PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

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



Leo Munoz

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In a strategic expansion of its Commercial Banking team, Western Alliance Bank has appointed Leo Munoz as Industry Executive for Food and Agriculture. With over 25 years of experience, Munoz will expand the bank's commercial banking in California's Central Valley. Munoz has deep roots in agriculture banking. Previously, he was Senior Vice President – Market Manager for Bank of America and served as the principal for its Food, Agriculture and Beverage discipline. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and holds a Bachelor of Science from California State University, Fresno. Learn more at www.westernalliancebancorporation.com.



Jing Y. Li

Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith LLP

Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith, LLP announced that Jing Y. Li was promoted to partner, effective July 1, 2024. An employment and business litigator, Li defends California employers against discrimination and sexual harassment claims and in wage and hour disputes. He handles class actions, Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) cases and other labor and employment litigation issues. He also has real estate experience, including unlawful detainers, leasing issues and commercial and residential property management. Li received his law degree from California Western School of Law and his bachelor's degree from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona. He is fluent in Mandarin.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Promotions



Julie Hajjar

Julie has been promoted to President at Meissner, where she will collaborate closely with Tim Meissner and the executive team in driving various company vision and growth initiatives. She will continue to lead the company's Asset Management and Advisory department. Since joining Meissner in 2020, Julie has been instrumental in providing over 25 years of expertise in transactional services including acquisitions, dispositions, and leasing, along with directing project management and sustainability initiatives. Julie's primary focus lies in leadership of the company's expansion objectives, cultivating key relationships, providing financial stewardship, and facilitating communication and collaboration with the Meissner Board.



Angela Robertson

Angela has been promoted to Executive VP at Meissner. Her 25 years of operational management and HR expertise has demonstrated to be pivotal in implementing HR best practices, advising on recruitment, training, and fostering a positive workplace culture. Angela aligns her efforts with the company's mission, emphasizing accountability, integrity, and excellence. As a strategic partner, she boosts morale, enhances productivity, and plays a critical role in talent acquisition and budget planning. Angela's new leadership role will continue to foster a culture of accountability and excellence across all Meissner departments. Congratulations, Angela!



FINANCIAL SERVICES

New Hire



Evan Huckabay

Evan Huckabay joined Umpqua Bank as a Senior Vice President on the Commercial Banking Team working with companies with annual sales of \$10 million to \$1 billion in revenue. He is responsible for leading the bank's relationships throughout the Greater San Diego

With over two decades of experience in financial services, Evan joins Umpqua Bank after spending the last seven years as a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo. Prior to Wells Fargo, he was part of Citi's Global Commercial Banking Group where he focused on global companies. Before his role at Citi, Evan specialized in lending as part of the technology and life sciences group of Comerica Bank where he focused on venture capital and private equity owned companies.

County region, specializing in healthcare, technology,

and the aerospace and defense Industries.

Having spent his financial services career in Southern California, Evan has a unique understanding of the market and integrates himself into his clients' businesses, positioning himself as an advisor helping them navigate business challenges and presenting creative solutions.



Promotion



Mike Stokes, CPA



Haskell & White LLP proudly announces the promotion of Mike Stokes, CPA to Tax Principal. With over 15 years of experience in public accounting, Mike has consistently demonstrated his expertise in providing tax compliance and consulting services to high-net-worth individuals, partnerships, and corporations. His deep knowledge of tax regulations and ability to develop innovative tax strategies have made him an invaluable asset to our firm and clients.

Mike is dedicated to helping clients achieve their financial goals while minimizing tax liabilities.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration with concentration in accounting from California State University of San Bernadino.

Mike shares "I am deeply honored and thrilled to have stepped into the role of Tax Principal at Haskell & White LLP. This new position allows me to continue delivering top-tier tax services to our clients while contributing to the growth and success of our tax practice. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to mentor and guide the next generation of tax professionals, fostering a collaborative and innovative environment where our team can thrive, and our clients can achieve their financial goals."