

TOP 40 UNDER 40

Talented young professionals are often associated with spearheading the latest startup venture or noted for possessing keen entrepreneurial acumen. But there are rising stars in the business community that can be found in more traditional industries, like real estate, construction and the law.

For our latest Top 40 Under 40 issue, *The Daily Transcript* is showcasing some of the brightest minds driving San Diego's many success stories. The editors considered the emerging talent populating the local business community and public sector to find 40 whose skills, integrity and leadership embody the best the region has to offer.

Our selection process centered on the impact each professional's work had on his or her industry and the larger community. Are they taking leadership positions within their organizations? Are they active in any industry groups? Is he or she leaving a lasting impression that will improve San Diego County?

As you read through this supplement, we believe you'll agree that San Diego is home to some of the best talent in the world.

Joseph R. Dunn

Dunn was pursuing a degree in finance when his brother, finishing up law school at the time, proposed a career in law.

"He suggested I look into it, because he knew I'd been arguing with him for years and it would be a natural fit," Dunn quipped. "The element most interesting to me is the storytelling aspect of law — being able to tell the client's story in a way that is persuasive and intelligent."

Add to that an appreciation for the adversarial process and a competitive spirit, and Dunn had found his calling.

Dunn serves as the lead partner in Mintz Levin's West Coast Bankruptcy and Restructuring practice, focusing primarily on corporate reorganization. He has represented Chapter 11 debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, bondholders and indenture trustees, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 trustees, and purchasers of distressed assets.

Dunn played a central role in *Tatung Co. vs. Hsu*, a complex, multinational dispute in which he helped recover \$20 million for his client, Taiwanese corporation Tatung Co.

"We litigated it hard for three years, and on the eve of the trial, we ended up obtaining a very favorable settlement for our client," he said. "It was a great learning experience and a testament to our perseverance, and it paid off."

Dunn previously has served as president and director of the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum and director of the California Bankruptcy Forum.

He is currently vice president and director



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Title: Member

Age: 39

of the Center for Community Solutions, a nonprofit helping victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Dunn said there is a great need in the community for the organization's services, which include educating

men and women about relationship violence and offering legal assistance to victims and providing emergency shelter. He also organizes an annual golf tournament fundraiser for the nonprofit.

— Jennifer Chung Klam