

**USD School of Law
Rising Star Recent Alumni Award
Nominations
2014**



Alumnus/a

Benjamin J. Coughlan '12
Gomez Trial Attorneys
San Diego, CA

Buck B. Endemann '07
Associate
Paul Hastings LLP
San Francisco, CA

LCDR Heather Henderson '04
United States Navy, JAG
San Diego, CA

Sondra R. Levine '07
Assistant General Counsel
UTC Aerospace Systems
San Diego, CA

Scott Martinez '06
City Attorney
Denver, CO

Sarah Speed '07
Pennsylvania State Director
The Humane Society
Philadelphia, PA

Abigail G. Stephenson '10
Associate
Blanchard, Krasner & French
San Diego, CA

Nominators

John H. Gomez '89 BA

Andrew R. Haden '08
School of Law

David M. Harrison, Captain & Commanding Officer
School of Law

Tim Vanden Heuvel

Douglas J. Friednash '87
School of Law

Catherine L. Tran '08

Robert W. Blanchard '80

Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Benjamin J. Coughlan '12

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Coughlan participated in three alumni events and most recently attended the 2013 Campus Visit Day Luncheon.

Coughlan has contributed \$100 to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Name: Ben J. Coughlan

Class Year: 2012

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Reasoning

USD Involvement:

Ben is committed to improving every aspect of USD Law. He is constantly urging all of our attorneys to get involved with USD events, alumni giving, and speaking engagements.

Ben is our representative for the Law Firm Challenge. He regularly encourages our other USD Law Alumni, David Fox, Allison Worden and Bibianne Fell to give back.

Ben also led the push to get USD students hired for our current clerk class. Over the last two years we did not have a single clerk from USD Law. Ben reached out to Professor Wendy Garewal, Trial Team Head Coach Frankie DiGiacco, and the career services office, and because of that all four of our new clerks this year are current USD Law students.

When Ben speaks at legal events and seminars in town he always comments on the things he learned at USD, and how important it is for USD to be a leader in the community. I know Ben has very strong opinion on how USD can improve its relationships in the San Diego, and what USD's reputation should be both in town and nationally.

Professional Experience:

Ben is a Trial Attorney at Gomez Trial Attorneys in San Diego. He is strongly committed to the idea that the best results for clients come by providing personal attention and individually tailored case management.

In 2013, Ben was named both a Top Young Attorney in San Diego, and one of the Top Ten Personal Injury/Property Damage Attorneys in San Diego by the San Diego Daily Transcript. Ben is the only first year attorney I know to have been named to the latter category.

Ben has been a part of a number of five, six- and seven-figure settlements.

In 2012, he tried his first case in Riverside Superior Court alongside myself and Jeremiah Lowe while awaiting his California Bar Exam results. Upon learning he had passed, one month into a two month trial, I asked the trial judge to swear Ben into the California Bar. I then gave Ben the

opportunity to examine a witness the next day. In total, he directed two witnesses in his first two days of practice, and cross-examined three witnesses, including the defendants' expert neuropsychologist and economist over the next several weeks.

Since then Ben has worked on some of the firm's biggest cases. Recently, he and I tried a case together recovering \$1.67 million verdict for a current USD undergraduate student who was injured. Ben gave the opening statement and examined half the witnesses in the case. He has been nominated for an Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego for 2014 for his work on this case.

Before joining my firm, Ben worked for USD Law alums Robert and Dana Grimes.

Ben graduated law school a bit older than most. Before returning to school in 2009 Ben spent three years in the media relations department of the San Diego Padres. He also spent one season interning for San Diego Padres General Counsel/Vice President Katie Pothier.

Education:

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism - B.S. 2005

University of San Diego School of Law - J.D. 2012

Admissions:

State Bar of California - 2012

United States District Court, Southern District - 2012

Awards:

2013 Top Attorney in San Diego County - Personal Injury/Property Damage (San Diego Daily Transcript)

2013 Top Young Attorney (San Diego Daily Transcript)

2013 Selected to attend prestigious TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy

Personal/Family Information (optional):

In 2011, two days before joining Gomez Trial Attorneys, Ben married Kathleen (Dowling) Coughlan. Ben's wife Kathleen is the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations for USD's School of Leadership and Education Studies.

Ben was also named this year to the Board of Directors for the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation.

Ben and Kathleen are both native San Diegans, and lifelong fans of all San Diego sports teams and reside in Mission Hills.

Nominator's Comments:

I know how important USD is to Ben, but more importantly I know how important Ben will be to USD in the future. Ben is a great asset for USD.

Ben is committed to his practice as a trial lawyer and to those who have suffered tragic losses. He is committed to the San Diego legal community in which he grew up. He is committed to always improving. But first and foremost he is committed to his family.

Ben would be a wonderful honoree for this award.

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: John H. Gomez

Nominator's Class Year: USD Undergrad (1989)

Ben is a trial attorney at Gomez Trial Attorneys devoted entirely to representing individuals who have suffered catastrophic personal injuries. He has worked extensively on issues involving traumatic brain injuries, automobile accidents and dangerous premises. Ben believes strongly in giving his clients the personal attention necessary to achieve the justice they deserve.

In 2013, Ben was named one of the Top 10 Personal Injury Attorneys in San Diego by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. He was also named one of San Diego County's "Top Young Attorneys" by the same publication. Ben was selected in 2013 to attend the prestigious TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy, where he received top marks in scoring for both his cross-examination and closing argument by the Honorable Janet Berry of the Second Judicial District Court.

Prior to joining Gomez Trial Attorneys, Ben clerked for criminal defense attorneys Robert and Dana Grimes. He also interned for former San Diego Padres Vice President/General Counsel Katie Pothier.

Ben earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego's School of Law. During law school, he focused on trial practice, competing on the University of San Diego's National Mock Trial Team. Additionally, Ben was a teaching assistant for the lawyering skills program, after being named best overall advocate in his first year legal writing and research class.

Before pursuing a career in law, Ben spent four years in the media relations department of the San Diego Padres, focusing on team publications, player and team public relations, and media relationships. Ben has also worked in public relations and marketing for Beaman Public Relations in Chicago and the Chicago Bears. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Ben and his wife Kathleen believe strongly in giving back to their hometown of San Diego. Ben is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation. Kathleen is a volunteer Wish Grantor for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego. Ben and Kathleen are lifelong fans of all San Diego sports teams – especially the San Diego Padres, where they met as coworkers in 2008.

Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Buck Endemann '07

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Endemann is an active law school alumnus, participating in the following:

Law Alumni Board

Annual participant in Careers in the Law

Moderator and panelist for First Year Survival Skills program

Regular panelist at Campus Visit Day alumni program

Advocate for USD law students at Latham

Former USD Law Connect Alumni Volunteer

Mentor to USD Law students

He has participated in 25 events since 2007, including numerous receptions, his 5-year reunion, five annual Careers in the Law program events, USD Law Connect luncheons, and Lunch & Learns.

Endemann has contributed \$1,480 to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Name: Buck Endemann

Class Year: 2007

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Reasoning

USD Involvement:

Buck has been extremely involved in the law school since the day he graduated. His longstanding record of significant service includes: (1) being a member of the Law Alumni Board, (2) being a former member of the Law Connects Program, (3) being a "go to" alum for Cara Mitnick and Career Services for everything including the "lunch and learn" program, Careers in the Law, Orientation Panels, and Mock Interviews, (4) being persistently available to the students for private mentoring via coffee/lunches with current students, (5) helping to train national moot court teams, and (6) being a guest lecturer for the Environmental Law Course (once each year). In sum, there simply is no other young alum that does more for USD than Buck.

Professional Experience:

Upon graduation, Buck clerked for Judge Thomas J. Whelan on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. After completing this prestigious term position, Buck returned to Latham & Watkins. Latham is a top-5 or top-10 international law firm in nearly every single metric. At Latham, Buck's practice focused on major project and infrastructure development, with a major emphasis on renewable energy generation and transmission, facilitating California's and several other states' progress toward aggressive renewables and portfolio standards targets. Based on his superior performance, Buck was selected to serve on Latham's Global Recruiting Committee. In that capacity, Buck actively worked to increase summer offers of employment to USD law students.

In October 2013, Buck accepted an opportunity to move to San Francisco to join the Environment and Energy Practice Group at Paul Hastings LLP. By all accounts, Buck's value to his new firm was immediately obvious.

Education:

J.D. - USD School of Law, magna cum laude (Ranked #3 of 333 in his class) - Articles Editor for SD Law Review

B.A. - Wake Forest University (Psychology)

Admissions:

State Bar of California

Awards:

Past President/Board Chair, San Diego's KIPP Adelante Charter School from 2010-2013 - a charter middle school serving more than 350 underserved youth. Most students are first-generation Americans and nearly all the students are eligible for free/reduced lunch program. During his time as President, Buck oversaw a significant rise in test scores, resulting in the school successfully meeting the safe harbor provisions of "No Child Left Behind."

Buck has also received numerous awards at Latham for his pro bono work and recruiting efforts.

Personal/Family Information (optional):

Buck has a beautiful wife named Sarah - who is also the mother of Buck's two young boys (Peter, age 4 and John, age 1) When they were still living in San Diego, Peter attended USD's preschool.

Nominator's Comments:

USD is blessed to have hundreds of successful young alumni, all of whom deserve recognition for their achievements and for improving the reputation of USD accordingly. But there is simply no young alum who has graduated in the past 10 years that is doing more impressive legal work while simultaneously contributing to the community and our law school.

Accordingly, Buck has my highest possible recommendation.

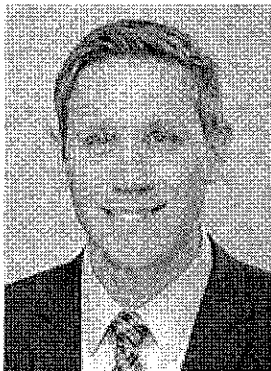
Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: Andrew Haden

Nominator's Class Year: 2008

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ADMISSIONS

California Bar

EDUCATION

University of San
Diego School of Law,
J.D., 2007

Wake Forest
University, B.A., 2000

Buck Endemann is an associate in the Environmental and Energy practice of Paul Hastings, and is based in the firm's San Francisco office. He provides comprehensive environmental counseling on energy, infrastructure and remediation projects, air, water and waste compliance issues, and represents clients in related litigation.

Mr. Endemann has extensive experience on the commercial, land use, and regulatory aspects of renewable energy and infrastructure projects throughout the Western United States, with an emphasis on California. He has a particular expertise before the California Public Utilities Commission, and is well-versed in the primary federal and state environmental and species laws, including, CERCLA, RCRA, NEPA, CEQA, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Protection Act, and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Mr. Endemann has also counseled clients in proceedings before the Los Angeles Department of Water Resources and Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

Mr. Endemann received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, in 2007, where he served as a lead Articles Editor on the *San Diego Law Review* and published his note. Upon graduation, he clerked from 2007-08 for the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. Prior to working at Paul Hastings, he worked in

the environment, land and resources department in the San Diego office of an international law firm.

Speaking Engagements and Publications

Co-author, "Climate Regulation 2013 - United States", Getting the Deal Through (Updated Publication 2011, 2012, 2013).

Co-author, "Making Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Feasible: Toward Federal Regulation of CO2 Sequestration Pipelines", 38 *Energy Policy* 735 (2010).
Lecturer, Environmental Law Clinic, University of San Diego School of Law (2010-2012)

B. Endemann, Comment, Keelhauling Pirates: How Ex-Parte Seizure of Non-Interfering LPFM Does Not Further the FCC's "Public Interest", 43 *San Diego L. Rev.* 661 (2006).

Professional and Community Involvement

Director, Alumni Board, University of San Diego School of Law

Past President and Board Chair, KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy (2009-2013)

Education

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2007

Wake Forest University, B.A., 2000

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EXPERIENCE

Paul Hastings LLP (San Francisco, CA)

Associate — Environment & Energy Practice Group

Oct. 2013 – Present

- Counsel renewable energy clients on the siting, permitting, and project implementation phase for energy projects, including compliance with all federal and state environmental and species protections laws.
- Advise responsible parties, developers and local governments in all aspects of site remediation and Brownfields redevelopment efforts.
- Represent land trust in the negotiation and acquisition of conservation easements to preserve open space in the Lake Tahoe region (pro bono).

Latham & Watkins LLP (San Diego, CA)

Associate — Environment, Land & Resources Dept.

Nov. 2008 – Sept. 2013

Summer Associate

June – August 2006

- Defend renewable energy transmission projects in litigation before the California Public Utilities Commission and California state courts.
- Lead associate advising on the siting, permitting, and project implementation phase for utility and energy clients.
- Provide first-chair land use, permitting, and environmental, health and safety counsel for banking and private equity clients seeking to finance or purchase energy assets.
- Counsel chemical company in all aspects of CERCLA site remediation and related federal litigation, including public hearings to obtain water permits.
- Serve in firmwide management roles as a member of the Recruiting Committee (2011-2013), Associates Committee (2013); named “Best Supervisor” in 2012.

Chambers of the Hon. Thomas J. Whelan

Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2008

Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

- Term clerkship for federal judge. Managed civil docket, drafted orders, prepared Judge for arguments and researched criminal matters.

EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law

May 2007

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, *Order of the Coif*

GPA: 3.99 (Ranked #3 out of 333)

Lead Articles Editor, *San Diego Law Review* (Vol. 44); Honor Court

Wake Forest University, B.A., Psychology

May 2000

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & INTERESTS

- Past President/Board Chair, KIPP Adelante charter school (2010 – 2013).
- Director, University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Board.

Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Heather Henderson '04

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Henderson participated in career mentoring in 2012 and most recently attended the 2013 Careers in the Law event.

Henderson has contributed \$5 to the law school.



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Selection Committee:

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF LCDR HEATHER C. HENDERSON, JAGC, USN, FOR THE
USD RISING STAR RECENT ALUMNI AWARD

It is with honor and great pleasure that I nominate Lieutenant Commander Heather C. Henderson for selection as the 2013 USD Rising Star Recent Alumni Award Recipient. Lieutenant Commander Henderson graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in May 2004. Over a nine year career as a federal service attorney in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps she skillfully and expertly served as Officer in Charge of a detachment office at a remote duty station, as Appellate Defense Counsel representing service members before the military's first and second level courts of appeal, and as a specialist in environmental law for the Navy's Southwest Region. Lieutenant Commander Henderson's contributions to the Navy and the JAG Corps have been selfless and substantial, covering the full-spectrum of our legal practice. From her first Navy assignment through today, she has excelled at our most difficult assignments and in our most challenging environments, earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike. By her noteworthy accomplishments, perseverance, and selfless devotion to duty, country, and community, Lieutenant Command Henderson reflected great credit upon herself and the United States Navy and is most deserving of the 2013 USD Rising Star Recent Alumni Award.

Simply put, there is not enough space to accurately capture the outstanding performance and tremendous contributions Lieutenant Commander Henderson has made to the practice of military law. Not only does she possess the obvious qualities of keen legal acumen and strong military bearing, but she demonstrates a sincere selflessness, compassion and devotion to duty that are invaluable to federal service. Volunteering to serve in demanding and hard-to-fill assignments speaks volumes about her character and commitment to serving her country. No matter the geographic challenges or the complexity of the legal issues involved, she performs magnificently, displaying a level of expertise and maturity usually seen in a far more senior judge advocate.

Lieutenant Commander Henderson began her naval legal career at a Branch Office of Naval Legal Service Office Central in Corpus Christi, TX, where she served both as a legal assistance attorney and trial

defense counsel as well as the Officer in Charge of the Branch. During her assignment, she enriched the lives of, and provided exemplary legal assistance and defense services to, naval personnel families and retired personnel in South Texas. As the Officer in Charge, she inspired and challenged her staff to set the bar high for the legal services they provided to the military community in South Texas. With unparalleled energy and dedication of purpose to every aspect of her work, she exceeded all expectations. It was through her personal efforts as a legal assistance and defense attorney that the fleet Sailors stationed at the three major naval installations in South Texas were prepared for short notice deployments, free from unresolved legal problems that would otherwise distract their focus from the mission.

She quickly established herself as one of the premier litigators at NLSO Central, spending countless hours on military justice matters. A natural in the courtroom, her zealous advocacy and unmatched litigation skills yielded superior results for her clients at three General Courts-Martial (the military equivalent of a felony trial), five Special Courts-Martial (the military equivalent of a misdemeanor trial), four Article 32 hearings (the military equivalent of a grand jury) and 41 administrative separation boards. Most remarkable was her earning a full acquittal in a complex, contested-members General Courts-Martial for her client facing 69 years confinement for conspiracy, larceny and bank fraud. In an Article 32 hearing, her strategic presentation of a defense case involving controversial allegations of rape led the investigating officer to recommend dismissal of case. For her phenomenal and tireless efforts, in 2007, the State Bar of Texas Military Law Section awarded LCDR Henderson (then-Lieutenant Cassidy) the Colonel Thomas J. Krauska Award. In the words of her supervising attorney: "[she's] been the anchor of BROFF Corpus- - save her the toughest JAGC challenges."

To enhance her litigation portfolio, Lieutenant Commander Henderson moved from her job in Corpus Christi to Washington, D.C. in 2007 to serve as an appellate defense counsel at the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy and Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity, Code 45. As with her performance as a legal assistance and defense attorney, her performance as appellate defense counsel was absolutely superb in every respect. Exhibiting a "lead from the front" style of management, she regularly carried a heavy case load, always delivering unparalleled results. Her supervising attorney wrote: "In arguing very complex issues in her first two cases before Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF), she proved to be a formidable and talented oral advocate." Her exceptional talent and resourceful advocacy was evidenced through her obtaining a complete reversal in a complex murder case after presenting oral argument to the Navy-Marine Court of Criminal Appeals (NMCCA). Not only did she obtain a reversal on a substantive law matter, which by itself is unprecedented, but the reversal came during a time when NMCCA's affirmance rate was well over 70%. Her exceptional advocacy did not stop there. Following NMCCA's reversal ruling, she diligently

advocated for her client with the convening authority, persuading them not to retry her client for the offenses.

More evidence of her stellar advocacy skills is found in another case where she secured a reversal at NMCCA for a negligent homicide conviction of an enlisted Marine deployed to Fallujah where the military judge failed to properly instruct the members on self-defense. As if two reversals were insufficient, LCDR Henderson also prevailed in an oral argument before CAAF involving a case in which the Government failed to abide by the Convening Authority's action - her exceptional oral advocacy skills directly contributed to the reversal of the lower court decision and meaningful relief for her client.

Never satisfied with status quo, she was always looking for ways to improve her cases, her advocacy skills and the military justice process. Continuously exhibiting tenacious advocacy for her clients, she dedicated countless hours as co-counsel in the high-profile case of U.S. v. Schweitzer, the 1998 case involving the flight of a Navy jet that clipped a ski gondola cable in Italy, killing 20 people. With her efforts on the case, she and her co-counsel drafted a Supreme Court petition challenging jurisdiction and Fourth Amendment violations related to a retired disabled appellant. During her tenure, she also skillfully and expertly argued and briefed several other cases to NMCCA and CAAF.

Lieutenant Commander Henderson is a remarkable force for change and improvement outside the courtroom. While serving as Appellate Defense Counsel, she worked tirelessly to improve the practice within her division. A proven self-starter, immediately upon reporting to Code 45, she took it upon herself to overhaul the Division's faltering Brief Bank to develop an essential resource that assisted Code 45 personnel in their daily efforts. She also created and designed a new training program, mentoring and teaching four new appellate counsels on a range of legal issues to ensure the highest quality of work product for the Division. Again, quoting her supervisor, "she is my #2 out of a group of 6 of the most talented attorneys I have worked with in my 19 years of service. [Her] incomparable dedication, creativity and work ethic clearly set her apart from her peers."; "[she] is the key to [the Appellate Division's] success": her dedication, creativity and knowledge of evidentiary and procedural military rules greatly improved the effectiveness and work products of the entire Appellate Division.

Looking for her next challenge, Lieutenant Commander Henderson left the Navy and Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity to attend George Washington School of Law from where, in 2010, she graduated with Highest Honors with an LL.M. in Environmental Law. She reported to Region Legal Service Office Southwest (RLSO SW) in May 2010 to serve as Navy Region Southwest's Deputy Operational Environmental Counsel (REC). Her judicious guidance coupled with an unmatched work ethic were instrumental in RLSO SW's professional legal contributions

to Navy commands throughout the six-state Southwest Region, bringing excellence and esteem to both RLSO SW and Navy Region Southwest. As Deputy REC, Lieutenant Commander Henderson provided outstanding operational environmental legal advice and support to the Southwest Region Commander and co-located operational commands, ensuring legally sufficient Navy environmental policy, planning and regulatory compliance documents that protect fleet and shore interests.

Recognized as one of the Navy's foremost environmental law experts, Lieutenant Commander Henderson consistently proves the label true. At Region Southwest, she routinely led interdisciplinary and interagency teams to consensus on emergent environmental issues, to include: a complex air-permit regulatory compliance agreement; a controversial sea lion collection effort; divisive aircraft and vessel homeporting decisions; a multi-agency oil spill cleanup and Natural Resource Damage Assessment recovery effort; and several vital exclusions from critical habitat designation and exceptions from local water board regulation to protect military readiness activities. Inspiring military and civilian alike, her wisdom, diplomacy and untiring drive guided diverse teams through vital phases of highly sensitive and politically-charged environmental and regulatory compliance processes, ensuring uninterrupted critical operational training across the Navy. More recently, her exceptional legal advice and zealous advocacy helped derail a state legislative amendment with dire Department of Defense impacts to air operations. Again, not satisfied with status quo, Lieutenant Commander Henderson spearheaded the sustainability program at her command, promoting awareness about the Navy's sustainability efforts in the workplace, providing a list of Best Management Practices for command personnel to implement in their workspaces and contribute to the Navy's sustainability effort.

Perhaps her greatest contribution to the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps is her persistent and impactful effort to enhance the competence and well-being of fellow judge advocates and paralegals. Both here in San Diego and throughout her career, Lieutenant Commander Henderson has demonstrated she is a proven leader and professional with the passion and skills to uplift and better all of those around her. As Officer in Charge of her detachment in Corpus Christi, she deftly mentored a newly assigned JAG attorney and helped a junior sailor prepare for an advancement exam and promote. On her own initiative, she revamped the office's Physical Training program, resulting in a 100% pass rate and the most improved results across 5 commands - a true morale boost for her personnel.

Again not satisfied with status quo, she also instituted, for the first time, Training Officer duties at her detachment, launching innovative programs for enlisted and JAG professional development. At Appellate Defense, she again rose to the challenge to build a cohesive team and implemented an internal and external training program. As the external training officer, she trained over 60 attorneys at 3 major defense commands on the importance of and methods for adequately protecting issues for appellate review. As a Branch Head, she managed

the respective caseloads of 4 attorneys, reviewed and revised all of their respective court filings and prepared for and sat on their respective moot courts for upcoming oral argument. Finally, she devised and taught a 2-week long internal training program covering appellate procedure and common substantive legal issues for all incoming appellate counsel.

At RLSD SW, her lack of a direct supervisory role did not stop her from contributing significantly to the career development of junior Judge Advocates and paralegals. As the Command Fitness Leader, she implemented a rigorous physical training program for over 40 members of the command, inspiring an improved culture of fitness. As Professional Development Officer, she met with each newly reporting Judge Advocate to discuss Navy career plans, officership and morale. Despite a busy environmental practice, she also found time to volunteer to teach environmental law to Judge Advocates and civilian colleagues at local courses, earning a reputation for having unmatched expertise in her field.

A natural leader, Lieutenant Commander Henderson's infectious personality, positive approach to all challenges and natural enthusiasm draw others to her. Lieutenant Commander Henderson successfully applies her positive attitude and enthusiastic approach to every aspect of her life. She effectively balances her challenging professional demands with active community involvement, engaging in such causes as judging multiple USD Appellate Moot Court Competitions; volunteering as mock interviewer to prepare USD students for job interviews; providing informational sessions to USD students about a career as a Navy Judge Advocate; and volunteering for the 31st Annual Careers in the Law Reception. Not only is she active within the law school community, but as a new mom, she started a playgroup for Navy Judge Advocate parents and children to build a network of support while living in the San Diego area. A desire to help Navy spouses, she belongs to the Military Spouse JD Network (MSJDN) and recently drafted an informational article and advocated widest dissemination within the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps community to alert military spouse attorneys of networking opportunities within, and accomplishments of, MSJDN.

Lieutenant Commander Henderson's daily contributions to the Navy's mission, the welfare of its people, and the community at large have made a lasting and substantial impact on the Department of the Navy and the law. From consistently being evaluated by her seniors as an outstanding mentor to being hailed by her superiors, peers and subordinates as an accomplished litigator, advocate and environmental law expert, Lieutenant Commander Henderson is dedicated to ensuring her clients receive the very best legal advice and service available and that future clients receive the same from the next generation of Judge Advocates. At every point of her career, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership and exemplary performance. She embodies all that is best in a Judge Advocate and naval officer. Wholly committed to the mission and high standards of performance, Lieutenant Commander

Henderson consistently achieves outstanding results. Her devotion to the Navy, her fellow service members and all with whom she comes in contact, is but one of many traits that make her a standout leader, lawyer and most deserving of the special recognition embodied by USD's 2013 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award and has garnered my strongest personal recommendation for selection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. M. Harrison", with a stylized, flowing script.

D. M. HARRISON
Captain, JAGC, USN
Commanding Officer

Heather C. Henderson

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EXPERIENCE**United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps****August 2004 – Current**

- Region Environmental Counsel, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, CA May 2010 – Current
 - Advise on all operational environmental legal issues in a five-state Area of Responsibility
 - Conduct legal review on mission-critical environmental planning documents essential to ensuring continued Naval operations
 - Lead multi-stakeholder action teams on Natural Resource Damage Assessment, oil spill
 - Response, local Clean Air Act compliance and encroachment issues
- Appellate Defense Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy and Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity, Code 45 Feb 2007 – Aug 2009
 - Drafted over 100 appeals on behalf of Navy and Marine Corps servicemembers
 - Argued before the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, obtaining reversals of two homicide verdicts
 - Supervised four appellate counsel
- Defense Counsel, Naval Legal Service Office Central, Corpus Christi, TX Dec 2004 – Feb 2007
 - Represented Sailors and Marines at complex criminal trials and employment hearings
 - Prepared estate planning documents for servicemembers deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan and advised on various legal matters including landlord-tenant disputes, credit issues, and family law
 - Supervised 1 attorney, 3 paralegals and 1 civilian

Anderson, Mann and Hilbert, San Diego, CA**2002-2004**

- Conducted legal research on real estate matters for small boutique firm
- Drafted legal memoranda and correspondence

EDUCATION**The George Washington University Law School (LL.M., Environmental Law, May 2010, with Highest Honors)**

- Thesis: "Doubling Down on Double Recovery: Considering Contract Payments as an Equitable Factor in Allocating CERCLA Liability"

University of San Diego Law School (JD, 2004)

- Student Bar Association Vice-President, 2L Year
- Student Bar Association ABA Representative, 3L Year

University of Colorado (BA, Political Science and English Literature, 2000)**AWARDS**

- Colonel Thomas L. Krauska Award, Texas State Bar, Military Law Section, 2007
- Navy Commendation Medal, 2007 and 2009

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Sondra R. Levine '07

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Levine participated in six alumni events and most recently attended the 2013 Careers in the Law event.

Levine has not made a contribution to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

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Reasoning

USD Involvement:

Ms. Levine is an active alum of the University of San Diego. She currently co-chairs the Student Committee for the Lawyers Club of San Diego working with students at USD's law school to develop events for law students to interact with and learn from active members of the San Diego Bar. Ms. Levine successfully hosted an event last fall to coach students on the "how-to's of networking" and will be hosting students for an interviewing workshop in next month. Ms. Levine also regularly attends the law student orientation luncheon, and volunteers her time to coach and judge various mock trial and moot court competitions, including 1st year oral arguments in the Lawyering Skills I class. Ms. Levine also participates in USD's interviewing workshop before OCI and has been a guest speaker at career services events multiple times.

Professional Experience:

Ms. Levine recently joined UTC Aerospace Systems, an international company that designs and manufactures parts for commercial, regional, and military aircraft. After practicing law for only six years, Ms. Levine is now the Assistant General Counsel for a \$13 billion dollar company with 40,000 employees, an accomplishment few of her peers could obtain.

Prior to joining UTC Aerospace Systems, Sondra Levine was one of the top associates at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP. During her time as an associate at LBBS, Ms. Levine was an essential part of the preparation of multiple trials, and a contributing author in a key appellate decision written by our firm. Ms. Levine also wrote several motions that resulted in published opinions and has been featured in the SDDT Law Week publication on the topic of employment law- a topic she has also presented on with the Society of Human Resource Management.

Sondra Levine is also an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix where she teaches Contemporary Business Law. Ms. Levine is well-liked by her students and well-regarded by her colleagues. Few people I have met demonstrate the same thirst and enthusiasm for the practice of law as Ms. Levine. She is dynamic, well-spoken, and highly-respected by her peers.

In her spare time Ms. Levine is a volunteer mediator at North County Life Line and the San Diego Small Claims Court where she has earned a reputation as being one of the hardest-

working and most-dedicated volunteer mediators. Several attorneys who have used Ms. Levine have specifically requested her as a mediator because of her commitment and passion to everything she does.

Education:

University of San Diego School of Law, 2007

University of San Diego, Bachelors 2003

Admissions:

California State Bar, 2007

Minnesota State Bar, 2008

District of Columbia, 2009

Awards:

San Diego Daily Transcript Top Young Attorneys Award (2013)

San Diego Metro Magazine's Women Who Rock (2012)

San Diego Daily Transcript Top Young Attorneys Award (2011)

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award (2007)

Personal/Family Information (optional):

Ms. Levine is married and the mother of two daughters: Addion (age 6) and Charlotte (10 months)

Nominator's Comments:

Sondra Levine is one of the brightest rising stars in San Diego County. Ms. Levine is the Assistant General Counsel for UTC Aerospace Systems, a career position few people of her age and experience could obtain. This is probably one of the things that is most remarkable about Sondra-she is a trailblazer, constantly defying traditional notions of career advancement, choosing instead to chart her own course.

Unlike many of her peers who followed a more traditional path, Sondra worked full time while obtaining her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of San Diego which allowed her to amass a great deal of business savvy and experience. This paid huge dividends in her career advancement as Ms. Levine now holds a key position with one of the top 100 companies in the Fortune 500, only six years post-graduation.

Despite not having a traditional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) background, Ms. Levine has excelled in her current role and is routinely sought out by senior leadership to provide critical advice and counsel in support of the company's business operations in the US, Singapore, China, France, Germany, the UK, Scotland, Mexico, Brazil and the Middle East. Providing more than traditional legal advice, Ms. Levine is considered a key business partner and

important member of the leadership team. UTC Aerospace Systems employs more than 40,000 worldwide and records annual sales numbers of more than \$13 billion.

Although an unlikely field for someone with business experience in finance and a degree in political science, this combination can honestly be described as a perfect match. Ms. Levine compliments the company's culture of community involvement and advancement of women in STEM-based fields. Ms. Levine is an adjunct professor in the Business Department at the University of Phoenix where she encourages her students, many of whom are also pursuing a non-traditional career path, to think beyond the boundaries of traditional career paths and go after their career goals even if others tell them it's not possible. Ms. Levine has also been a featured speaker at the Hoyle Cohen Executive Women's Forum.

Despite her busy work and travel schedule, Ms. Levine remains actively involved in the San Diego community. She is a volunteer mediator at North County Life Line, a committee chair for the Lawyers Club of San Diego, and a mentor to law students at Thomas Jefferson, Cal Westerns, and her alma matter, the University of San Diego School of Law. When time permits Ms. Levine also serves as a coach for the international moot court (Vis Moot) team at USD sharing her experience in international business dealings and coaching students on cultural difference in preparation for moot commercial arbitrations in Vienna and Hong Kong. For these reasons, it is without hesitation that I am nominating Ms. Levine for the USD Rising Star Award. I know it would mean so much to her to receive this reward from her alma matter.

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: Tim Vanden Heuvel

Nominator's Class Year:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Phone: (858) 663-0762

Email: Sondra.Levine@gmail.com

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UTC Aerospace Systems, Chula Vista, CA

(September 2013-Present)

Assistant General Counsel: Provide advice and counsel to the senior executive team of the global aerospace business unit for a 40,000 employee company with annual sales of more than \$13 billion; responsible for all legal matters in the aerospace business unit including the negotiation, administration, and dispute resolution of sales and procurement contracts, contractual rights and entitlements associated with engineering change management, tax and legal implications in cross-border transactions, protection of intellectual property, ensuring company compliance with all regulatory requirements, interfacing with government officials, conducting due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, conducting internal investigations, and overseeing outside counsel.

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, San Diego, CA

(Aug 2011-Aug 2013; Oct 2007-Oct 2009)

Senior Associate Attorney: Review, draft, and negotiate commercial business contracts; provide strategic, preventative, and compliance advice to businesses relating to business and employment matters; draft corporate formation and merger documents; attend settlement conferences, hearings, and mediations on behalf of clients; manage litigation from pre-complaint investigations through trial and appeal; counsel businesses on performing internal investigations; conduct depositions of fact and expert witnesses; draft and respond to written discovery; research, draft, and argue dispositive motions in federal and state courts; review, draft, and negotiate a wide range of settlement agreements, manage and oversee support staff.

Sessions Fishman Nathan & Israel, LLP, San Diego, CA

(Oct 2009-July 2011)

Associate Attorney: Provided strategic, preventative, and compliance advice to businesses related to consumer finance and employment matters; reviewed, drafted, and negotiated a wide range of settlement agreements; conducted internal corporate investigations, interviewed employees, and investigated allegations of misconduct; investigated and oversaw employee disciplinary matters; attended conferences, hearings, and mediations on behalf of clients; managed litigation from pre-complaint investigation through trial and appeal; research, draft and argue dispositive motions in federal and state courts; oversaw outside counsel in litigation across the Western United States (Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Phoenix, San Diego, CA

(May 2013-Present)

Adjunct Professor: Prepare and teach Contemporary Business Law course covering business formation, business associations including agencies, partnerships, and corporations, requirements for piercing the corporate veil, business dissolution, the relationship between business and the legal environment, business situations for tort liability and defenses, the social responsibility of business practices, contracts and commerce, governmental regulation of employer-employee relationships, securities regulations, and investor protections, and the laws protecting intellectual property.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Mesa Distributing Co. Inc., San Diego, C.A.

(July 2001- Nov 2006)

Business Development Analyst: Developed and managed fiscal budget of \$130,000,000 for company of 500 employees; established effective methods of measuring company performance against budgeted performance goals; prepared monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports; identified, qualified and pursued new business opportunities in line with business strategies; forecasted sales and inventory projections based on trends and performance goals; represented company in compensation matters before the Department of Labor; ensured company compliance with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's rules and regulations; managed and oversaw sales analysts.

EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, *May 2007*

Research Assistant: Updated and edited the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's publication on the California Evidence Code; organized and coordinated a deposition workshop with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy for young attorneys; developed curriculum and scheduled lecturers from several countries for a class on international business transactions, commercial arbitration, and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. (2005 - 2007)

Activities: Competing member of the National Mock Trial Team (2005-2006) and the Vis International Arbitration Moot Team (2005-2007)

Awards: Outstanding Oral Argument, Lawyering Skills I (2004); Outstanding Legal Intern: USD Small Claims Legal Clinic (2007)

University of San Diego, San Diego, CABachelor of Arts, Political Science, *May 2003*

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Difficult Conversations: Resolving Conflict and Preventing Disputes*, Presented at Hoyle Cohen Executive Women's Forum (April 2013)
- *For Every Rule There Is An Exception: Why Confirmatory Opt-Out Text Messages Do Not Violate the TCPA*, Minnesota State Bar Publication: Hearsay, Winter 2013, Volume XV, No. 3 (2013)
- *Honing Your Craft: A List of Do's and Don'ts for Effective Negotiations*, Minnesota State Bar Publication: Hearsay, Fall 2012, Volume XV, No. 2 (2012)
- *Business Beware: SMS Text Messaging Campaigns and Prerecorded Calls Will Soon Require Written Consent From The Consumer*, San Diego Defense Lawyers Publication: The Update, (Spring 2012)
- *Coming Back from the Brink of Uncertainty: The Long-Awaited Decision in Brinker Restaurant Corp. v. Superior Court*, San Diego Defense Lawyers Publication: The Update, (Spring 2012)
- *Wading Into The Murky Waters of Mobile Marketing: The FCC Clarifies The Requirements for Consumer Consent Under The TCPA*, Minnesota State Bar Publication: Hearsay, Spring 2012, Volume XIV, No. 3 (2012)
- *Expert Insights Re Social Media Usage in Hiring Practices: Employment Law*, San Diego Daily Transcript (May 2012)
- *Flashpoint: Using Conflict Resolution Skills to Tame Tensions and Turn Down the Heat in Workplace Disputes*, Presented at the San Diego Society for Human Resource Management Law Day Conference, (January 2012)
- *Property of the Estate: Trademarks in Bankruptcy Proceedings*, 19 Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues 1, (2010)
- *The Origins of the Lanham Act*, 19 Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues 1, (2010)
- *The Lanham Act's Role in the Chase after Cybersquatters*, 19 Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues 1, (2010)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- San Diego Daily Transcript Top Young Attorneys Award (2013)
- San Diego Metro Magazine's Women Who Rock (2012)
- San Diego Daily Transcript Top Young Attorneys Award (2011)
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award (2007)

CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS TRAINING

- San Diego Inns of Court Trial Practice Workshop (2012)
- National Conflict Resolution Center, Mediation Credentialing (2012)
- San Diego Inns of Court Workshop on Evidence Program (2011)
- American Arbitration Association Mediation Training Lawyer's Program (2011)
- North County Life Line Mediation Training Program (2010)

Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

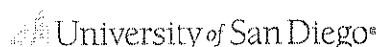
Scott Martinez '06

Denver, CO

Known USD Involvement:

Martinez is our Regional Law Alumni Representative in Denver, has participated in Denver alumni events and is assisting with planning the May 2014 Denver Alumni Reception with Dean Ferruolo where he will be the featured speaker.

Martinez has not made a contribution to the law school.



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USD School of Law Alumnus Scott Martinez '06 (JD) Named Denver City Attorney

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Thursday, December 5, 2013

DENVER (December 5, 2013) – Today Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock appointed Scott Martinez, '06 (JD), city attorney for the City and County of Denver, a key position responsible for advising and representing the city on a broad range of legal and policy matters.

"Scott brings an innovative and energetic approach to the City Attorney's Office that will greatly benefit the city and all its residents," says Mayor Hancock. "I am thrilled to be able to promote from within our strong team someone with the legal acumen and passion for community that Scott brings."

Serving two years as deputy city attorney, Martinez managed the daily operations of the city attorney's office. In his capacity as city attorney, Martinez will provide legal representation to all city officials, agencies, departments, boards and commissions, as well as 200 attorneys and staff.

"I am committed to bring cutting-edge solutions to our evolving legal landscape and honored to assume such an important role," says Martinez. "It's a dream come true to serve as Mayor Hancock's counsel, and I will defend the city and its people with all that I have."

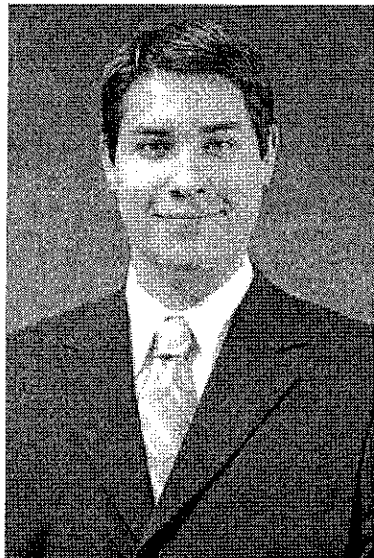
About Scott Martinez '06 (JD)

Before joining the city attorney's office, Martinez practiced at Holland and Hart LLP in its government investigations and white-collar defense practice group. Martinez is a member of the board of the Colorado Bar Association, the Board of Directors of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, and the Board of Advisors to the Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law at the University of Colorado. Martinez received his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his JD degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

About the University of San Diego School of Law

Recognized for the excellence of its faculty, curriculum and clinical programs, the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law enrolls approximately 900 Juris Doctor and graduate law students from throughout the United States and around the world. The law school is best known for its offerings in the areas of business and corporate law, constitutional law, intellectual property, international and comparative law, public interest law, and taxation.

USD School of Law is one of the 81 law schools elected to the Order of the Coif, a national honor society for law school graduates. The law school's faculty is a strong group of outstanding scholars and teachers with national and international reputations and currently ranks 23rd worldwide in all-time faculty downloads on the Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN). The school is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. Founded in 1954, the law school is part of the University of San Diego, a private, nonprofit, independent, Roman Catholic university chartered in 1949.



Scott Martinez '06 (JD)



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Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Sarah Speed '07

Philadelphia, PA

Known USD Involvement:

Speed has not participated in any alumni events and volunteer opportunities.

Speed has not made a contribution to the law school.

Pennsylvania State Director

Sarah Speed



Before becoming The HSUS's Pennsylvania state director in 2007, Sarah Speed advocated for animal protection legislation in her native California.

Speed was, as a law student, the driving force behind California's S.B. 353, which was signed into law in August 2007 and allows judges to include animals in protective orders in domestic violence situations.

In Pennsylvania, Speed coordinated the efforts of The HSUS, ASPCA, and numerous other animal-related organizations to pass H.B. 2525, dealing a serious blow to Pennsylvania's puppy mill industry.

Speed also serves as executive director of Bringing Animals Restitution and Care, the nation's first psychological counseling program targeted specifically at animal abusers.

She is a member of York Advanced Technical Rescue and is certified in animal response disciplines including large animal technical rescue, swiftwater rescue, and ICE recovery.

Speed received a bachelor's degree in art from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her J.D. from the University of San Diego. She passed the California Bar on her first attempt and is a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Speed serves as the legislative chair of the Animal Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and as secretary of the Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team.

Journalists seeking interviews with HSUS experts, please see our [directory of media contacts](#).

Nominations for
2014 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Abigail G. Stephenson '10

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Stephenson has participated in more than 100 alumni events as an alumna and in her former role as the law school's Associate Director of Development. She most recently attended the March 2014 Regional North County San Diego Business Spotlight event.

Stephenson has contributed \$1,185 to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Rising Star Recent Alumni Award

Name: Abigail Stephenson

Class Year: 2010

Title: Attorney

Company/Organization: Blanchard, Krasner & french

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Phone: 8585512440

Email: astephenson@bkflaw.com

Reasoning

USD Involvement:

~Law Firm Challenge Agent

~Careers in the Law participant and listing in Alumni Advisor Directory

Professional Experience:

~Law clerk for the Hon. Bruce S. Jenkins, U.S. District Court, District of Utah

~Associate Attorney, Blanchard, Krasner & French

~see resume for professional organization involvement and philanthropy

Education:

~Macalaster College, 2002 cum laude, double major in political science and psychology

~USD School of Law, 2010 cum laude

Admissions:

~California Bar

~Southern District of California

Awards:

~San Diego Daily Transcript Young Attorney Finalist Award

~The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Woman of the Year candidate and \$50,000 fundraiser

Personal/Family Information (optional):

~Married to the Fabulous Tyson Stephenson. Expecting first child on St. Patrick's Day 2014

~Enjoys hiking, biking, yoga, cooking, outdoors, travel, time with friend & family

Nominator's Comments:

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: Robert Blanchard

Nominator's Class Year: 1980

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Blanchard, Krasner & French, San Diego, California
Associate Attorney

November 2011–present

Represent individuals and businesses in a variety of transactional matters including trademark protection, contract preparation, employment law matters, and general business advice. Also represent litigants in civil disputes and family law matters and provides estate planning services. Developed internal firm procedures related to trademark processing and forms.

United States District Court, District of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Law Clerk for the Honorable Bruce S. Jenkins

October 2010–October 2011

Briefed Judge on matters coming before the court by providing fact summaries, relevant law, and analysis. Drafted detailed recommendations on substantive motions. Composed drafts of legal documents such as opinions, orders, jury instructions, and injunctions. Responded to procedural questions from attorneys regarding pending matters. Attended and assisted with hearings including two multi-day civil jury trials. Extensive work on cases involving the Clean Water Act, insurer duties to defend and indemnify, trademarks, attorney-in-fact fiduciary duties, contracts, civil rights, products liability, non-judicial foreclosure, and securities. Drafted orientation handbook for future law clerks.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California
Associate Director of Development
Assistant Director of Development

July 2007–May 2010
October 2004–June 2007

Identified, cultivated, and solicited major donor prospects of law school. Served as primary contact for high level donors during ten month search for new director. Drafted gift agreements and articles for law school magazine and e-newsletter. Researched and prepared confidential briefings for director of development, dean of law school, and president of university. Managed all meeting logistics, record keeping, and committee activity for dean's advisory board. Supervised and trained staff and student workers. Conceptualized and coordinated donor events.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Campaign Coordinator

July 2003–August 2004

Launched two new fundraising campaigns that grossed \$140,000 in first year. Managed all marketing, volunteer recruitment, event planning, and solicitations for four major fundraising programs.

ARTICLES AND AWARDS

San Diego Daily Transcript, San Diego, California
2012 Young Attorney Finalist (Winner)

The Daily Transcript conducts a peer nominated process to determine the best young attorneys in San Diego County who are: hard-working and detail-oriented, knowledgeable and enthusiastic, ethical and professional, and committed to furthering the interests of justice in society. Selected as finalist for exemplifying this characteristics.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, San Diego, California
2013 Woman of the Year Candidate and \$50,000 Fundraiser

The Man & Woman of the Year campaign is a fundraising competition in communities across the U.S. in which participants vie for the title of Man or Woman of the Year. Ran for Woman of the Year for the San Diego/Hawaii Chapter and raised over \$50,000 during the 10-week competition.

Speaking Engagements

- Moderated San Diego County Bar Association ("SDCBA") Annual Business & Corporate Law Update on September 23, 2013 featuring Dennis Doucette and John Cleary.
- Moderated SDCBA Employment Contract Negotiations and Pitfalls to Avoid on April 12, 2013 featuring Brenda Kasper and Lori Loiselle

Articles

- "Employment Agreement Drafting Dos and Don'ts", SDCBA Bar Report, March 2013
- "Lawyers Club Commemorates Equal Pay Day: April 9, 2013", Lawyers Club News, March 2013
- "Check your lizard, engage your walnuts, and other tips to leverage your self-evaluation for professional advancement", January 2013, Lawyers Club News
- "In-House counsel has limitless opportunities", October 2012, Lawyers Club News

EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California

Juris Doctor, May 2010, *cum laude*, ranked 37/318

Honors: Outstanding Oral Advocate, Lawyering Skills I; A+ grades in Civil Procedure II and Tax I; CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Tax I; Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Fraternity

Activities: *San Diego Journal of Climate & Energy Law*, Managing Editor 2009–2010, Articles Editor 2008–2009, and Founding Member; Environmental Law Society; Women's Law Caucus; AAJ Mock Trial Competition, Competitor 2007; Full-time administrator at the University of San Diego, see professional experience above

Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Bachelor of Arts in 3.5 years, May 2002, *cum laude*, Political Science and Psychology

Honors: Lilly Project for Ethical Leadership, selected to give presentation on year-long independent research project on the influence of political consultants on democracy; Pi Sigma Alpha and Psi Chi National Honor Societies

Activities: Student Government, Elected Representative; Athletic Advisory Committee, Student Representative; Swing Dance Club, Founder; Sports Medicine Student; Varsity Track & Field, former school record holder in pole vault

BAR MEMBERSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND INTERESTS

- **Member:** State Bar of California, December 2010; United States District Court, Southern District of California; Application to State Bar of Nevada, pending
- **Professional Organizations:** San Diego County Bar Association, Vice Chair Business & Corporate Law Section; La Jolla Bar Association, Board of Directors; Lawyers Club of San Diego, Professional Advancement Committee and Equal Pay Day Sub-committee
- **Philanthropy:** Women Give San Diego, Member and Co-Chair Advocacy Leadership Team; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 2013 Woman of the Year Candidate and \$50,000 fundraiser; Macalester College Admissions Volunteer; USD School of Law, Law Firm Challenge Agent; San Diego Blood Bank, Donor; Run Women Run, Member
- **Interests:** cycling (mountain and road), yoga, travel, singing, cuisine