

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

HIRINGS, PROMOTIONS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SAN DIEGO



LEGAL
New Hire



John D. Drdek

Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is pleased to announce the addition of John D. Drdek, who joined the San Diego office as an associate attorney in the firm's litigation practice area. Drdek's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation disputes.

Drdek has handled a broad range of high-stakes cases, including multi-million dollar contract disputes, labor and employment issues, and class action lawsuits. He plays an integral role in all stages of the litigation process, from fighting complaints and managing discovery issues, to arguing substantive motions and advocating at trial.

Drdek was honored in 2021 with an award for significant commitment to pro bono work and successfully launching a veterans pro bono initiative that established partnerships with the Veterans Legal Institute, California Veterans Legal Task Force, and the Veterans Legal Clinic at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Along with the state of California, Drdek is admitted to practice in the Southern, Central, Northern and Eastern Districts of California. He received his J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he earned the Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Academic Excellence.

Prior to attending Stanford Law School, Drdek graduated from the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California and was a successful Hollywood producer and writer.

A San Diego native, Drdek also serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He deployed with Special Operations Joint Task Force to Afghanistan in 2012.



FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING
New Hire



Chad Putnam

Optima Office is thrilled to announce the addition of Chad Putnam to the Executive team. As the Executive Vice President, Chad will oversee the customer success program and manage the sales and business development team. His role will also include Consulting CFO for Optima clients.

With more than 25 years of accounting and finance experience working for venture-backed, publicly traded, and professional service organizations, Chad is well-positioned to help lead Optima to the next level. His experience encompasses life sciences, technology, and consulting industries.

Chad has served as the CFO and in other Executive-level positions with a mix of industry and consulting roles. His skill set is an ideal fit for Optima and its clients. He has a passion for developing up-and-coming talent as well as servicing the needs of clientele.

Chad holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Diego and is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). He resides in North County, San Diego with his wife, three children, and two dogs. In his spare time, Chad enjoys attending concerts, cheering on the Denver Broncos, socializing with friends, and spending time with family.



ARCHITECTURE
Promotion



Robert Lisauskas

RDC has appointed Robert Lisauskas, AIA, LEED AP, as Principal, announced Mitra Esfandiari, AIA, Partner with RDC.

Esfandiari said, "Bob is a talented architect who excels with ideation for forward-looking designs that address the ways we will live in the future. He is a great fit for RDC clients who are increasingly focused on mixed-use development."



David L. Dick

Crosbie Gliner Schiffman Southard & Swanson LLP (CGS3), a San-based commercial real estate law firm, has named of named David L. Dick as Of Counsel to the firm. Dick, a seasoned and highly regarded commercial real estate transactional attorney, joins the firm's complex transactions group.

For the past 10 years Dick has practiced at Lexterra PLC in San Diego – focusing on high profile commercial real estate and business transactions throughout San Diego and California.

According to Sean Southard, a CGS3 founding partner, "David represents the best of the best in real estate law with billions of dollars of real estate transactions under his belt. His unparalleled knowledge of California's evolving real estate landscape and market forces, reputation for excellence and ability to get deals done, no matter how complex, are just a few of his many attributes. He will immediately add to our proven reputation for providing our clients with the stellar results and personal attention they have come to expect from the CGS3 team."

Over his career, Dick has represented some of the region's highest profile commercial and residential developers and technology companies in matters such as land and commercial property acquisition, development planning and government entitlements, equity, debt and structured financing, leasing, disposition, risk management and dispute resolution.



ENGINEERING
Promotion



Alvaro Celestino

Degenkolb Engineers announces the promotion of Alvaro Celestino to Principal. Alvaro is a licensed structural engineer with more than 20 years of experience in the United States and abroad. Based in San Diego, he works on various project types, including new designs, seismic evaluation, and strengthening of existing structures in the education, healthcare, and federal industries. Alvaro is passionate about the community and during his career, has enjoyed working with many different clients, including, San Diego State University, the University of California, Sharp Healthcare, Scripps Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Stanford Health System.