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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



The San Diego Business Journal's third annual **Leaders in Law Awards** honors San Diego's top lawyers and in-house general counsel attorneys. The finalists' accomplishments and community involvement were impressive. On behalf of the San Diego Business Journal, I want to thank our presenting sponsor **Signature Resolution** and our judging panel; **Peter Callstrom**, CEO, **San Diego Workforce Partnership**, **David H. Crean**, Managing General Partner, **Coast BioVentures, LLC**, **Christina de Vaca**, CEO, **Corporate Directors Forum**, **Matthew Fehling**, President & CEO, **Better Business Bureau Serving the Pacific Southwest**, **Jennifer Jacobus**, PHRca, SHRM-CP, Director of HR Services, **San Diego Employers Association** and **Jason Paguio**, President & CEO, **Asian Business Association San Diego**. They join us in congratulating the 2021 finalists. The winners will be announced in the November 15, 2021 publication.

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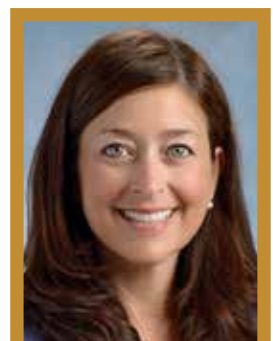
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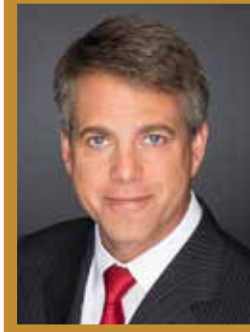
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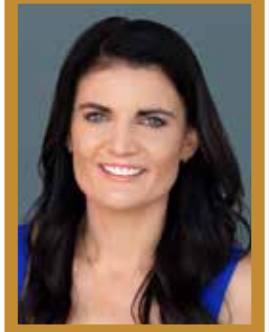
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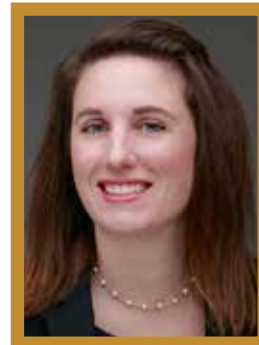
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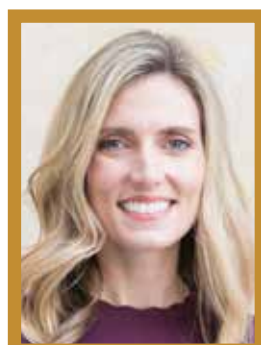
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