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**Michael Gleason** When Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP expanded to the West Coast and opened an office in San Diego, it needed a leader to help further HLP's mission of growth in a key region of the country. The firm looked to one of its own, partner Mike Gleason, who represented businesses in complex civil litigation in the firm's Cleveland office. He was named partner in charge and has helped expand the San Diego office to 22 employees since opening. He is also co-chair of the Litigation Practice group. He defends and represents companies in complex litigation. He serves as a board member for the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, a private, non-profit organization that provides pro bono legal services to the most vulnerable members of the San Diego community. He also volunteers at the Feeding San Diego warehouse, sorting food with his children. He has led the firm's participation in the annual "Food from the Bar" competition for the past seven years. He is an AV-rated trial and appellate lawyer with over twenty years experience. He also volunteers as a youth basketball coach. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from Cornell University.



**Jamie Altman Buggy** A talented litigator, Buggy is a partner at Harvest LLP. She has an in-depth understanding of litigation and leverages her knowledge and a no-nonsense attitude to achieve successful results. She excels when the situation at hand lacks precedent, requiring an out-of-the-box approach and entrepreneurial attitude. From the beginning of her legal career she has proven adept at independently handling difficult and sensitive matters. She is active in the community and is a former vice president of the Veterans Research Alliance, a local non profit designed to raise money to fund innovative research and programs for San Diego's veteran community. She has also served as a board member of Home Start, a non profit child abuse prevention and treatment agency, and is a volunteer pro bono attorney for the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program. Over the past two years she has counseled over 100 landlords and tenants regarding Covid-19 restrictions. She has worked tenaciously to guide landlords through a complex range of laws. She has defended a business owner in a partnership dispute and successfully real estate developer in partnership disputes related to hotel development, resolving the case through a settlement for six percent of the demand. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and holds a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego Law School.



**Allison Worden** Worden is a senior trial attorney and partner at Gomez Trial Attorneys who focuses her practice on helping victims of catastrophic personal injuries. She now leads the firm's sexual assault, child sexual abuse Practice Group where she vigorously litigates on behalf of victims, and is committed to holding those responsible, accountable. She brings tremendous trial experience having tried over 100 cases to jury verdict and another 2 bench trials as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego. As a prosecutor, she investigated and prosecuted all levels of crime including sexual assault, sexual abuse, and molestation, nursing home abuse, domestic violence, vehicular crimes, fraud, robbery, gangs, homicides and capital cases. Since joining Gomez, she has resolved hundreds of cases on behalf of clients with consistent results well in seven figures. She is on the board for the San Diego Inn of Court, and also serves as an instructor and workshop leader for the San Diego Inn of Court Colleagues of Evidence and Trial Advocacy programs. She earned her bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego where as an undergraduate she was named to the West Coast Conference All-Conference team as a soccer goalkeeper for four years in a row, inducted into the San Diego Hall of Champions and ranked nationally as a top five goalkeeper. She also is an adjunct professor in the USD Department of Political Science.



**Shannon R. Finley** Finley is a bright young attorney who in her short time practicing has quickly established herself as a leader in the field of employment law and has litigated in both state and federal courts. She has also made significant achievements in the legal profession and has been promoted to shareholder/partner at Pettit Kohn. She recently contributed to the Employment Practices Liability Consultant with her extensive article entitled "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination: A Landmark Case Explanation and Best Practices for Compliance." She is the current president-elect of the Lawyer Club of San Diego, a member of the California Women Lawyers and has been recognized as a Rising Star by San Diego Super Lawyers and has received the C. Hugh Friedman New Lawyer Award for her leadership and professionalism in the San Diego legal community. She is a graduate of the University of San Diego Law School.



**Jennifer N. Lutz** Lutz is a founding shareholder and co-chair of Pettit Kohn's employment and labor department. Her litigation career spans over two decades, developing a strong reputation as one of San Diego's premier and go-to employment law attorneys for both employment litigation and employment counseling. She has an extraordinary record of favorable outcomes and successes in a variety of cases in state and federal courts. She is a widely sought out author and speaker and serves as an employment law instructor at UC San Diego Extension. She is a speaker/trainer for the San Diego Chapter of the California Restaurant Association. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for her work in both Employment Law-Management and in Labor and Employment Litigation. She has been named as one of San Diego's Top 25 Women Lawyers and has been named to the Best of the Bar. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona College of Law.



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A photograph of three professionals standing together outdoors. From left to right: a man in a dark suit and striped tie, a woman in a black blazer and light blue top, and a woman in a dark blazer and teal top. They are all smiling and have their arms crossed.

## TOP ATTORNEYS



**Douglas R. Pettit** Pettit is the founding shareholder and chair of the Professional Liability Department. With a litigation career spanning nearly three decades, he has developed a strong reputation as one of San Diego's premier attorneys. He has tried over 50 cases in his career and has an extraordinary record of favorable outcomes and successes in a variety of litigation areas, including professional liability and business litigation. He has been inducted into ABOTA, the American Board of Trial Advocates. Membership in ABOTA is by invitation only to highly accomplished civil trial attorneys who have demonstrated excellent trial skills. He also serves as a lecturer at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he teaches a course in Experiential Advocacy. He has achieved Martindale-Hubbell's rating of AV Preeminent which is the highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards. He has been named San Diego's Legal Malpractice Lawyer of the Year. He has been named Best of the Bar and as a Best Lawyer in America. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee College of Law.



**William Eigner** Eigner has been called the "go to guy" for mergers and acquisitions and emerging companies. He serves as a catalyst for his clients success. His clients have grown from his involvement from a two-person start ups to public companies or acquisition targets of Silicon Valley's, Europe and Asia's largest companies. He serves as a director of EvoNexus and has been active in San Diego Venture Group and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. He serves or has served on the boards of advisors of Encore Semi, eSub, Solyahealth, 3+2 Pharma LLC, Acenda and other companies.. Eigner is a trustee emeritus of San Diego Police Foundation a former trustee and land chairman of the La Jolla Town Council. A partner at Procopio, his practice emphasizes M & A, venture capital, angel financing, seed capital and the financing, governing, operating, buying, selling, and merging of growing and established companies. His M & A, financing, and contracts practice includes work in various, sectors, including telecommunications software, cybersecurity, electronic commerce/internet, energy, clean technology life sciences and medical devices. He holds both undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford University.



**John Gomez** Gomez founded Gomez Trial Attorneys in 2005 and is the firm's lead trial attorney. He has been voted the number one trial attorney in San Diego, has been named the Plaintiffs Products Liability Attorney of the Year, a Class Action and Mass Tort Attorney of the Year and Avvo rates him a 10.0 out of 10.0. Since 2000, he has recovered over \$500 million in settlements and verdicts for his clients with more than 100 separate recoveries of one million dollar or more. He has obtained verdicts in excess of one million, ten million and one hundred million dollars. Most notably, he has obtained five separate jury verdicts of more than one million dollars in which the defendant offered nothing prior to trial. He also servers in a leadership role relating to numerous coordinated litigations involving defective drugs and medical devices. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, as well as a member of the Summit Council, a national group of the country's finest trial lawyers for plaintiffs. All members have obtained at least one ten million dollar verdict and at least three one million dollar verdicts. He donates enormous time to charitable causes and coaches each of his kids in soccer and basketball.



**Ronson Shamoun** Shamoun is San Diego's leading tax attorney. He is the founder and chief executive officer of RJS Law Firm. His practice involves federal and state taxation, with an emphasis on criminal tax defense, tax controversy, international tax, bankruptcy, and estate planning. He recently received the University of San Diego Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award for Service. The award is USD alum who personifies the spirit and philosophy of the university. He has generously contributed to the university with an annual scholarship to the USD School of Law and to the School of Business. As an adjunct professor in the USD School of Law he teaches Tax Practice and Penalties and Federal Tax Procedures and Policies. He co-founded the USD-RJS Law Tax Controversy Institute which brings together tax attorneys, CPAs, enrolled agents and tax preparers to discuss the latest changes in tax law. He has been named a Man of Influence and one of San Diego's top attorneys for several years running. He has received USD's Distinguished Alumni Award. RJS Law has been recognized as one of San Diego's Most Innovative Law firms. He holds his undergraduate degree, a master's degree in Accounting and his law degree all from the University of San Diego.



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