

Bar Foundation elects 4 new board members



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The San Diego County Bar Foundation has elected Joseph T. Ergastolo, James P. Hill, Timothy Richardson and Debra Buljat to its board of directors.

"We are delighted to add such a distinguished group of individuals to our board," said Colin Murray, president of the San Diego County Bar Foundation. "Their unique backgrounds will further help the foundation reach its goal of providing legal services and resources to San Diego's underserved residents."

Ergastolo, a partner at the law firm of **Wright & L'Estrange**, specializes in complex litigation in state and federal courts. He received his undergraduate degree from Marquette University in 1985 and his law degree from the University of San Diego in 1988.

Hill, a founding member and shareholder of **Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel**, specializes in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas in 1974 and his law degree from the University of Texas in 1978.

Richardson, with the **Law Offices of Timothy J. Richardson**, specializes in the area of criminal defense. Richardson, who has been on the board of directors of the San Diego County Bar Association since December 2007, received his undergraduate degree from the San Diego State University and his law degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1995.

Buljat is associate general counsel for General Dynamics NASSCO, where she is responsible for overseeing litigation and advising the company on a wide variety of legal

issues. She received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 1993 and her law degree from the University of Denver Law School in 1996. **Source Code: 20080701tja**

San Diego's Andrew B. Serwin, a litigation partner with **Foley & Lardner**, has been ranked nationally in the 2008 edition of the Chambers USA client guide for the practice of privacy & data security.

Serwin is chair of the firm's privacy, security & information management practice. He also is a member of the private equity & venture capital; emerging technologies; life sciences; and health care industry teams.

The 6th annual Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business is based on in-depth interviews with key in-house counsel and leading private practice attorneys throughout the country.

Foley's energy: electricity practice, privacy & data security practice, and sports law practice were ranked among the top practices in the nation. **Source Code: 20080701tjb**

Hooper, Lundy & Bookman Inc., which has offices in San Diego, has been ranked in the first tier for health care in California by Chambers USA's 2008 client guide. According to the Chambers Web site, clients say Hooper "has a real depth of experience, understanding and expertise across the complete range of health-care matters, in particular with regard to complex Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues."

From its three California offices in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles, the group devotes its time to advising health care providers in 46 states. The team covers all matters of concern across the health care industry, from business transactions to regulatory and litigation matters. On the regulatory side, a high-

light was the team's representation of the California Hospital Association and a number of member hospitals in appealing the Medicare Reimbursement Audit Contractor reviews for inpatient rehabilitation services.

"The firm as a whole is pleased and honored to be recognized for its expertise in health care by this organization," said Mark Johnson, a partner in San Diego. "The recognition is particularly exceptional given that no other firm of Hooper, Lundy and Bookman's size is recognized in any of the four tiers." **Source Code: 20080701tjc**

Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC has relocated its San Diego office to the Torrey Reserve business complex. The space will accommodate the steady and growing demands of the firm's expanding client base.

Formed in 2006, Pettit Kohn continues to provide civil litigation services to its clients, with 13 attorneys in its San Diego office and six attorneys in its Los Angeles office.

"We believe that our dedication to providing excellent client service and obtaining outstanding results has led our clients to entrust more and more work to us," said CEO Drew Kohn. "This has led to the need for personnel and facility growth."

"Both that growth, and this move, are the direct result of the dedication of a very hard working team of lawyers and staff committed to meeting and exceeding client expectations. We are very excited about our team and look forward to continuing to partner with our clients."

The move comes on the heels of Pettit Kohn Ingrassia & Lutz PC's recent expansion of its Los Angeles location. **Source Code: 20080701tjd**

Dawn Hall Cauthen, senior counsel for San Diego law firm of **Procopio, Cory,**

Hargreaves & Savitch LLP, has been elected president of the North County Chapter of the Lawyers Club of San Diego. She will serve as president from 2008-2009.

Informally established in 1977, the North County Chapter of Lawyers Club promotes the advancement of the status of women in the law in the northern portion of San Diego County.

Cauthen focuses her practice on the areas of estate planning, trust administration, probate, estate tax and gift tax matters. In addition to practicing law, Cauthen is active in the San Diego community.

She is a member of the American Inns of Court, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Chapter, where she served as program chair in 2006 and 2007, the San Diego County Bar Association and the California Bar Association. Cauthen also is a member of the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County, where she currently serves as co-chair of the probate section (2006-08), co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee (2008) and is a member of the Local Rules of Court Advisory Committee (2006-08).

In addition, she served as a 2007 Gala Committee Member for The Preuss School. She also is the chair and founder of the La Jolla Music Society's Pat Stein North County Concert Series and has served as a member of the Society's Summer Fest Committee for the past three years.

Cauthen was named the 2005 North County Philanthropy Council Volunteer of the Year, is a 2006 YWCA Tribute to Women in Industry honoree and was named a Five Star Wealth Manager by San Diego Magazine in 2008. **Source Code: 20080701tje**

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Engel recently announced it will be a sponsor of the San Diego Opera for its 2009 International Season.

The firm has been a Corporate Council member of the Opera since the 1999/2000 season.

"Serving as an advisory director for many years has allowed me to share my love of opera in general, and the San Diego Opera in particular, with the firm," said John Engel, shareholder, who has been a subscriber and patron to the San Diego Opera since 1975. "Ian Campbell, the general director, and the entire staff are without peer."

The firm's sponsorship helps enable the San Diego Opera to sustain its world-class artistic product, bring music and opera education to over 80,000 San Diego-area school children, and maintain fiscal stability.

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