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17th Annual 40 Under 40 Awards

One of our 40 Under 40 Award winners is Sandy Young, first VP of J. Walcher Communications, who took to skydiving with champion Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld to learn firsthand about the agency's client, the U.S. Parachute Association. So it was work related, but also part of her 30th birthday present. Awards coverage starts on Page 12



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701 B St. Atrium Lobby
(Photos courtesy of EMMES Realty Services of California)



Multi-Million Dollar Renovation Planned for Plaza and Atrium Lobby of 701 B Street

EMMES Realty Services of California LLC has begun a multi-million dollar renovation of the Seventh Avenue plaza and atrium lobby of 701 B Street in Downtown San Diego.

Following the renovation of the B Street entrance of the building, the most dramatic change to the lobby will be the removal of the angled space frame glass wall, which currently inhibits views into the lobby due to the dark reflective glass. A new, straight vertical glass wall will be constructed, nearly doubling the size of the outdoor amenity plaza along Seventh Avenue. This will create a spacious outdoor plaza.

When completed, the new lobby will also greet tenants and guests with a cascading water wall and provide spaces to gather formally and informally within the completely reimagined interior lobby, café space, or in the outdoor plaza.

“EMMES’s goal is to re-establish 701B as the ‘place to be’ Downtown — a destination,” said Mark Kuske, asset manager for the company. “We wanted to create a design that would be appealing to a wide range of tenants, while also providing another attractive asset to the whole Downtown experience.” “Lobbies of the past were merely transient spaces that no one really spent any time in,” said Kevin Leslie, LPA project designer. “They offered no amenities and were simply not comfortable places to want to spend time. We see lobbies today as an extension of the office, providing places to ‘get away’ and have meetings outside of the normal working environment. The new 701B lobby will be activated throughout the workday and evening hours, where typical office lobbies vacate after working hours.”

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- San Diego Magazine- Top Attorney 2016
- San Diego Business Journal- Best of the Bar 2014, 2015 & 2016
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illumina makes its home in the new BioMed Realty i3 campus. (Photo courtesy of Perkins+Will)

BioMed Realty i3 Campus Now Home to Genomics Research Firm Illumina

A set of three trapezoidal, all-white concrete buildings off Interstate 805 and La Jolla Village Drive make up the new BioMed Realty i3 campus, now the home of leading genomics research and life sciences company Illumina.

Along with an outdoor courtyard, landscaped gathering spaces, and underground parking, the architecturally striking buildings offer employees an open, interconnected work-play experience.

Architecture firm Perkins+Will was responsible for the design.

“The campus turns the stereotypical concept of a suburban research park right on its head, and makes it infinitely better,” said Ryan Bussard, principal at Perkins+Will. “Instead of a trove of uninviting office buildings surrounding a sea of asphalt parking lots, the i3 campus empowers people to connect, engage, collabo-

rate, innovate, and — perhaps most important — be inspired.”

The three buildings are situated such that each creates an “edge” of a campus “triangle,” at whose center is a 33,500-square-foot outdoor courtyard featuring a performance stage, a bocce ball court, an herb garden, a fitness area, a restaurant and a café. Additionally, parking is obscured from view below ground, allowing for employees to enjoy a beautifully landscaped outdoor area for sports and leisure activities.

“Together with Perkins+Will, we breathed new life into an undervalued site, and delivered fresh, creative and eco-friendly thinking to attract a world-class tenant and exemplifies our goal of building science around a park, not a parking lot,” said Kevin Tremblay, senior director of leasing and San Diego market lead with

BioMed Realty, a Blackstone company.

Architecturally, the campus’s three buildings join a family of well-known scientific institutions — the Salk Institute and the J. Craig Venter institute — with all-white architectural concrete skin. Dramatic cantilevers create iconic views of the campus from the outside while internally framing the upper level terraces and outdoor staircases.

The project’s interior design was inspired by Illumina’s “work anywhere” culture, enabling staff to work wherever they feel most comfortable at any time of day. The campus is 100 percent wireless and provides a variety of work areas to accommodate different work styles and preferences.

Collaborative areas, such as lounges, break rooms, and conference spaces, are connected directly to outdoor terraces and bookend the research and office areas.

Construction Begins on Millenia Commons and 135-Room Ayres Hotel in Chula Vista

Sudberry Properties and Ayres Hotels have begun construction of Millenia Commons, a 131,800-square-foot lifestyle destination center and a 135-guestroom boutique hotel planned for Millenia Avenue in Chula Vista.

Millenia Commons is the primary retail component of the 210-acre Millenia master-planned community, which is designed to be the urban epicenter of South County. The 12.5-acre lifestyle center is scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Preleasing efforts by Flocke & Avoyer have resulted in leases with HomeGoods, Cost Plus World Market, Ross Dress for Less, buybuy Baby, Mattress Firm, Hurricane Grill & Wings, Papagayos Grill & Cantina, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Great Clips, Jamba Juice, McDonald's and Pacific Dental Services.

Sudberry Properties' development team includes Andrew Hull Stevenson Architects, and GroundLevel Landscape Architecture. Hazard Construction is doing the initial grading and infrastructure work for Millenia Commons. Sudberry Properties is in the process of selecting additional contractors.



Rendering of the Ayres Hotel. (Credit: ACS Architectural Services)

Millenia Commons, which will extend on both sides of Millenia Avenue on two separate parcels, will feature contemporary urban design with an emphasis on walkability and outdoor gathering spaces.

The Ayres Hotel, which is scheduled to open in about a year, is Ayres Hotels' second hotel in San Diego County and 22nd hotel in Southern and Central California. Amenities include full bars in the lobby and the outdoor courtyard, state-of-the-art fitness center, three conference rooms and a boardroom.

The Ayres Hotel development team includes architectural design by ACS Architectural Services and landscape architecture by Village Green, both of Newport Beach. The general contractor is Ayres Group.

Millenia is planned for 3,000 multifamily residences, 2 million square feet of Class A office space, 1.5 million square feet of retail, hospitality, civic and mixed-use projects and six urban parks, woven together with a system of tree-lined promenades, bikeways, and plazas. For information, visit MilleniaSD.com

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Academy of Our Lady of Peace Hosts Hall of Fame Surfer, Shark Attack Survivor Bethany Hamilton

Surfer champion Bethany Hamilton (Photo: Mike Coots)

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP) will host world-renowned surfer and shark attack survivor Bethany Hamilton for a day of empowering events on-campus on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and interact with Hamilton.

“This partnership with Bethany supports our mission to empower young women,” said Dr. Lauren Lek, Head of School. “She inspires, fosters community and serves as an excellent role model of what it means to be a ‘woman of faith, courage, heart, and excellence.’ We are excited and enthusiastic to host this amazing “Unstoppable” woman and ignite passion for others through her incredible example.”

The special event is open to the public and will consist of four mini-sessions over the course of the day and evening:

- Architects of Change @ School Live Conversation. From 11:20 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., OLP, in partnership with Maria Shriver’s Architects of Change, will host Bethany Hamilton for a moderated Q&A session, which will give guests the chance to hear Bethany share her story of courage in the face of fear and how to thrive and reach your dreams. Space is limited to 300 guests.

- Lunch with Bethany. Following the AOC Live Conversation, Bethany will join a select group of guests for a more intimate lunch and Q&A session. Guests are invited to ask Bethany questions and get to know her more personally. Additionally, each guest will have the opportunity to have a one-on-one photo taken with Bethany. Space is limited to 75 guests.

- VIP “You + Bethany” Exclusive Experience. In the evening, there are only four spots available for a highly exclusive and private experience with Bethany. Each guest will enjoy 15 minutes to sit and talk personally with Bethany and meet her husband and son. The intention of this experience is to provide an intimate opportunity with Bethany for personal empowerment. Additionally, each guest will enjoy a photo opportunity with Bethany.

- Shine Forth Event. The evening will conclude with a free on-campus celebration, hosted together with The Friends of Bethany Organization in support of the Beautifully Flawed Retreat. The open

session will encourage the local community to join together to share more inspirational stories of choosing courage over fear. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. for access to the vendor marketplace and the event will officially begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at www.aolp.org/BethanyHamilton



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San Diego Metro Area is Home to 25 \$1 Million Neighborhoods



This Del Mar beach house was listed at \$22.9 million in August 2014.

Do you live in a \$1 million neighborhood?

According to Zillow, the online real estate database company, a \$1 million neighborhood is a ZIP code where at least 10 percent of the homes there are worth seven figures.

The San Diego metropolitan area has 25 \$1 million neighborhoods, according to Zillow, eight of them added since 2014.

Nationally, 346 new \$1 million neighborhoods have been added since 2014, bringing the total number of these neighborhoods to 1,280. That's up from 958 in 2014.

Like high-end home values, new million-dollar ZIP codes are concentrated in booming coastal markets. Of the 346 ZIP codes that crossed the million-dollar threshold after 2014, 114 (32.9 percent) are in six West Coast metros: San Diego, Seattle, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. On the East Coast, four metros (New York, Boston, Miami, and Washington, D.C.) accounted for another 92 new million-dollar ZIPs (26.6 percent of the total).

"U.S. home values are at a record high as the housing market continues its recovery from the Great Recession," according to the Zillow analysis. "As a result, an increasing number of ZIP codes are finding themselves on the \$1 Million Neighborhood list. West Coast metropolitan areas, where home values have bounced back fastest, saw the greatest increase in the number of \$1 Million Neighborhoods over the past three years."

"As home values reach new peaks, \$1 million homes are increasingly common, even in neighborhoods once considered middle class," said Zillow's chief economist, Dr. Svenja Gudell. "The U.S. median home value is just over \$200,000, but in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other expensive cities, homes are worth much more. As home values hit seven figures in many neighborhoods, it's going to have real impacts on affordability for middle-class homeowners whose incomes haven't kept up, and this imbalance especially has implications for people on fixed incomes whose property taxes are rising along with their home value."

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To say it in just a few words, the place is gorgeous

Westfield, which operates shopping centers around the world, is pouring millions into the expansion and redevelopment of University Town Center (UTC). Drivers on La Jolla Village Drive have been watching construction for months as new buildings and parking structures take shape.

But drivers also had the opportunity to watch new construction across the street from UTC. A new restaurant was built there on land owned by the Irvine Company, a mega-real estate operating company that began when James Irvine in the 1860's started to acquire huge tracts of land in what is now Orange County. The company is now owned by Donald Bren, the wealthiest single real estate developer in the United States.

That new restaurant, which took a long time to complete, is Red O Restaurant,

By David Rottenberg

subtitled "A Taste Of Mexico." It replaced Donovan's Steak & Chop House, which might be subtitled "A Taste Of Meat." And, by "replaced," I mean totally. Red O construction did not modify the earlier building. It tore it down to the ground and totally rebuilt it.

The dark wood paneling and multiple rooms of Donovan's gave way to a light and airy rectangular building with high ceilings and large windows that look out on patios that run along several sides of the edifice. To say it in just a few words, the place is gorgeous. If it were not a restaurant, it could easily double as the elegant lobby of an expensive 5-star resort.

Self parking is available some distance away so it is easier to give the car to the

valet before entering the large entrance. It opens into the large bar area, which is very popular with the after-work crowd pouring out of the many nearby office buildings. There is comfortable seating in the bar as well as on one of the patios, which services the bar. The other patio is used often for private events.

The adjacent large room is the main dining room, with high ceilings full of light and air, with comfortable tables spaced far enough apart to create privacy and intimacy. The room is not dark and moody but manages to feel romantic.

Red O is part of a chain but not in the traditional sense. Locations are not cookie-cutter copies of each other. The concept was developed by Rick Teasta and Mike Dobson, who once worked together at The Red Onion, an old-time Mexican restau-



Ahi Tuna Tartare

rant that served traditional recipes for many years. In a nod to their common history, they named their concept “Red O.”

The first unit opened in Los Angeles, on trendy Melrose Avenue, followed by openings in Orange County and Santa Monica. The fourth unit is here in La Jolla.

The partners hired Rick Bayless to consult. Bayless is one of the “deans” of Mexican cuisine, having won numerous awards including appearing at the James Beard House. He’s also written many cookbooks on the subject of Mexican cuisine. Bayless had the only Mexican restaurant ever to be awarded a Michelin star. Bayless provides input on the culinary vision of the menu.

Red O serves lunch and dinner daily and a brunch on weekends. There is also a “happy hour” daily in the afternoons. The menu reflects “a taste of Mexico.” That is, Red O is not so much a Mexican restaurant as it is an elegant premium restaurant that offers a selection of dishes that include dishes that reflect a Mexican heritage.

The dinner menu lists starters that are distinctively Mexican, ranging from a classic guacamole, stirred into a smooth and delicious consistency with tomato, cilantro and lime juice to meaty carnitas empanadas with a mouthwatering avocado tomato salsa to a palate arousing quesadilla with chicken, chile, guacamole and pico de gallo. The tortilla soup was the tastiest I’ve enjoyed in a long time, a tomato broth with chicken, avocado, and lots of tortilla strips.



Tablita for Two

Themed traditional entrees include an amazing “mariscos chile relleno,” grilled and stuffed with lobster and shrimp. Several enchilada dishes and a “sizzling taco platter” round out the choices.

There are also a list of “choose your own” combinations of tacos, enchiladas and a goat cheese tamale. You build your own platter, accompanied by rice and beans.

On the non-Mexican side, the menu offer a selection of steaks and seafood that include a “melt in your mouth” ribeye and wonderful Chilean sea bass.

The list of cocktails include creative combinations of select tequila and traditional ones such as Moscow Mule and Old Fashioned. The Alacran Margarita, made with Sauza Hornitos Reposado, had an savory bite to it. The list is rounded out by a choice of wines and beers, offering both domestic and foreign products. Flights of tequila are also featured, allowing “tastes of tequila” by age.

Service was excellent. Staff was knowledgeable, offering good advice on menu items, and very attentive.

Red O combines Mexican themed dishes with non-Mexican favorites that are deliciously prepared and beautifully presented — all done in an elegant and comfortable ambiance. Prices are moderate to high but justified by the quality of the product and the setting. It is well worth a visit.

The restaurant is located at 4340 La Jolla Village Driver. Call (858) 291-8360 for information and reservations.

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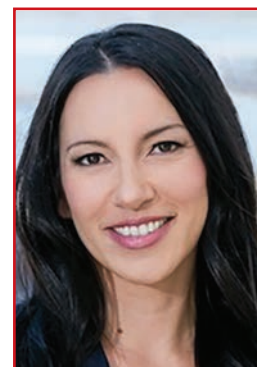
MICAELA P. BANACH

Micaela Banach has worked hard to earn her role as the only female partner at two firms. She was affiliated with the former law firm of Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge, which gave rise to the firm she and partners founded this year — Noonan Lance Boyer & Banach. Banach has an impressive track record in representing plaintiffs and defendants in real estate, employment, products liability and business disputes. In one arbitration, she defended a major national restaurant chain sued for over \$12 million for alleged discrimination and wrongful termination. After a week of testimony, an award was returned in favor of Banach's client. Outside of her law practice, Banach provides justice for the region's underprivileged as president of the San Diego County Bar Association, a nonprofit providing legal services for veterans, immigrants, domestic violence survivors. She also is heavily involved in The Lawyers Club of San Diego, which promotes the advancement of women in the legal profession and society.



SU BARRY

Since opening her own firm in 2013 — Barry APC — Su Barry has obtained millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for her clients, and is respected as one of the best litigators in San Diego. She specializes in business and employment litigation, bad faith insurance and personal injury. From 2005 to 2008, Barry worked with lead counsel in the recovery of more than \$7.3 million in additional insurance benefits on behalf of Cedar Fire victims, representing former Chargers player Steve Foley in an excessive force case, and representing a San Diego developer in winning one of the largest verdicts in California in 2006. Barry has committed herself to volunteer and fundraising efforts. In 2011, she led the fundraising effort in raising more than \$21,000 in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation during the Wallace Inns of Court annual holiday dinner. In 2012 and 2013, the Wallace Inns of Court raised over \$63,000 for charities.



SARAH BILYEU

As the senior vice president at San Diego County Credit Union, the largest locally owned financial institution in San Diego, Sarah Bilyeu is responsible for defining and implementing the organization's overall community relations and business development strategy. Bilyeu joined the credit union in November 2013 as community relations officer and has since been instrumental in expanding its reach. The organization has grown to \$8.1 billion in assets and reached over 350,000 members, a more than 30 percent increase in membership in the three and a half years Bilyeu has spent in her role at the credit union. In 2014, the credit union was the first financial institution to be named a Live Well San Diego partner by the county of San Diego for its commitment to initiatives aimed at achieving healthy, safe and thriving communities. That was a direct result of Bilyeu's strategic vision. The San Diego County Credit Union has received notable recognition as a result of its community outreach efforts led by Bilyeu.





STEFANIE BENVENUTO

Stefanie Benvenuto is public policy manager for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, an organization she joined in 2015 following successful work in government and community affairs in Orange, Las Angeles and Riverside counties. She has worked in the state Legislature as a communications director and district director, managing a team on various political and legislative efforts. Since coming to San Diego, Benvenuto's goal has been to support and help implement policy that benefits San Diego, but it has also drawn her to volunteer efforts. She is a court-appointed special advocate with Voices for Children, and sits on the Community Action Partnership board for the city of San Diego, where she helps review county contracts and efforts to help San Diego's marginalized families thrive. Benvenuto also is active in the San Diego Lincoln Club, the Coalition for Housing & Jobs, and the San Diego Military Affairs Council Legislative Committee.



TARA BURNS

Tara Burns has worked her way up through the San Diego commercial real estate industry to become vice president of Cultura, a firm that helps companies express their culture and identity through workspace design and furnishings. As vice president Burns helps the team strategize how to expand existing relationships and pursue new work. She is credited with achieving approximately \$25 million in gross revenue for the firm over the past year. Burns is a member of NAIOP's Developing Leaders Council, which provides educational, networking and mentoring opportunities for commercial real estate professionals. She spent several years on the board of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) San Diego, overseeing its newsletter, website, marketing committee and public relations efforts. Burns has a particular passion for working with young life science companies, as evidenced by Cultura's expanded roster of life science clients. She's earned several awards from CREW, including MVP, Sponsor of the Year and New Member of the Year.



SHANNON CASEY

Shannon Casey is vice president of Cleantech San Diego, where she directs corporate communication, strategic marketing and public relations activities to position the San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. One of her first efforts was leading the Education and Outreach Committee in rebranding the organization, showing its growth from a small startup in 2007 to its leadership in the cleantech industry today. Her enthusiasm for environmental and clean technology doesn't stay at the office. She is scheduled to join a local GRID Alternatives "We Build" event where a team of women will undertake installations in underserved communities in San Diego. She has shared her experience working at Scripps Institution of Oceanography by being a STEM Career Speaker at Birch Aquarium at Scripps as well as supporting the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, an academic competition and program addressing gaps in environmental and earth sciences in public education.

CRYSTAL CULHANE

After earning her doctorate in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University in 2008, Crystal Culhane sought a career outside of the lab where she could use her science background. Today, as an associate in the San Diego office of Fish & Richardson, Culhane works with clients from the ground up during the development of products, patents and patent strategies to proactively safeguard their intellectual property and assets. She works predominantly with drug development companies, her science-backed legal perspective giving her clients a unique advantage. She's helping to mold young minds and the local life science and pharmaceutical industries by combining her passions and expertise. This year she served as a mentor-judge for IGNITE San Diego, the UC San Diego program aimed at igniting the entrepreneurial spirit in students by bringing together entrepreneurs, innovators, investors and leaders for hands-on learning, competition and mentoring. Culhane also is active with Athena San Diego, an organization for women in science, technology, engineering and math-related fields.



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Craig Countryman, partner in the San Diego office of Fish & Richardson, can boast of multiple wins at the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Circuit. He served as lead counsel and received a unanimous decision in *Halo Electronics Inc. v. Pulse Electronics Inc.*, which was considered the most significant patent decision of the 2015-2016 U.S. Supreme Court term. The case changed the standard for when punitive damages are awarded in patent cases. Countryman is also active in bringing legal services to persons who cannot afford them. For seven years he has served on the board of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program. He handles pro bono cases for the program and recruits others to do the same. He is a member of the Pro Bono Panel of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of California and has obtained successful settlements in multiple civil rights cases where the court appointed him as counsel.



JOEL DAY

Joel Day is executive director of the city of San Diego's Human Relations Commission. He has a PH.D. in international affairs and advises the San Diego mayor and City Council on issues of global engagement. He is a principal leader in advancing Mayor Kevin Faulconer's plan "to enhance San Diego's global identity." With his academic background, Day leads a regional interagency group on resilience to violent extremism, and leads the city's efforts with the Strong City Network, a group of cities around the world fighting extremism. After the violent attacks in San Bernardino and Orlando, Fla., he briefed Congress and the Pentagon on issues of extremism. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Young Leaders group and is a board member of the San Diego World Affairs Council. Day represents San Diego on the regional Hate Crimes Coalition, Cities Engaged Against Sexual Exploitation, the San Diego Refugee Forum and the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium.



MELISSA DELEON

Melissa Deleon is the equity attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego & Imperial Counties, focusing on litigation and initiatives that advance civil liberties and social justice. Before joining the ACLU, Deleon was a lawyer at plaintiff's law firm Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield, where she helped to recover millions of dollars on behalf of injury victims and focused her practice on aviation litigation. A longtime Bar leader, Deleon currently serves on the board of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association and is a 2017 committee chair for the Lawyers Club of San Diego. For her volunteerism and leadership, Deleon received the San Diego Bar Association's annual service award for "Outstanding Service by a New Attorney" in 2013. A native San Diegan, Deleon received her bachelor's degree in journalism from San Diego State University and her law degree from California Western School of Law.

BRIAN DERSCH

Brian Dersch, president and founder of Dersch Design & Engineering, has designed and worked on the installation of more than 60,000 kilowatts of solar panels. He's a 13-year veteran of the electrical engineering and construction industry and a LEED-accredited professional certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. Dersch teams with structural engineers, general contractors and architects to solve complex engineering design challenges for higher education, commercial and government projects. Dersch founded Dersch Design & Engineering in 2013. The six-figure firm employs four full-time engineers. He is a renewable energy and energy storage expert, having worked around the globe for multi-million-dollar projects. Dersch has worked on the most energy efficient high-rise currently in the world — the Pearl River Tower in Guangzhou, China, and the tallest building in the world, Burj Khalifa, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He recently joined San Diego Habitat for Humanity, believing his electrical and renewable energy experience will help in the building or rehabilitation of many homes.






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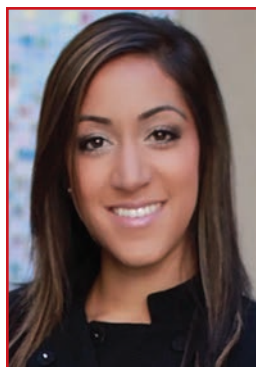
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JASON EVANS

Jason Evans is a key member of law firm CaseyGerry's complex litigation team, focusing on consumer class actions, product liability and serious personal injury litigation. During his six years at the firm, Evans has prosecuted several multi-million-dollar cases, including complex, high-stakes personal injury and product liability litigation involving serious and catastrophic injury, wrongful death and traumatic brain injury. Evans has worked for the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program drafting requests for restraining orders for victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. Active both professionally and within the community, he was the 2016 chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's Forum for Emerging Lawyers. For his pro bono efforts, Evans was awarded the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program Distinguished Service Award in 2011, as well as the Wiley M. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services from the California State Bar in 2011 and 2012.



ASHLEY GOSAL

Ashley Gosal is the in-house legal counsel at Bosa Development, managing and overseeing all of the legal aspects of the company's corporate, planning, acquisitions, leasing property management and development activities. She joined Bosa to manage the purchase and entitlement of the Downtown San Diego block bordered by Broadway, Seventh and Eighth Avenues and C Street. Not long after, she was doing the same for property Bosa acquired at 10th Avenue and Market Street and 530 B Street in San Diego, and 401 Mile of Cars in National City. In her role with Bosa, Canadian-born Gosal hopes to bring to fruition Nat Bosa's vision of attracting big-name national retailers and restaurants to Bosa's Downtown San Diego projects, including Pacific Gate and Savina — two of the company's newest residential developments. In looking for a way to give back to the community, Gosal founded and continues to support Project One Life, a nonprofit that provides volunteers and donors for projects in Latin American countries.

ANDREW HADEN

Andrew Haden is an assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego, the deputy chief of the Reactive Crimes Section in the U.S. Attorney's Office. He has distinguished himself as a talented federal prosecutor, working more than 17 felony jury trials. He is particularly passionate about firearms offenses and crimes against children. From 2013 to 2016, he was the Project Safe Neighborhoods coordinator for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. In that capacity, he focused on the aggressive prosecution of gang-related firearms cases. In 2014, he was part of the team that prosecuted a 22-defendant sex-trafficking racketeering conspiracy that involve recruiting minor females from local high schools. Haden's extra-curricular activities in the community are typically focused on issues related to juvenile justice, human trafficking, veterans issues and higher education — causes which he is passionate about. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Stanford University and his law degree from the USD School of Law.



ANDY HALL

Andy Hall is the chief operating officer for the San Diego Workforce Partnership, overseeing 60 employees and \$35 million in annual revenue. Recognizing the changing landscape of public workforce development funding and opportunity, Hall has led efforts to transform the organization from a primarily pass-through funding agency to a dynamic nonprofit with multiple funding streams and a growing fee-for-service practice. Since joining the organization in 2013, Hall has increased private funding by 400 percent, attracted more than \$15 million in competitive grant funds into the region and increased the number of funding streams from 17 to 43. Hall is viewed as a national leader in public employment programs, and has spoken on the subject at national, state and local conferences and forums. He is advising the U.S. Department of Labor and the state of California on public policy and financial regulations and guidance. He holds a bachelor's degree from UC San Diego and a master's degree from Clark University in Worcester, Mass.



TERI HEARD

Teri Heard is assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP). She has been helping families successfully navigate the college search and application process for the past 12 years. Heard began her career working for the undergraduate admissions office at the University of San Diego while completing her master's degree. Upon graduation in 2004, she began working as a counselor at OLP. Heard balances her work at OLP with the role of an admissions reader for USD and UC San Diego. Over the course of her time at OLP, Heard has taught in the Social Studies Department and served on multiple leadership committees related to accreditation and curriculum planning. She earned her Administrative Credential in 2015 from San Diego State University. Her personal belief is that all students deserve a world-class education and there is no better place to receive that than at OLP.





MILES HIMMEL

Miles Himmel is the founder of the Larry Himmel Foundation. Larry Himmel was a gifted humorist and storyteller who had a special connection with San Diego and San Diegans. His son Miles created the foundation to allow his dad's impact to grow even stronger. The foundation provides assistance both financial and otherwise to organizations large and small, and individuals in need. Past projects have included Back to School haircuts for kids, building playground equipment for special needs kids and providing gifts for homeless youth at Christmas. Miles was born and raised in San Diego, attended La Jolla Country Day and graduated from Bradley University, also his dad's alma mater. After his father lost his battle to cancer, Miles started the foundation to help others as Larry Himmel did. Miles is a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters and a board member of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital. He is also a producer at AM 760 KFMB and is a play-by-play announcer for UC San Diego's athletic teams.

GRANT HOLM



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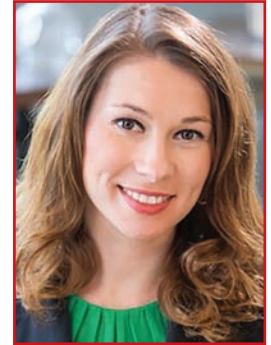
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Timothy Hutter is senior counsel at the San Diego office of Allen Matkins, a law firm specializing in real estate, litigation, labor, tax and business law. Among his many accomplishments, he represented multifamily and commercial developers in successfully defending legal challenges to entitlements and permits issued by local municipalities. That included a 2017 judgment in favor of client CityMark Development for a single-family housing project with an affordable component in the city of Encinitas. He successfully represented the Palomar Community College District in 2016 arbitration over the acquisition and development of a proposed college site in Fallbrook. Outside of the Office, Hutter is a board member of the Life Choices Crisis Pregnancy Center in Poway, and is the volunteer adviser to the executive director regarding legislative and legal developments. Hutter was appointed to the city of San Diego Historical Resources Board in March 2016, confirmed by the City Council and elected vice chair in March 2017.

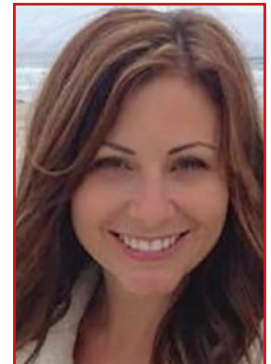
AMY SAVICKY INJAIAN

Amy Savicky Injaian is vice president of corporate communications for Wells Fargo Bank. With her leadership and tremendous work she became the subject matter expert of the internal social space with many teams across the Wells Fargo operation. She was the first to build an internal social strategy for a specific business at Wells Fargo. In the wake of Wells Fargo's sales practices settlement, she played an important role in helping the bank's leadership team engage with team members through the internal social media platform. She is very active with the Warriors Foundation, the USO, Operation Gratitude and the German Shepherd Rescue of Orange County. She is a San Diego LEAD graduate and received the public relations professional award of Top 15 Practitioners to Watch Under 30 by PR News.



AMANDA KATONA

Amanda Katona is the marketing director at Dell and Executive Management Team Member of the Junior League of San Diego. As the director of marketing, she is at the helm of all open source marketing efforts for Dell Technologies focusing on advantaging emerging technologies to support software-based infrastructures. She heads up its open space digital presence, technical marketing, community management, trade show management, partner relationships, media relations and analyst relations. She is vice chair of the Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee and co-led the first and now annual Anti-Human Trafficking Rally. She is a graduate of Colorado State University, holds a master's degree in leadership studies at the University of San Diego and is a 2015 graduate of LEAD Impact San Diego. She also holds a California Senate Certificate of Recognition in Outstanding Community Service.



MADDY KILKENNY

Maddy Kilkenny manages day-to-day client activities for Intesa Communications Group and is responsible for working closely with clients and project teams to develop and implement government and community relations strategies. She has extensive experience working with local government at all levels in San Diego. She spent six years as vice president of government relations at the Clay Company and last year was appointed to the board of directors of Civic San Diego by Mayor Faulkner. She also serves on the board of directors for the USS Midway Museum., San Diego Young Leaders and as secretary of the board of directors of Reality Changers. She also spent 11 years at the County of San Diego where she was a senior policy adviser to Supervisor Greg Cox, focusing on health and public safety issues, community outreach and special events. She and her husband Sean are proud parents of two sons, Logan and Owen.





SAMUEL LANCE, M.D.

Samuel Lance is an assistant clinical professor of Craniofacial and Plastic Surgery at UC San Diego. He is also a volunteer doctor for at Fresh Start. His numerous awards include the Inspirational Resident Mentorship Award at the University of California Davis. He was introduced to Fresh Start while he was a Plastic Surgery Fellow at UC San Diego/Rady Children's Hospital. He immediately became volunteered and became involved with patient issues and patient planning. His specialty in craniofacial surgery has given him the expertise in dealing with many cases of children who have complex craniofacial abnormalities. As a bilingual doctor, he readily gives him time and comfort to patients who come from underserved populations in English and Spanish speaking countries. Oftentimes, Lance serves Fresh Start patients at his own clinic at Rady Children's Hospital. On Fresh Start Surgery Weekends, he donates his time to provide free surgery to kids who need cleft lip and palate, microtia and other deformity procedures.



FERNANDO LANDA

Fernando Landa is a partner at Crosbie Gilner Schiffman, Southard & Swanson LLP. As a real estate attorney, he specializes in the acquisition,, development, financing, leasing and disposition of commercial real estate assets, representing a variety of developers,, investors and lenders. A native of Mexico, he grew up in San Diego and has worked at a number of prestigious law firms. He has made a name for himself in legal and commercial real estate circles by possessing a unique expertise in distressed real estate workouts and receiverships. He has served on the board of Voices for Children Young Professionals Group, raising awareness and funds for an organization that provides court-appointed special advocates for San Diego's foster children. In 2014, he was awarded the California Bar Association's Morning Star award given to the top five young real estate attorneys in the state. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and holds a law degree from the University of San Diego.



CAMERON LAMMING

Cameron Lamming is the chief development officer for RAR Hospitality. As a partner in RAR, Lamming has been at the forefront of the company's growth and leads the company's development and strategy creation. With his expertise, RAR has grown its portfolio to 25 hotels. RAR has just completed the development of a Fairfield Inn and Suites in San Marcos and has introduced several new technological advancements including its own robot. Since the start of his partnership with Robert Rauch, the portfolio of RAR hotels have spread to Arizona and Colorado as well as California. Special emphasis is put into each property to give it a unique identity and character for itself. RAR's revenues have grown to \$80 million to make it one of the fastest growing companies in San Diego. He joined RAR after a successful career with the Walt Disney Company and helped build Brixton Capital. He is a graduate of Stanford University.

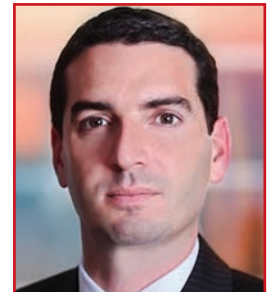
KENT LEE

Kent Lee is at the helm of Pacific Arts Movement, one of the largest media arts company in North America that focuses on Asian American and Asian international cinema. Pacific Arts is a critical organization in San Diego as it shines a light on Asian and Asian American voices from all over the world. It is the presenter of the San Diego Asian Film Festival and provides a way to engage with the Asian Pacific Islander community and serves to strengthen San Diego as an arts destination. He is a graduate of the FBI Citizens’ Academy, a program which is designed to educate community leaders on the significance of the FBI in local neighborhoods . He is a board member of the Asian Business Association and has been a part of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Board. He is s graduate of UC San Diego.



JOSEPH LEVENTHAL

Joseph Leventhal is the managing partner of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. He served as an attorney and deputy assistant to Vice President Dick Cheney in the White House and successfully invalidated a patent and took down a patent toll in a case the Los Angeles Times called “one of the most closely watched patent cases in the technology world.” He is a member of the board of directors of the Lincoln Club of San Diego, the nonprofit Kids Included Together, and past president of the Federal Bar Association chapter for San Diego. He successfully defended an online media company in a defamation lawsuit brought by a well-known boxing and mixed martial arts trainer, resulting in the court ordering the trainer to pay all of the defense’s attorney fees and costs. He is listed as a Super Lawyer in San Diego. He is a graduate of UC San Diego and holds a law degree from Georgetown University.



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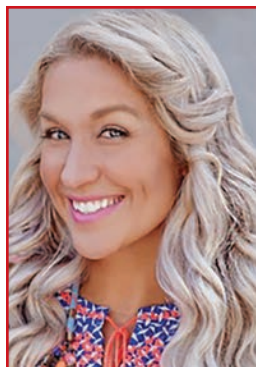
SARA LUCCHINI.

Sara Lucchini is the program director at Angels Foster and directly responsible for improving the lives of over 700 infants and toddlers that have been placed in foster care in San Diego County since 2005. She began her career with Angels 12 years ago and has been instrumental in establishing Angels' unique model of care where it places only one child or sibling set with each family after the foster family commits to the stable care of that child until otherwise decided by the county or the court. Ninety percent of the children Angels cares for return to their family or are placed in their forever adoptive home. Since becoming the program director, she has nearly doubled the daily average of number of children in Angels care. Angels is now the largest provider of foster homes in San Diego County. She is a graduate of the University of San Diego.



DAVID MUNOZ

David Munoz owns Mission Legal Center, one of the top personal injury law firms in San Diego. He is an active member of Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, dedicated to advocating on behalf of consumers who are faced with difficult circumstances. He is actively involved with the San Diego Rescue Mission, Thanksgiving for the Homeless, Christmas for Orphans, American Cancer Society, Tap Out Cancer and the San Diego Blood Bank. He is a Rising Star by Super Lawyers, cited for excellence in customer service by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.



DR. LINDSAY PFEFFER

Dr. Lindsay Pfeffer is a graduate of the School of Medicine at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, has a master's degree in Oral Biology from the University of Southern California School of Dental Medicine, a master's degree in BioMedical Ethics from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and is a candidate for her doctorate at West Chester University. She has been the recipient of multiple awards such as Boys & Girls Club of San Diego, a Champion of Women's award as an emerging business owner. She has dedicated countless hours to Give Kids A Smile, Share the Care Volunteer for screenings and treatment for the poor, Team Smile with the (former) San Diego Chargers and Smiles Change Lives, providing free care for those less fortunate.



LINDSAY STEVENS

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San Diego County, She is also dedicated to the American Cancer Society and Susan G Komen. She was named a rising star by Super Lawyers in 2017. She is a graduate of UC San Diego and holds a law degree from California Western School of Law where she graduated in the top nine percent of her class.



DUSTIN STEINER

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played an integral role in the redistricting of North County as well as the general plan update and established the Red Tape Reduction Task Force to streamline business operations and reduce burdensome regulations. He has been a member of the board of the Alzheimer's Association of San Diego and the Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee. He is a graduate of American University's School of Public Affairs.



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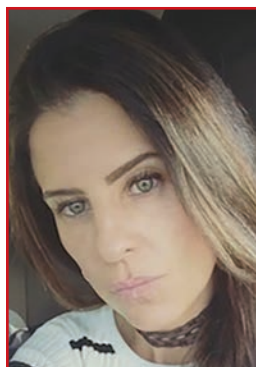
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ANNIE TAME

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JEFF WINKLER

Two years ago Jeff Winkler launched Origin Code Academy in downtown San Diego, a 12-week software programming bootcamp focused squarely on helping people become job-ready for the tech industry. Origin Code Academy teaches a variety of technology stacks and programming frameworks, including NET, Javascript, Angular, CSS and HTML. Students also learn to work with database technologies and APIs, and how to develop real-time applications. Other highly valued skills such as Source Control and Test Driven Development are also important components of the Academy curriculum. To date more than 120 students have graduated from Origin Code Academy and 93 percent of them have received a job offer within 90 days of graduating. The average starting salary of a graduate is \$65,000 with a top salary offer of \$110,000.

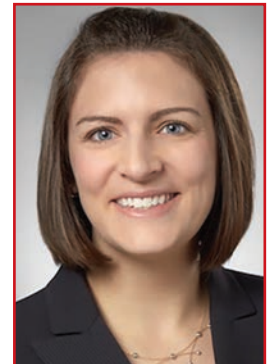
JOHN VALENCIA

John Valencia is vice chancellor of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. He has accomplished many things in his career, having founded his own nonprofit, an international manufacturing company, led multiple San Diego nonprofits and helped form the East County Education Alliance. He has led “Stop the Hate” walks and campaigns to bring awareness about social issues. He has received the Coastal American Partnership Award for his success in building partnerships with local nonprofit organizations and government agencies. He is involved with the YMCA of San Diego, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, American Lung Society, San Diego Oceans Foundation, Volunteer San Diego and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is a graduate of University of San Diego, holds a master’s degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and is currently a doctorate candidate at San Diego State.



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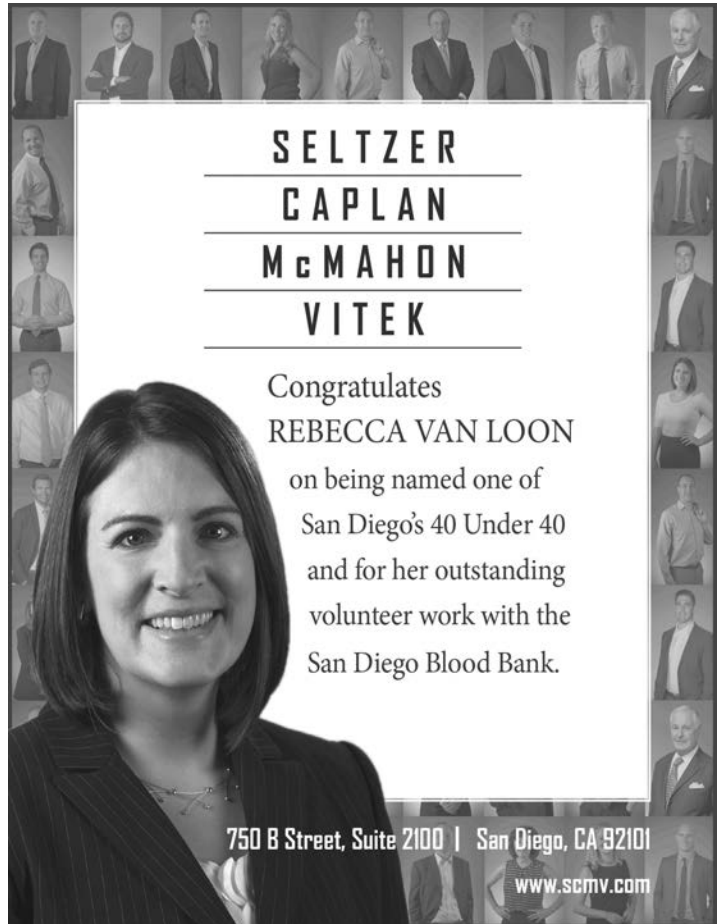
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