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STEVEN COOPERSMITH Managing Attorney The Coopersmith Law Firm, LLP

teve founded The Coopersmith Law Firm 16 years ago, after nearly a decade working at prominent and well-considered law firms in San Diego, and after service as a military prosecutor in the U.S. Army JAG Corp. His firm represents clients throughout Southern California in a wide range of business litigation matters, including those stemming from corporate and partnership dissolutions, financial fraud violations, trade secret violations, bet-the-company litigation, executive-level employment disputes, and fine art law disputes. He has held an AV-Preeminent rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory since 2010. He has been on the list of San Diego Super Lawyers since 2014, and was named to Best Lawyers of America for Commercial Litigation in 2025. He was selected to the San Diego Business Journal's SD500 list of the 500 most influential people in San Diego for 2022 and 2023.

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THOMAS CROSBIE Founding Partner Crosbie Gliner Schiffman Southard & Swanson LLP (CGS3)

homas Crosbie is a founding partner in Crosbie Gliner Schiffman Southard & Swanson LLP (CGS3), a commercial real estate law firm launched in 2013. He has extensive experience in a broad variety of commercial real estate areas, including acquisitions and dispositions, financing, leasing and construction in connection with commercial, residential, industrial, retail and mixed-use projects. Additionally, he has negotiated the purchase and sale of numerous commercial properties throughout the United States and has worked as counsel to numerous borrowers and lenders regarding all aspects of commercial loan transactions and workouts. He also has vast expertise in all aspects of ground-up development and redevelopment projects. Currently, he is involved with the extensive expansion of Rady Children's Hospital, the development of IQHQ's RaDD life science project and the redevelopment of Horton Plaza. He holds a J.D. from Northwestern University and a B.A. from Columbia University.



JIM CROSBY Attorney at Law Law Office of James D. Crosby

here are few attorneys in San Di-

ego who have successfully handled the variety of complex matters from both the plaintiff and defense side that Jim has handled in his 40+ year career. Jim represents clients in complex and general business, commercial, contract, intellectual property, unfair competition, securities, real property, and business tort litigation. In 2022, the San Diego County Bar Association named Jim as "Attorney of the Year." He has served on the State Bar of California Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluations, as President of the Board of Directors of the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Association, as Vice President and Treasurer of the San Diego County Bar Association and as President of the Bar Association of Northern San Diego County. In 2023, Jim launched the "Trial Call 10" podcast, where he interviews high-profile trial attorneys who discuss strategy and offer advice for newer attorneys.

JAMES CROSBY



MICHAEL DALLO Founder & Principal Attorney Dallo Law Group

ichael Dallo, CPA, JD, LL.M., is a leading tax attorney and certified public accountant (CPA) with unique dual expertise in law and accounting. As the founder of Dallo Law Group in San Diego, Michael leverages his advanced legal training, including a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from New York University, alongside his CPA credentials to deliver exceptional representation in complex tax controversies. His firm has earned the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating, recognizing the highest level of professional excellence. Michael's dedication to his clients and the tax profession is further highlighted by his recognition as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers from 2018 to 2024. A Certified Tax Law Specialist and adjunct professor at the University of San Diego, Michael's strategic approach and deep knowledge make him a trusted advocate before the IRS and state tax agencies.





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icole D'Ambrogi is a distinguished estate planning attorney and veteran advocate, recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star. Her practice focuses on estate planning, probate, and asset protection, with a strong commitment to serving veterans. Drawing from personal experience, she understands the unique challenges faced by military families and advocates fiercely for their rights. Nicole crafts tailored estate plans to ensure smooth asset transitions and minimize legal complications. Her accolades include the Women Resiliency Award and the Trailblazer Award. Additionally, she serves as an adjunct professor and supervises the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic, mentoring young attorneys and providing pro bono services to those in need.





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errianne E. Dean, Esq. has 25+ years of courtroom experience litigating probate and trust disputes, financial elder abuse matters, and conservatorships. Merrianne has been an active pillar in the San Diego legal community her entire career. She is a Co-Founder and Director for Probate Attorneys of San Diego, has served as a Co-Chair for the Probate Section of the San Diego County Bar Association, is a member of Lawyers Club, the Tom Homann Law Association and a Mediator at West Coast Resolution Group on trust and estate matters. Most recently, Merrianne Dean is a San Diego Magazine's 2024 Celebrating Women – Legal Pioneer Nominee, and she's also received Super Lawyers, Estate & Trust Litigation Recognition from 2021-2024. Notably. she also received the 2023 Community Pioneer Award granted by Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association and was invited to speak at the Stanford Pride Summit in 2024.



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CAMILLE DECAMP Equity Partner Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti, LLP

amille Joy DeCamp, an equity partner at Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti, joined the firm in 2020. Joining the firm as a non-equity partner, with an office only in Irvine, during the week the world shut down due to COVID-19, DeCamp has worked diligently to serve her clients through unprecedented times, adapted to a new firm while pivoting to the forced-upon "norms" of a pandemic, all while being a wife and a mother. Since her start, she has championed the efforts of opening the firm's office in San Diego, where she has been practicing law for nearly 20 years. She co-chairs the construction and employment law practice groups, serves on the firm's Compensation and Retention, Marketing, Mentor, and Women's Leadership Committees. She was elected an equity partner in fall 2021. DeCamp's practice focuses on construction, employment and complex business litigation.



JENNY DOLING Attorney & Founder J. Doling Law, PC

enny L. Doling is a California State Bar Certified Bankruptcy Specialist at J. Doling Law, PC and a recent USD Taxation LL.M. graduate. She serves as the President of the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum where she is bringing debtor and creditor attorneys, trustees, and judges together to make a difference in the practice of law in San Diego. She was elected as the incoming Vice President for the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA) beginning in 2025. She recently had the great honor to be appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and is helping to shape the practice of bankruptcy nationwide. She is a leading expert in consumer bankruptcy law, a frequent speaker nationwide, and collaborates on new legislation affecting bankruptcy and consumers. Ms. Doling was honored as a 2023 SDBJ Woman of Influence in the Law.



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