he brings a unique perspective to clients developing projects in the U.S. and abroad.



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First-generation American entrepreneur and international business attorney Pete Potente is the founder and CEO of global law corporation POTE, headquartered in San Diego. A proud alumnus of The California Western School of Law, Pete advocates for the future of the legal industry and recently spoke on a panel at his alma mater to inspire aspiring attorneys. Passionate about his work, he often says he is in the business of helping people, and he loves to do just that. Pete is a high-energy, encouraging leader who drives success for his team through a family-oriented mindset that fosters collaboration and trust. Today, POTE is recognized for its expertise in guiding international business expansion and providing strategic planning for sustainable growth. With nearly 20 years of experience, Pete has assisted companies from over 20 countries in expanding to and from North America.



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Adam Powell is a partner at intellectual property law firm Knobbe Martens with a successful track record of resolving technologically complex issues for clients in the medical device, software, electronics, chemistry, and biotechnology industries. Mr. Powell serves as the co-chair of the firm's antitrust practice group and has extensive experience litigating trade secret, patent, and antitrust cases. Beyond his practice, Mr. Powell is an active member of the San Diego legal community. He serves as an Officer of the San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association and previously sat on the Board of Governors for the San Diego chapter of the Association of Business and Trial Lawyers. In the latter role, he helped implement a Trial Attorney Partnership program with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and the San Diego City Attorney's Office to provide assistance to those offices as well as valuable trial experience to newer attorneys.



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Eric's journey into law was deeply personal, stemming from his family's experience with a traumatic workplace incident when he was just four years old. His mother and family were victims of a workplace shooting in the U.S., leaving the family in emotional and financial turmoil. After witnessing numerous lawyers refuse their case as "too hard" or "unwinnable," Eric was inspired to make a difference. Though he didn't pursue the same type of law that could have helped his family, he chose to focus on simplifying complex legal issues for his clients. Now leading EJP Law, Eric and his team treat clients as part of their family, guiding them through challenging legal processes. His dedication to excellence has earned him the title of Super Lawyers Southern California Rising Star for 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.



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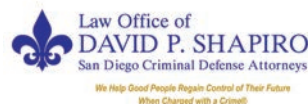
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