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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Welcome to our seventh annual special supplement honoring LA’s most influential attorneys. The Los Angeles Business Journal Leaders in Law Awards and accompanying special supplement, is an opportunity for us to celebrate the outstanding work performed by the remarkable individuals and teams of attorneys that form the in-house counsels for our leading businesses here in Los Angeles while also honoring the leading light attorneys at the many terrific law firms in our region.

In the following pages we hope to shed some additional light on some of the premier examples of business law among us today. These are the honorees and finalists we singled out for exceptional legal skill and achievement across the full spectrum of responsibility, exemplary leadership as evidenced by the highest professional and ethical standards, and for contributions to the Los Angeles community at large. Our celebration of these examples of legal excellence took place at our Leaders in Law Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, October 24th at the L.A. Hotel Downtown.

The list of prestige finalists – each an example of excellence in their respective fields – made it particularly difficult to arrive at the honorees. We applaud each of the finalists and honorees – all of whom are described in these pages. It should be noted that each of the finalists and honorees featured in these pages has played a key role, not only in the success of their companies or clients, but in the success of the Los Angeles financial community as a whole. So to all the great legal experts profiled in this volume, we say thank you!

Best regards,

Anna Maganany
Publisher & CEO

With pride and admiration, Pepperdine University congratulates Marc P. Goodman General Counsel on being named Non-Profit General Counsel of the Year by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

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PRIVATE COMPANY CORPORATE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR

CHADWICK HO
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Hulu

Chadwick Ho is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Hulu. In addition to being responsible for all aspects of Hulu's business, legal and government affairs, including corporate governance and operations, business transactions, intellectual property, litigation and regulatory matters, he also serves as Corporate Secretary to Hulu’s Board of Directors.

Ho’s career began at Hulu nine years ago – when he joined the team as employee #17. When he began, he was the only lawyer at Hulu and the company was two weeks away from launching its free streaming service. Nine years later, he has built out a team of over 30 lawyers, launched Hulu’s free and subscription streaming service, negotiated the commercial contracts for Hulu’s content, distribution and advertising deals, and advised on hundreds of matters regarding Hulu’s tech, product and marketing team to build and promote all branches of the Hulu service.

Since Hulu sits at the intersection of entertainment and technology, Ho’s daily duties go beyond entertainment matters. The job includes content deals, negotiating advertising deals to help fund the service and even licensing the backend technology that Hulu runs on. Ho leads a full service department that’s responsible for any and all legal issues that hit the company – including commercial deals, IP and advertising. And, Hulu is both an aggregator and distributor of content, making deals even more complicated for content owners who may have not licensing content to a service like Hulu. Ho works with hundreds of content partners to draft and negotiate terms that do not disrupt the ecosystem, but rather build it up as a whole.

PRIVATE COMPANY CORPORATE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR

FERNANDA L. SCHMID
Vice President and General Counsel
Cornerstone Research

Fernanda Schmid serves as the General Counsel for Cornerstone Research Inc., an expert testimony and economic and financial analysis firm with over 700 employees and eight offices in the U.S. and London. In her role as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Schmid is responsible for overseeing all legal, risk and compliance matters for the firm. Schmid also chairs the firm’s Risk Management Committee and sits on both the firm’s Operating Policy Committee and the Expert Development Committee.

Schmid is an exemplary in-house counsel who has made significant contributions to Cornerstone Research. Her colleagues report that she is intelligent and resourceful in her approach to legal problems, highly skilled at navigating difficult corporate challenges, pragmatic, innovative, and very well respected.

Within 18 months at Cornerstone Research, she was promoted to General Counsel and Corporate Secretary and given sole responsibility for all legal affairs and oversight of risk and compliance issues. Like many in-house counsel, her in-house role has expanded to include new legal frontiers. Schmid is an exemplary in-house counsel who has made significant contributions to Cornerstone Research. Her colleagues report that she is intelligent and resourceful in her approach to legal problems, highly skilled at navigating difficult corporate challenges, pragmatic, innovative, and very well respected.

When Schmid first assumed the role of General Counsel at Cornerstone, the company had approximately 420 employees and six offices. It now has over 700 employees and eight offices, one of which is Cornerstone’s UK subsidiary.

Schmid has also been influential in a number of internal initiatives at Cornerstone. For example, she was instrumental in organizing the Los Angeles office’s first women’s forum, which was held this past spring.
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University accomplishments under Goodman’s leadership, and his individual accolades speak well to this description. This summer, for example, under his leadership, the university favorably resolved a four-week state court trial and a three-week federal court trial, both with unanimous jury verdicts.

Goodman also works with the Board of Regents and navigates corporate governance issues, including having revised the university bylaws, and he collaborates with stakeholders, establishing an effective compliance environment across the university. Pepperdine has only had one NCAA Division One athletics infraction, which Goodman favorably resolved as well.

Goodman is also an integral member of the crisis management team, serving on the university’s threat assessment team and the emergency operations committee. He is instrumental in the necessary planning and response in domestic and international threats and emergencies.

Goodman is an advocate and an ambassador for Pepperdine in the most true and complete sense of the terms. He establishes, maintains, and defends sound legal policies, propelling the university forward in its many diverse endeavors. He engages with faculty, staff, and students, creating a unique, approachable environment for stakeholders and raising the performance level of the general counsel’s office.

LILY YAN HUGHES
Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary
Public Storage

Key Yan Hughes is Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of Public Storage, a Fortune 500 company with over 2,500 international storage facilities. She provides crucial leadership and oversight on a wide breadth of legal and internal audit matters, including board, corporate, securities, governance, litigation, employment, real estate and investor relations and communication. In this vital role, she is a member of Public Storage’s Executive Team and manages 17 legal employees, including three in Brussels, and 12 internal audit employees.

Her journey to her current position at Public Storage began in Kowloon City, Hong Kong. She lived with her family in a small room behind a store (half shoe shop, half tailor shop) until she was 11 years old when they immigrated to the United States. She attributes her career success today to her own hard work from years ago, but also to the sacrifice and support of the teachers and mentors she’s had along the way.

The guidance and kindness Hughes was shown at a young age has inspired her to help not only young people, but especially female lawyers. She is a proud supporter of Inside Counsel’s Project 5/165, whose mission is to achieve 30% female representation amongst General Counsel in Fortune 500 companies. She often speaks on business and industry panels, telling her story with the goal of encouraging women and diverse lawyers to work hard, perseverce and aim for the highest levels within their profession.

NON-PROFIT CORPORATE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR

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RISING STAR CORPORATE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR

LEILA ROUHI
General Counsel
Ring.com

Leila Rouhi joined Ring as its first in-house corporate attorney in June 2016, and she was quickly promoted to general counsel in September 2016. Ring, which has developed the highly popular video doorbell and related accessories, is one of the fastest growing companies in Los Angeles. In the short time since Rouhi joined Ring, the company has executed on six major product launches, including the Floodlight Cam, the Ring Protect plan and the Neighborhood app feature, which allows Ring users to actively participate in making their neighborhoods safer by sharing crime and safety events captured on their Ring devices with their neighbors. Ring products are now active in over one million households. In addition, during Rouhi’s tenure, the company has doubled in size to nearly 1,000 team members, opened five new international offices and launched four new international websites.

A key to Rouhi’s success has been her ability to work closely with the company’s management to find constructive ways to enable the company to roll out its aggressive growth strategy. Among her many accomplishments while at Ring include overseeing the expansion of the Ring corporate legal department to a team of five seasoned lawyers, Rouhi also managed the legal aspects of the company’s $109 million Series D preferred stock and credit line financings in 2016, one of the largest financings of a venture-backed company in Los Angeles last year. She also led the negotiation of Ring’s partnership arrangements with Shaquille O’Neal, who is passionate about the company’s mission and has appeared in a number of promotional videos on the company’s behalf.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MICHAEL “MICKEY” GREEN
Consulting Counsel and Former Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary
99 Cents Only Stores

After graduating from New York University School of Law in 1971, Michael “Mickey” Green, for the remainder of the early 70’s, worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Antitrust Division and actually was a contributor to the results of the Watergate Scandal.

He continued to practice in Washington, DC until the 1980s, when he relocated to Los Angeles. While in LA, he has served as General Counsel to various Los Angeles based companies including ABCOX, Stater USA, and currently for 99 Cents Only Stores, the American price-point retail chain headquartered in Commerce.

Long known for an exemplary career focused on ‘doing the right thing,’ Green, in discussing his current role at 99 Cents Only Stores, has commented, “I am honored to be part of a company that enables lower-income people an ability to feed their families wholesome groceries and fresh produce at prices they can afford.”

Immediately prior to his role at 99 Cents Only Stores, Green served over three years as Vice President/General Counsel/Corporate Secretary at Microsemi, a publicly traded semiconductor company located in Camarillo. He negotiated successful resolutions of SEC and DOJ investigations and securities class and derivative actions, provided legal guidance in Company’s successful restatement of several years of financial statements, refinancing senior and subordinated debt, selling off of assets and achieving a favorable settlement of a lawsuit against its former auditors.

Green also served as Contract General Counsel for Sizzler, following the sale of the publicly traded parent company and all subsidiaries to an Australian private equity fund, he served as a Contract General Counsel to Sizzler USA.

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Jennifer Dunbar joined Bel Air Investment Advisors LLC in 2015. He came to Bel Air, as well as its Management Committee, shortly after its acquisition by a large foreign asset manager. Dunbar performs a leadership role and has been instrumental in navigating and integrating (along with addressing the associated challenges) of becoming a part of a new, global ownership structure and brand.

Shortly after joining, he helped the firm navigate a massive undertaking of a custodian conversion; required re-papering of all accounts and implementing and integrating new trading system. Dunbar helped the firm and its parent company implement a Board of Directors charter and structure; and currently also serves as the Corporate Secretary. And that’s not all. Dunbar wears multiple hats at Bel Air in that he also is the GC/COO of its affiliated broker-dealer (Bel Air Securities LLC), and as such is licensed with FINRA as a broker-dealer supervisor.

Nicole Duckett Fricke is the General Counsel and Vice President of the LA Clippers. As the first ever General Counsel of the Clippers organization and the first African American woman to serve as chief legal officer of an NBA franchise, Duckett Fricke has built the Legal Department from the ground-up. She serves as the team’s chief legal officer and advises the organization on a variety of issues including corporate governance, compliance and team operations.

Since graduating from law school, Duckett Fricke has demonstrated a commitment to increasing diversity in the legal profession through her participation on the boards of various non-profit organizations and through her own efforts at the Clippers. Duckett Fricke has served as a board member for the Fulfillment Fund, and at the Clippers, her dedication to diversity is reflected in the members of the outstanding in-house legal team that she has assembled, as well as in her commitment to the use of diverse outside counsel who meet the organization’s high standards.

Nicole Duckett Fricke
General Counsel and Vice President
Los Angeles Clippers

Jennifer Ishiguro
Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President
Gateway One Lending & Finance

A first generation Japanese-American female lawyer, Jennifer Ishiguro not only has an extraordinary educational pedigree, but she has been at the top of her field in both a private law firm and in-house counsel roles. Becoming the first general counsel for Gateway One was a role she took on fearlessly, and as the first woman and minority executive of the company.

Ishiguro leveraged her leadership experience at Toyota, where she managed six of the 17 attorneys in the Legal Department and led a cross-functional business team which performed a five-year market assessment and recommended strategic initiatives to executive management, and applied them at Gateway One, a smaller, growth-stage company. She works with the other executives, helping to formulate the company’s goals and strategic objectives, given her deep understanding of the auto finance business. After first assessing the legal, regulatory and compliance risks faced by the company, Ishiguro re-focused her team’s attention and priorities on those areas of greatest concern.

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Glenn Nieves
General Counsel, Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary
Wilcon

As a General Counsel of Wilcon, the premier West Coast provider of best-in-class fiber optic network and data center infrastructure solutions, Glenn Nieves oversees all of the company’s legal, regulatory, compliance, HR and government affairs matters.

During his tenure at Wilcon, Nieves has successfully led the acquisition and integration of four operating subsidiaries. He has also been a vital catalyst in quadrupling Wilcon’s workforce while still maintaining and enhancing Wilcon’s company culture. Most significantly, however, Nieves served as the lead executive for the sale of Wilcon to Crown Castle, announced in April of this year, for which he interfaced with the company’s investment banker, bidders, board of directors, and outside counsel. Prior to the announcement of the sale, Nieves had led a crucial 18-month initiative to educate cities on the benefits of deploying fiber in their central business districts. The success of this initiative was a testament to Nieves’ leadership and ability to build relationships with municipalities and governmental agencies.

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General Counsel, Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary
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Jennifer J. Banks
General Counsel
Alexandria Real Estate Equities

Jennifer J. Banks serves as a key legal advisor to Alexandria and has cemented her reputation as a trusted partner and mentor within the organization. She became the first woman in company history to join Alexandria’s executive management team in 2013. In her role as Alexandria’s general counsel, she has identified, developed, and implemented legal and compliance framework to lead and grow the company’s in-house legal department.

Banks leads with a self-starter and collaborative mindset, and in doing so has created an in-house legal team that is highly respected and sought out for counsel by colleagues throughout the organization. Not only has she built an efficient in-house group, she has also been instrumental in selecting outside counsel. Mentoring women, and molding future female leaders at Alexandria, has always been and continues to be important to Banks. She has served as mentor for a number of women at all levels of the organization and across a range of departments.

Jennifer J. Banks
General Counsel
Alexandria Real Estate Equities

Christopher J. Henderson
Senior Vice President, Legal and Human Resources, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Salem Media Group

Christopher J. Henderson has been Senior Vice President, Legal and Human Resources, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Salem Media Group since 2012, where he has worked since 2001. Currently, Henderson oversees the Legal, HR, IT and Real Estate Departments at Salem, but in his 16 years at Salem Media Group Inc., he’s held nine positions. That, he says, is a testament to the opportunities Salem Media Group provides to its 1,600 employees. Henderson has a “glass half full” kind of outlook. That, coupled with his faith in the company, has made it easy for him to lend a helping hand and take on more. Henderson strives to offer the employees he oversees similar opportunities for growth and development. His approach is collaborative. He hosts meetings regularly, offers guidance and advice, and leads by example and maintains an open-door policy. He plays to employees’ individual strengths, too.

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Senior Vice President, Legal and Human Resources, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Salem Media Group

Tanika Hoff
Senior Vice President, Litigation – Head of Television and Feature Film Litigation
NBCUniversal Media, LLC

As Senior Vice President of Litigation for NBCUniversal, Tanika Hoff has an enormous responsibility in handling the type of litigation threats a media conglomerate with nearly $30 billion in annual revenue has to manage on an ongoing basis. Over the last 10 years, she has calculated the potential risks and impact related to the litigation NBCUniversal faces and has a clear path in mind in terms of strategy and/or resolution.

Although she is a member of NBCUniversal’s legal team, Hoff is viewed not just as a problem-solver. She is respected as an integral source of input in terms of the overall business operations. A key element to her success is her deep background in the entertainment industry, paired with her ability to quickly get to the heart of a problem, as she intimately understands the issues.
We are proud to welcome Richard C. Giller to Reed Smith as an Insurance Recovery Partner specializing in Sports and Entertainment insurance. We also congratulate Richard on being honored as a 2017 Attorney of the Year finalist.

We salute the Leaders in Law nominees, finalists and honorees.
LITIGATION ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

ADAM STREISAND
Partner
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP

Adam Streisand is widely regarded as one of the nation’s top trial attorneys, particularly in high profile litigation involving private wealth disputes, fiduciary litigation, business succession and partnership disputes and litigation involving trusts, estates and conservatorships.

Streisand is perhaps best known for his victories in courtroom battles over celebrity estates. Streisand’s trial victory for former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer against Donald Sterling resulted in Ballmer’s $2 billion purchase of the Los Angeles Clippers. Also in the world of Los Angeles NBA teams, it was Streisand who, in one quick, preemptive strike, defeated a threatened coup of the Los Angeles Lakers by Jim and Johnny Buss. Streisand not only won that case but also walked away with resignations of Jim and Johnny Buss from all four Buss family trusts as a guarantee against any threat in the future.

From his victory in the landmark copyright case, Newton v. Diamond, in which he represented the Beastie Boys and Capitol Records, Streisand has transitioned into a nationally recognized trust and estate litigator. His practice is unique in that he is the rare lawyer in the field with an expertise in disputes involving entertainment and intellectual property issues. He's been in courtroom battles over the estates of Michael Jackson, Ray Charles, Marlon Brando, Michael Crichton, Anna Nicole Smith, Rodney Dangerfield, Dennis Hopper, William Randolph Hearst and many more.

In addition to his law practice, Streisand teaches other lawyers the art and science of trial work as an instructor with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and as a frequent lecturer and author.

CORPORATE ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

C.N. FRANKLIN REDDICK III
Partner
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

With more than 30 years of experience in the area of mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance, Akin Gump corporate partner Frank Reddick is a nationally recognized leader in this field. Beyond this, Reddick also brings to clients substantial experience in corporate governance, public company representations and crisis management. During his tenure with Akin Gump, the firm has entrusted him with various senior management roles, serving as partner in charge of the firm’s Los Angeles office and formerly serving on the firm’s Management Committee, Partner Admissions Committee and Audit Committee.

Thanks to his years of experience, business savvy and legal insight, Reddick regularly counsels boards of directors, entrepreneurs, innovators and businesses of all stripes. He has successfully represented strategic and financial buyers and sellers in a wide range of complex and critical public and private M&A transactions; issuers and institutional investors in debt and equity offerings; among many other types of transactions.

His facility in these transactions is also led by the wide range of sectors in which he and his clients have made deals, from the apparel and motion picture industries to the healthcare, hospitality and gaming, and video game industries. Throughout, Reddick’s focus is always on helping clients reach their business goals, standing alongside them even when litigation or the emergent complexities of a transaction mean that it can be years before the deal is struck and closed. This has yielded tremendous benefits for clients in the Los Angeles area and beyond as they saw their dreams realized thanks to Reddick’s legal acumen and business instincts.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

JOHN B. QUINN
Founder and Managing Partner
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

John B. Quinn founded Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan in 1986. Since then, Quinn has been the driving force behind the firm’s rise from literally nothing to the top of its field. Quinn Emanuel now has 650+ lawyers in 21 offices in 10 countries. From the outset his vision was a “bet the company” law firm whose practice would be limited to business litigation. As the firm grew, he resisted the temptation to add other practice groups. He has never wavered since.

Under Quinn’s leadership, the firm has been involved in numerous structured finance litigations arising out of the 2008 financial crisis, and has recovered over $26 billion from global financial giants on behalf of FHFA and other clients. Since 1987, Quinn has also been General Counsel of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that awards the Academy Awards.

Quinn and his firm have taken advantage of the recent tech boom by representing many successful early-stage tech companies such as Pinterest, Google, Snapchat, CoPilot, Zosk, Tumblr, Jawbone, Airbnb, Dropbox, Instacart, Tinder, Box, and Palantir, among others. Pinterest hired Quinn and team to defend its first ever lawsuit, as did Tumblr.

Over the past several years under Quinn’s leadership, the firm’s product liability litigation practice has become a steady area of growth within the firm. Under Quinn’s management, the firm has also become the most financially successful California-based law firm. For the past several years, The American Lawyer has ranked us the second most profitable firm in the world – with profits per partner exceeding $4 million.

HEALTHCARE ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

MANNY A. ABASCAL
Partner
Latham & Watkins LLP

As a senior litigation and trial partner in the Los Angeles office of Latham & Watkins, Manny Abascal has represented many companies for their most significant litigation matters. He has developed a broad practice that includes criminal and civil investigations, activist shareholder litigation, and complex business litigation. He has also acted several times as plaintiff’s counsel, in one instance securing an eight-figure award for a client and in another a nine-figure settlement. He has tried many cases, including successfully defending Tenet Healthcare in two criminal trials, and in one instance, successfully trying a civil fraud case before a jury having been hired the day before trial.

His recent engagements include representing Molina Healthcare in a significant class action litigation, as well as a large, publicly traded medical device company in a federal investigation and several companies in confidential activist shareholder matters.

Throughout a distinguished career as a law firm litigator and federal prosecutor, Abascal has handled a variety of litigation matters, including multiple criminal and civil jury trials; SEC proceedings; criminal, civil, and administrative investigations; internal investigations; and voluntary disclosures and testimony before Congress and state legislative bodies. These matters have involved several industries, including healthcare, financial institutions, financial services, investment advisors and hedge funds, entertainment, accounting, construction, food and agriculture, e-commerce, and technology.

He is highly respected for his practice work, pro bono efforts, support for the professional advancement of Latinos, and dedication to helping the Los Angeles community in a multitude of ways.
Paul Rosen is a partner in Crowell & Moring’s White Collar & Regulatory Enforcement, Privacy & Cybersecurity, and Government Contracts groups. Rosen is a former federal prosecutor and was most recently the chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security.

With more than a decade of legal, policy, and management experience across all three branches of government, Rosen represents corporate and individual clients in connection with government investigations and enforcement actions, internal investigations, cybersecurity and data privacy, immigration and border-related issues, national security, and litigation. He also counsels clients on all aspects of managing a crisis to mitigate legal exposure in criminal, civil, regulatory, administrative, transactional, and Congressional matters.

Rosen oversaw and managed DHS’ response to some of the most sensitive and complex challenges facing the government, and has advised the secretary and the White House on counterterrorism; cyber and data security; data breach incident response; border, aviation, and maritime security; federal disaster response; critical infrastructure; financial crimes; and other criminal law enforcement matters.

Rosen has worked closely with technology and social media companies to combat terrorist online recruitment efforts and use of encrypted communication platforms. Rosen has also worked extensively with other federal agencies, including the Departments of Justice, Treasury, and Defense, the FBI, and intelligence agencies on some of the most highly publicized global security and terrorist threats, including significant cybersecurity events, such as Russia’s interference with the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, the hack of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, and attacks on critical infrastructure.

CONGRATULATIONS,
June Baldwin on your amazing accomplishments in the field!

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Gary A. Meyer is an environmental law specialist who joined Parker Milliken in 1980, becoming a shareholder in 1986. In 1985, Meyer founded and since then has served as Chair of the firm’s Environmental Law Department.

Meyer’s practice includes environmental litigation, both federal Superfund as well as state court cost recovery, toxic tort and property damage matters. Meyer has defended Fortune 500 corporations, their corporate officers and public entities in numerous high profile environmental administrative, civil and criminal enforcement matters. He also has significant experience representing public entities as well as corporate and privately owned industrial and commercial property owners, tenants and manufacturers in remediation, notice and disclosure and Brownfield matters, often in the context of the buying, selling, development and/or refinancing of real property.

For over three decades, Meyer has successfully represented corporate clients in a number of California landmark environmental enforcement actions filed by prosecutorial agencies including the United States Attorney, the California Department of Justice, the Environmental Crimes Units of Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency. Meyer’s successful defense of one such action led to the California Appellate Court decision of Los Angeles Chemical Company v. Superior Court, 226 Cal.App.3d 703 (1990), which established a business’ constitutional right against warrantless or nonconsensual environmental inspections.

Meyer also has vast experience in non-litigation environmental matters, advising corporate and public entity clients, their in-house counsel and private property owners, lessors and lessees regarding all aspects of environmental compliance, reporting and disclosure, soil and groundwater remediation, and underground storage tank matters.

INTERNATIONAL ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

DARREN G. GARDNER
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Darren G. Gardner is the Chair of Seyfarth Shaw LLP’s International Practice. Gardner is recognized throughout the world as a pioneer in the international employment law practice area and he is the trusted advisor to many of the world’s largest companies in respect of matters ranging from day-to-day complex cross-border employment matters on a single country basis, to large and complex multi-jurisdictional employment law projects.

Gardner has undertaken more than 500 multi-jurisdictional strategic, compliance and transactional employment related projects, covering more than 170 different countries, including projects covering more than 150 countries at one time.

Gardner assists multinational corporate clients with the full range of employment law matters including multi-jurisdictional strategic and compliance-related employment law issues; employment and labor issues arising from cross-border mergers and acquisitions; joint ventures and outsourcing; and terminations for individual and large scale reductions in force. He also assists his clients with employment and contingent workforce arrangements and documentation; employment-related privacy and data protection; protection of employers’ proprietary and confidential information; and workplace harassment, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity law matters. He also provides guidance with workplace policies and handbooks and international workplace investigations.

Gardner is also regularly quoted in the media and has lectured on a variety of international employment topics around the world. He has also received a number of international awards for his work in the international employment area.
Richard Simmons is a well-known “guru” on California wage and hour law and among the most prolific legal authors and speakers in the state. In addition to his reputation as a passionate speaker and writer, Simmons has saved his clients tens of millions of dollars this year alone through his expert handling of lawsuits for a variety of big name clients.

Simmons represents employers in various labor relations matters involving state and federal wage and hour laws, wrongful discharge, employment discrimination, employee discipline and termination, employee benefits, affirmative action, union representation proceedings, and contract arbitrations.

An example of his recent success is his work for Chipotle Mexican Grill. After more than four years of litigation, on March 29, 2017, Chipotle was handed a well-earned victory in the federal district court in New York. The Scott v. Chipotle Mexican Grill case involved a claim that Chipotle misclassified persons in the position of Apprentice as exempt on a nationwide basis. The Court granted Chipotle’s motion to decertify a collective action that had been conditionally certified under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in June 2013. It simultaneously denied the plaintiffs’ motion for certification of six state-law classes under FRCP Rule 23. The Court adopted Simmons and team’s core arguments while looking carefully at the voluminous evidence in the record demonstrating vast differences in the ways Apprentices performed their jobs. It observed the variations that existed in the work settings, including the varied management structures at the restaurants and the differences in low-volume and high-volume restaurants. It was an across-the-board victory for Chipotle.

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PATRICK J. FOLEY,
FINALIST FOR LOS ANGELES BUSINESS JOURNAL’S LEADERS IN LAW AWARDS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CATEGORY

Patrick Foley is an inspired leader who serves as a partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois and vice-chair of the Toxic Tort & Environmental Litigation and Asbestos Litigation Practices. We are honored to celebrate Patrick as he is recognized for his outstanding leadership.
Pillsbury congratulates all of the 2017 Leaders in Law nominees.

A special congratulations to our clients and friends who were nominated this year:

Eric Alderete, Cori Cardwell, David Durant, Tania Hoff, Deborah Kanter, Kim Matthews, & Tyler Theobald
AMY R. FORBES
Partner
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Amy R. Forbes has spent her entire legal career at Gibson Dunn and is Co-Partner in Charge of the Los Angeles offices. She is at the helm of some of the most exciting and high profile land use deals in the Los Angeles area.

Forbes’ practice is focused on land use planning issues, including zoning, CEQA and municipal law, especially the processing of entitlements through public hearings, community meetings and other administrative proceedings, the negotiation of agreements with government entities, and legal issues associated with project development and construction.

Among her many successes of note, Forbes was key to the return of the Rams. After a year-long process filled with numerous twists and turns, the Kroenke Group, owner of the St. Louis Rams football franchise, secured approval from the NFL to bring the Rams back to the Los Angeles region. Forbes led a team that played a critical role in bringing the Rams home by employing an incredible and improbable strategy to obtain the authorization to construct a multi-billion dollar NFL-ready stadium in under 8 weeks. The approvals were obtained in record time through an innovative use of the California voter-sponsored initiative process. The required 22,000 petition signatures were collected in the space of two weeks, and the Council unanimously adopted the initiative in February 2015. The ultimate victory came in January of last year when the NFL owners voted 30-2 to allow the Rams to move to Inglewood. From a “long shot” idea to actual reality, Forbes and the Gibson Dunn team was never daunted by the seeming impossibility of the task.

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Brian Horne is a Knobbe Martens partner in the Los Angeles office. He has handled cases involving patent, trademark, trade dress, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition and breach of contract matters. Horne has litigated cases in United States District Courts nationwide, as well as at the Federal Circuit and International Trade Commission. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in many technological areas, including pharmaceuticals, mechanical, medical and electronic devices.

Among Horne’s representative matters include Masimo Corp. v. Philips Electronics North America Corp., in which he represented medical-device maker Masimo and achieved a complete victory in obtaining a jury verdict of over $460 million for lost profits damages against Philips for infringing two Masimo patents. The jury also rejected Philips’ infringement claims seeking $169 million.

Rickey Ivie is the president and founding partner of Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt, the largest black-owned law firm in the nation and one of Southern California’s premier full-service law firms, representing a broad range of businesses, public entities and individuals in a vast array of litigation matters and transactions. In his four decades of litigation experience, Ivie has tried more than 120 jury trials, including precedent-setting cases that have changed the practice of law and improved the lives of millions of people.

Over the span of his career, Ivie has handled a range of significant matters related to personal injury, wrongful death, civil rights violations, contract disputes, trademark, copyright and corporate and commercial litigation. His clients range from individuals and government entities to well-known corporations including restaurants, entertainment companies and commercial construction businesses. Since becoming a founding partner in 1980, Ivie has solidified Ivie, growing the firm significantly in the last 30 years.

Soref is a nationally recognized attorney who focuses her practice on bankruptcy, creditors’ rights, corporate workouts, reorganizations and commercial litigation. She represents all classes of creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and out of court restructurings, including Assignments for the Benefit of Creditors throughout the United States. Soref routinely represents creditors, committees, sellers, and buyers and advises on bankruptcy strategy, counseling, reorganization, enforcement of debt instruments and litigation. Soref has been lead attorney in nationally known distressed retail and apparel companies, including e-commerce companies. She has also been the lead attorney in numerous distressed healthcare matters involving large nationally based hospitals, health plans, health care providers, and skilled nursing facilities, as well as patient care ombudsmen appointed by the U.S. Trustee who Soref counsels regarding privacy related issues. Soref also counsels institutional clients on credit documentation, collection efforts and other credit matters.

Weingarten represents clients in all facets of entertainment, business and probate litigation. He does not merely litigate cases and settle; he has a strong track record of picking jury and winning verdicts. Clients look to Weingarten to handle high-profile cases, protect their integrity, during the very public litigation process, provide a fresh approach, and suggest novel and overlooked strategies. He is aggressive about optimizing results and prides himself on finding the most direct route to victory. Sometimes that means finding a creative solution around a difficult problem; sometimes it means bowling through it.

Among his high-profile cases was representing hip-hop superstar Snoop Dogg in a lawsuit against beer maker Pabst Brewing, claiming the firm owes Snoop Dogg money from the sale of the company and its beer line. Weingarten won every motion filed by either side in the case—including defeating the defendants’ motion for summary judgment and another motion to have the case transferred to Illinois.

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Larry Braun is the former Co-Leader of Shedd Mullin’s Corporate Practice Group. In addition to his law degree, Braun holds an MBA in Finance from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and has attained the New Jersey CPA Certificate Requirements. He was previously a managing director of the largest private investment banking firm on the west coast. Braun is resident in the firm’s Los Angeles office where he represents public and private companies in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, securities and general business.

Braun is an advisor to clients ranging from family-owned businesses to international corporations in many diverse industries such as high-tech and computers, healthcare, consumer goods, aerospace and defense, and grocery and food service. His principal areas of practice are general corporate law, corporate finance and securities law, mergers and acquisition transactions, contractual matters (including licensing and distribution arrangements), healthcare transactions and general business counseling.

Jeffrey H. Cohen began his career at Skadden as a summer associate and has been integral to the growth and development of the firm’s Los Angeles office and its corporate practice. Cohen has served as the head of the Corporate Group in Skadden’s Los Angeles office for over 15 years and has been instrumental in its rise to prominence. The group has been at the forefront of global M&A capability and boasts the capacity to handle the largest and most complex corporate finance and M&A transactions on behalf of domestic and international clients.

In addition, Cohen has been a leader in innovative private equity transactions. He is extremely client-focused and is highly skilled at getting the toughest deals successfully completed. Cohen’s extensive experience, creativity and background in finance enable him to effectively address clients’ business needs. Clients frequently call on Cohen to handle some of their most complex matters. One example is his work for AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc. in its $4.3 billion acquisition by Tyson Foods, Inc.

Eva Davis is Co-Chair of the Private Equity Practice at Winston & Strawn, a leadership role in which she is spearheading the strategic global expansion of the firm’s private equity practice, with a particular focus on the West Coast. In addition to this role, which has established her as a valuable member of the firm’s management team, Davis is a renowned dealmaker with an emphasis on U.S. and cross-border transactions.

For more than 20 years, Davis has advised domestic and international clients on numerous mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financing transactions and enterprise-transformational business opportunities. She has taken charge as lead counsel negotiating and completing deals in a wide variety of industries, including automotive, consumer products, energy, entertainment, financial services, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, semiconductor, technology and telecommunications, among others. Her transactional experience includes deals ranging from tens of millions of dollars to more than $31 billion.

Steven B. Stokdyk is a leading corporate attorney with extensive securities, finance, acquisition and governance experience representing companies, principal investors and investment banks in a variety of industries—including technology, financial institutions, healthcare, gaming and real estate. He regularly advises public and private companies in their most significant M&A and capital markets transactions, as well as strategic/ activist defense, proxy contests and other corporate control matters.

He particularly advises clients on hostile and negotiated mergers, initial public offerings, high-yield convertible and secured debt offerings, recapitalizations, and private equity and debt investments. He also regularly advises clients on corporate governance and structure, securities law compliance and strategic transactions. He has extensive experience representing public and private companies in high-profile M&A transactions. For example, he represented United Online in its sale to B. Riley in 2016 and is currently representing Teladoc in its acquisition of Best Doctors.
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LORRAINE D’ALESSIO
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F ounding partner of D’Alesio Law Group, Lorraine D’Alesio was named the 2016 Los Angeles City Bar Association’s Lawyer of the Year. A former Ford model and actress turned legal powerhouse, D’Alesio is a multi-award-winning, immigration expert. She serves on the board for Artists for Change and is the author of “Going Global: Investing in U.S. Immigration,” a guide to U.S. immigration.

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M ark Margolis heads up Blank Rome’s team serving Chinese businesses and entrepreneurs operating in the U.S. For more than 13 years, a large part of Margolis’ work in the U.S. has focused on advising and representing companies and business owners from the Greater China area. Margolis has more than 10 years of experience representing clients in a variety of disputes, including real estate; lender liability; trade secrets, unfair competition, and misappropriation of intellectual property; fraud; international joint ventures; sexual harassment and employment discrimination; and class actions and other complex commercial cases.

SUSAN KOHN ROSS
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S usan Kohn Ross is a partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (MSK) where she chairs the International Trade Practice Group. Ross has practiced for more than 30 years in the areas of customs, international trade, transportation, food and drug, homeland security, product safety and import/export law. She has worked closely with all governmental agencies involved in international trade, including the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Departments of Commerce and State, Food & Drug Administration, International Trade Commission, and U.S. Trade Representative.

LAW AND EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEYS

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T racy Kennedy is the go-to Los Angeles trial attorney in the Labor and Employment practice group who is routinely retained to try cases. She is in high demand to try virtually any type of employment or business related case and has an impressive win record. She is responsible for all aspects of employment litigation matters on behalf of employers and managing litigation with bench trials and arbitrations. An experienced trial attorney, she has tried to verdict in state and federal court employment matters such as age, race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, and disability discrimination and harassment, as well as retaliation, and wrongful termination.

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W hen Dana Kravetz took over as managing partner of M&R in 2010, he had the arduous task of filling the shoes of firm co-founder, Sanford Michelman, who to that point was the only managing partner the firm had ever known. Michelman transitioned the role to Kravetz with the knowledge that a firm as creative and innovative as M&R required a periodic infusion of new ideas, new energy, and a new management style to maintain and grow its industry edge.

MATTHEW McNICHOLAS
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R epresenting police officers and firefighters in retaliation, harassment, disability discrimination, and whistleblower lawsuits for nearly 20 years, Matt McNicholas has secured more than $60 million in total results for his clients. As panel counsel to Los Angeles Police Protective League and the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City, he currently has more than 40 separate cases pending against the LAPD and the LARD on behalf of their employees.

GEORGE A. STOHNER
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G eorge Stohner is Senior Counsel at Faegre Baker Daniels and a nationally recognized employment litigator with more than 35 years of experience. His practice focuses on class, collective, and systemic employment counseling, labor and employment counseling, and labor negotiations. Stohner has led trial and litigation teams in successfully defending against numerous employment discrimination and wage and hour cases, particularly those involving class and collective action claims.

Stohner represents employers managing both unionized and non-unionized workforces in a range of settings. Several of his representation matters have materially contributed to the development of California law. For example, earlier this year in Gnesen et al. v. Pacific Bell, Stohner led the defense in a significant California State court jury trial involving allegations that the company failed to provide plaintiffs with proper meal breaks. The multi-plaintiff case went to a three-week jury trial and after Stohner’s efforts Pacific Bell obtained a complete jury victory.

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A sports and entertainment attorney, Richard Giller represents high-profile athletes, including first round MLB and NBA draft picks with an emphasis on loss of value (LOV), disability and workers’ compensation insurance claims. He has also consulted on LOV and disability claims involving collegiate and professional football players as well as disability policies procured by professional sports teams. Teams have also sought Giller’s counsel regarding disability policies purchased as a hedge against guaranteed contracts.

Due to the nature of his work, professional athletes prefer to keep their relationship with Giller confidential. Giller’s successful representation of Red Sox first baseman Mitch Moreland involved filing a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles against the insurance company and the wholesale insurance broker and is, therefore, public.

Matt Kline is the go-to outside counsel for Warner Bros., a litigating water-rights cases all the way to the Supreme Court, and is a very active chair of multiple nonprofit boards. Many of Kline’s most high-profile wins recently were for Warner Bros. Combating a growing trend in the film industry, Kline has been defending the studio in a series of cases, in which plaintiffs have accused the studio of stealing their movie ideas.

As example is the “Trouble With the Curve” case (decided in April 2016), in which the Ninth Circuit affirmed that Warner Bros. didn’t steal from plaintiff Ryan Brooks’ script about a father-daughter baseball story in making the Clint Eastwood movie “Trouble With the Curve.” Brooks and his lawyers accused Warner Bros. of engaging in a criminal conspiracy with various talent agents to steal his works. Kline defeated the claims in district court.

Bo Pearl, Managing Partner of O’Melveny’s Century City office, represents companies in the entertainment, sports, and technology industries in their general business and anti-trust litigation. Pearl’s practice involves representation of both defendants and plaintiffs. On the plaintiff side, he has represented clients in litigation that resulted in nearly $2 billion in settlements. He has obtained full defense judgments for clients such as Warner Bros., Live Nation, Samsung and Manny Pacquiao.

In just one recent week, Pearl defended the deposition of Kesha in her high-profile litigation with Dr. Luke, touching on many issues in the entertainment industry today. Pearl also helped prepare for a major idea theft claim brought against the Disney, and took the deposition of the CEO of a future Hall of Fame NFL athlete’s company who claims to have been defrauded by former employees of a major financial institution.

Ranahan has made a substantial impact in the competitive field of media and entertainment litigation through her involvement in numerous highly-publicized cases, many of which involve novel and unique circumstances that require creative defenses and a clear understanding of the related industry issues and legal precedents.

Ranahan’s experience litigating complex commercial and intellectual property matters includes disputes involving movie producers, distribution companies, new media companies and matters involving California’s right of publicity and anti-SLAPP statute. Ranahan has successfully represented clients in high-profile matters with precedent-setting results. Ranahan has established a track record as one of the best litigators in media and entertainment and intellectual property in Southern California.

We are pleased to congratulate 2017 Leaders in Law nominees Kim Matthews of Hot Topic and June Baldwin of KCET as well as Mintz Levin’s own Joshua Briones and Crystal Lopez. We applaud all of this year’s nominees and recipients.

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Liz Dubek focuses her practice on project finance, infrastructure development, public-private partnerships, real estate development, and leasing. She represents both public and private project sponsors, developers and investors in public-private partnership transactions involving transportation infrastructure assets, including airports, ports, and rail facilities, and including in particular the privatization of governmental-ly-owned assets. She also represents project sponsors and financial institutions.

In addition, Dubek advises developers, tenants, and lenders in the acquisition, development, lease, financing, and refinancing of real estate assets, including retail centers, business centers, infrastructure projects, and agricultural property. Notable work has included representing a large US port in various financing transactions; advising governmental agencies in the development of transportation infrastructure assets; and representing the investor group in the financing and development of an airline passenger terminal at JFK, among others.

Patrick Harder has served as lead counsel to public agencies on some of the largest, most innovative, and most technically complex public-private partnership (P3) infrastructure projects in California and nationally with project costs totaling over $10 billion. These projects will have a decided impact on several key industries that drive both the California and national economy: education, transportation and shipping.

In California, these projects include an award winning, first-of-its-kind “social infrastructure” project, the $1 billion University of California, Merced 2025 campus expansion project, which reached financial and commercial close in August of 2016. The project – procured as an availability payment-based P3 – will involve the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of approximately 78,200 square feet of new facilities to meet the growing needs of UC Merced students.

Michael L. Matkins is a founding partner of the firm Allen Matkins and one of the country’s leading lawyers in real estate development and finance. For more than 40 years, he has advised institutional investors, lenders, property owners, and developers in all aspects of purchase, sale, and financing of properties ranging from office and retail to recreational and mixed-use projects.

Matkins guides institutional lenders and investors through the complexities of real estate investing, offering established expertise in loans, joint ventures, partnerships, sale-leasebacks, and other forms of financing and investing. He has been involved in numerous multi-hundred million-dollar real property asset portfolio acquisitions and dispositions. He has also represented institutional investors in the restructuring of substantial investments in California real property, as well as institutional developers in acquiring, entitlement, and developing master-planned communities.

Peter M. Weil is Glaser Weil’s Managing Partner and a Senior Business and Real Estate Lawyer. He has long been involved with large, complex and innovative real estate and corporate transactions. His extensive experience encompasses envelope-pushing matters ranging from the acquisition and disposition of businesses to real estate development, construction, leasing, financing and restructuring.

Weil’s list of clients includes Fortune 500 companies, significant real estate investors and developers, major studios and successful entrepreneurs. He served as lead outside counsel for MGM Mirage in connection with all legal aspects of the largest privately funded construction project in U.S. history, CityCenter, the $9 billion, 20 million square-foot mixed-use project in Las Vegas. He also represented a prominent full-service real estate company in several major development projects, including a 1.3 million square-foot mixed-use project in North Hollywood. For many years, Weil has also held leadership positions in prominent civic organizations.

TANYA FORSHEIT
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Dragna has worked on some of the nation’s most complex environmental proceedings, working with his clients to develop broad based litigation and settlement strategies. He has served as coordinating counsel in the multi-distinct litigation involving the explosion and release of hydrocarbons from the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig into the Gulf of Mexico, the multi-claim and multi-party proceedings involving the release of mercury from the Aliso-Canyon gas storage facility in Porter Ranch.

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With an established track record as an elite litigator, Ann Marie Mortimer ranks among the premier attorneys in California for her work in crisis litigation. One of only a handful of female managing partners in California, she has established herself as a bona fide and charismatic leader, also spearheading the firm’s prestigious energy and environmental litigation practice and bringing forth a 20-year track record of courtroom success.

Throughout her career, Mortimer has handled, and still continues to handle an imposing volume of complex and high profile cases. In her practice she focuses on complex business claims, environmental tort claims and litigation risk from regulatory investigations. She has successfully represented aerospace corporations, product manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies in a variety of lawsuits involving environmental, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and toxic tort multi-party litigation. She has tried – and successfully litigated – cases in both federal and state courts all across California.

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Liz Forsheit has advised on high-profile matters involving confidential data and other sensitive information for nearly 20 years. Forsheit is Co-Chair of the Privacy & Data Security Group, and a partner in the Technology & Digital Media, Litigation, and Advertising, Marketing & Public Relations groups. She represents multi-national and emerging companies in the media, entertainment, consumer products, healthcare, technology and professional services industries, and serves as outside privacy counsel for numerous organizations.

Forsheit counsels clients facing data security breaches and defends against allegations that they mishandled sensitive customer or employee information. She advises on the protection, storage and monetization of confidential data, including privacy policies, mobile apps, cloud computing, smart devices and data analytics. Forsheit has frequently appeared in federal and state court litigation, and has advised clients in matters before the Federal Trade Commission.

Michael Gold is co-chair of Jenner, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell’s Cybersecurity and Privacy Group. Gold counsels clients in a wide variety of matters, including data breach responses and investigations, crisis management, development of computer-based information retention systems, forensic investigations of computer systems, and computer and internet privacy matters. Gold also assists clients in developing and implementing information management and governance best practices and developing policies and compliance structures for protecting personal and company information.

Gold also advises companies and their owners and directors, and alternative entities and their managers and members, in business control and governance disputes, enterprise risk governance and management, shareholder disputes, breach of fiduciary duty matters, conflict of interest transactions, and internal investigations.

James J. Dragna represents energy, aerospace, and manufacturing clients in environmental matters nationwide. He regularly counsels clients in post crisis management, and has served as coordinating counsel in several multi-party, multi-claim post crisis proceedings. Dragna has also served as special counsel to several large municipalities in major water and wastewater infrastructure litigation. In the hazardous waste area, he serves as group or common counsel to several multi-party Superfund groups in several of the nation’s largest Superfund Sites.

Dragna has worked on some of the nation’s most complex environmental proceedings, working with his clients to develop broad based litigation and settlement strategies. He has served as coordinating counsel in the multi-distinct litigation involving the explosion and release of hydrocarbons from the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig into the Gulf of Mexico, the multi-claim and multi-party proceedings involving the release of mercury from the Aliso-Canyon gas storage facility in Porter Ranch.

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Patrick Foley is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois and vice-chair of the Toxic Tort & Environmental Litigation and Asbestos Litigation Practices. He focuses his practice on the defense of manufacturers, retailers, suppliers and premises owners in toxic tort and environmental litigation. Foley also routinely handles matters involving mass torts, general liability, product liability and professional malpractice. He has regularly represented Fortune 100 and 500 companies in toxic tort, environmental, and product liability actions.

Examples of Foley’s experience includes representation of corporations in groundwater contamination cases nationwide; serving as California Counsel for Fortune 100 Companies in asbestos and benzene litigation; and serving as California Counsel for manufacturers/distributors of chemical solvents and related products containing benzene (Judicial Council Coordinator of chemical solvents and related products containing benzene). He has argued before the California Court of Appeal and the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Pepperdine School of Law Responds to Shifting Demands of Legal Industry

By CHELSEA AUDIBERT

W ith Paul L. Caron, founder and editor of the widely-regarded TaxProf Blog, committed his tenures as Dean of Pepperdine University School of Law, earlier this year, he faced diminishing demand for JD degrees nationwide and a shifting market for legal professionals. According to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) law schools have suffered a 38% decline in applicants since 2010.

Considered one of the foremost entrepreneurial tax scholars in the country and third most influential person in legal education as ranked by The National Jurist, Caron recognized a need to take the steps toward creating a more productive and successful law school experience. In today’s changing legal landscape, Caron’s committed his top priority as dean to increase Pepperdine Law’s student retention on investment.

Caron, alongside a new leadership team, is setting out to “right-size” the law school in a financially sustainable way by investing in areas of excellence, expanding and innovating fund-raising efforts, and growing non-JD enrollment for established and new graduate programs developed within areas of Pepperdine Law’s historic strength.

Pepperdine Law now offers the widest breadth of degree programs and specialized areas of interest in its history allowing students to meet more personal and professional goals. The Law School will continue to leverage its number one ranked Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution by expanding the Masters and LLM degree programs. Students can pursue joint degrees with Pepperdine University’s top-ranked schools for business, divinity, and public policy, as well as new degree options tailored for business professionals seeking legal expertise to advance within their careers.

Pepperdine Law’s competitive graduate programs for attorneys and non-lawyer business professionals include LLM programs in Dispute Resolution, Commercial Arbitration, and Entertainment, Media and Sports Law. Degrees for business professionals range from a Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR) and online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) to Professional Skills Programs offered by the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution.

For non-lawyer business professionals seeking to further their career, the Masters in Dispute Resolution (MDR) is designed for mid-career and executive level professionals interested in learning how to resolve office conflicts and defuse employee, customer and community disputes before they begin. Early enrollees in the program include law enforcement officers, human resource managers, and healthcare business executives. Classes are offered with flexible scheduling for working professionals with classes at Pepperdine’s West Los Angeles and Malibu campuses. For business professionals seeking the convenience of an online program, the Master of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Law celebrates its thirtieth anniversary and twelfth year as the U.S. News and World Report’s number one ranked dispute resolution program in the country.

Domestic and international students, new and experienced lawyers and judges, and non-legal professionals from a myriad of backgrounds, as well as experienced lawyers and judges, and non-legal professionals from a myriad of backgrounds, come to Pepperdine to continue their skills as peacemakers and negotiators.

With a pulse on the shifting demands of academia, Pepperdine Law is committed to adaptability without sacrificing the absolute highest levels of academic and research excellence or commitment to faith tradition. A degree from Pepperdine Law couples a reputation for integrity with a powerful legal network, equipping generations to lead with courage and conviction.

After his first 100 days as Dean, Caron reflected, “We have hit the ground running on my priorities to build a community in which all students, faculty, and staff are loved, nurtured, and challenged to grow professionally, personally, and spiritually. All of us at Pepperdine Law feel we are making history at Pepperdine on the most beautiful law school campus in the world.”

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