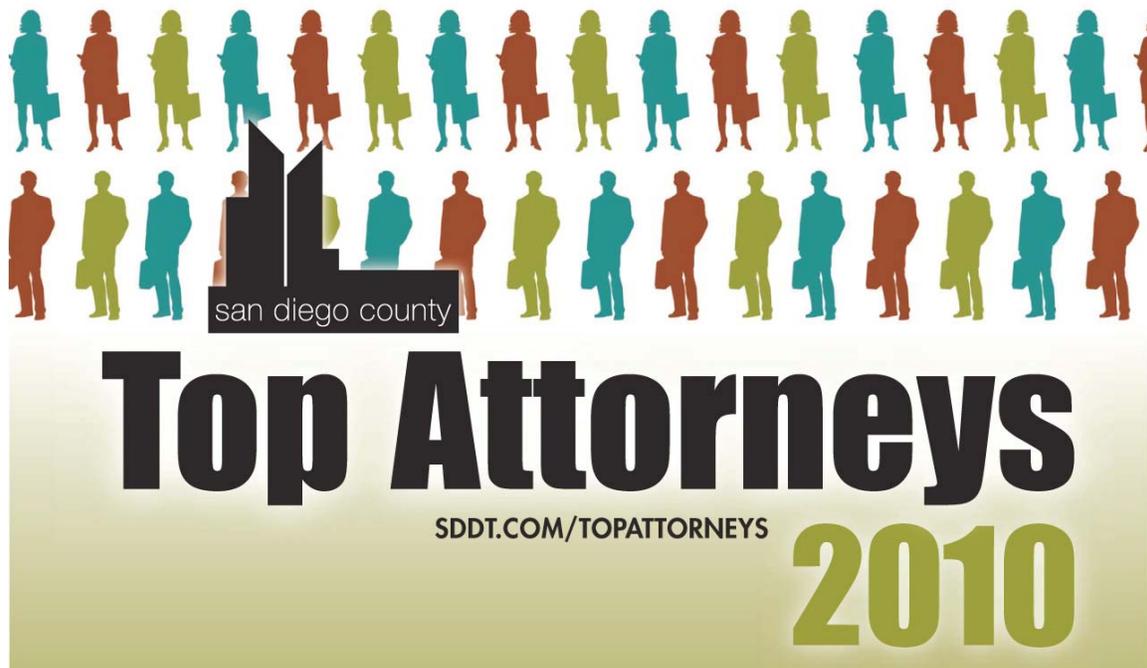


Top Attorneys 2010



Top Attorneys 2010 pays tribute to San Diego County’s legal cream of the crop. It is the culmination of a lengthy peer voting process that began in March with the announcement of a call for nominations. San Diego County lawyers were asked who among their peers — with whom they had professional experience — were worthy of recognition.

Guylyn Cummins

Sheppard Mullin
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:
University of San
Diego, 1985, magna
cum laude
Other Graduate
School/Year: M.S.,
journalism,
University of
Southern
California, 1982
College/Year: B.S., journalism,
University of Nebraska,
1978

Bar Admissions
California

Practice Areas

Appellate; Media and Entertainment
First Amendment; Intellectual Property

Major Cases

Guylyn Cummins has represented media and entertainment companies, including in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court. Recent significant matters include:

- *Starkey v. County of San Diego*: Lead attorney in claim appeal for viewpoint-based discrimination. The Ninth Circuit of Appeal agreed that Dr. Starkey's summary removal from a committee was viewpoint-based discrimination.
- *Balzaga v. Fox News Network LLC*: Lead attorney winning an appeal affirming the grant of an anti-SLAPP motion based on a "Hannity & Colmes" news and talk show.
- Lead attorney winning an anti-SLAPP motion on behalf of KOGO radio talk-show host Steve Yuhas, dismissing defamation claims brought by a San Diego high school principal investigated by the school district for alleged misconduct.
- Represented Associated Press, the ABC, NBC and CBS affiliates, KOGO News Radio and various newspapers in public access issues in the high-profile capital case of John Albert Gardner, who is charged with the murder of Chelsea King and Amber Dubois.

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Dana J. Dunwoody

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:
UC Berkeley, Boalt
Hall, 1985
College/Year:
UC San Diego,
1981

Bar Admissions
California, 1985

Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution,
Business Litigation, Civil Litigation,
International, Real Estate

Major Cases

Within the past few months, Dana Dunwoody arbitrated a matter in San Francisco on behalf of the Four Seasons Residence Club Owners' Association; represented national retailers in defense of consumer class actions; represented a company in a class action alleging misclassification of independent contractors; and he has handled several highprofile writ of mandamus actions (involving environmental challenges) on behalf of an affiliate of NRG Energy Co., the Hotel del Coronado and a development entity known as Lane Field San Diego Developers. (One of his strong specialties is disputes affecting the hospitality industry.)

Professional Background

Dunwoody specializes in trial, arbitration and ADR of complex corporate, business and real estate litigation matters. After his early years of big law firm life, Dunwoody started a trial boutique firm with some other partners. Sixteen years after that, in 2006, Dunwoody accepted an offer to join Sheppard Mullin. He is the managing partner of Sheppard Mullin's San Diego office.

Professional Affiliations

Dunwoody is the former chair of the California Litigation Section of the state bar. He was formerly on the Board of ABTL, an organization in which Dunwoody is still active. He is a master in the Welsh Inn of Court and a member expert of the International Society of Hospitality Consultants, which is an affiliation of experts in the hospitality industry.

Personal Background

Dunwoody is lucky enough to be married to his best friend, Henriette Rosenberg Dunwoody. They have twin boys who are juniors and water polo players at La Jolla High School. In addition to his family, Dunwoody stays balanced through yoga, cooking, gardening and reading.

Robert Gerber

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:
Harvard Law
School, 1988
Other Graduate
School/Year: Master
of Public Policy,
University of
Michigan, 1985
College/Year:
University of Michigan, 1984

Bar Admissions

California, 1988; U.S. District Court,
Southern, Central and Northern Districts of
California

Practice Areas

Business Litigation; Intellectual Property;
Legal Malpractice; Patent, Trademark &
Copyright

Major Cases

Robert Gerber has worked on a number of major cases for Taylor Made Golf Co., including trade secret cases, patent and invention cases and false advertising cases. Gerber also won a ground-breaking Ninth Circuit decision in a pro bono case, *Hernandez-Montiel v. INS*, 225 F.3d 1084 (9th Cir. 2000). The case established that persecution on the basis of "sexual identity" was sufficient to establish grounds for prohibiting deportation in immigration asylum cases. The case was cited in the recent gay marriage cases decided by the California Supreme Court.

Professional Background

Gerber clerked from 1988-89 for the Hon. Rudi M. Brewster (Ret.). He then began his work with Sheppard Mullin, where Gerber became a partner in 1997 and has continued his practice since that time. Among other administrative positions he has held, he is chair of the Pro Bono Committee of the entire firm.

Professional Affiliations

Gerber is the immediate past president of the J. Clifford Wallace Inn of Court and a master in both that inn and the Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court. He is an adviser to and former chair of the Legal Ethics Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. Gerber is a former member of the Judicial Nominations Evaluation Committee of the State Bar, as well as a former chair of the Litigation Section of the state bar.

Personal Background

Gerber grew up in Michigan, and is an avid University of Michigan sports fan. He is married to Michelle Gerber and they have four children, Alex, Taylor, Paige and Alyssa.

Beni Surpin

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:
LL.M.

(International Law),
Cambridge
University (Jesus
College), honors,
1997

College/Year: B.A.

(Jurisprudence), Oxford
University (St. Edmund Hall),
1995, honors

Bar Admissions

California, England, Wales

Practice Areas

Commercial, Corporate Business,
Intellectual Property, International,
Technology

Major Cases

Beni Surpin's representative clients include Amgen, BAE Systems, BBG Communications, Beckman Coulter, Broadcom, CB Fleet, Clean Energy Fuels, Conexant Systems, Entropic Communications, Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation, Gen-Probe, IndyMac Bank, InfoSonics Corp., InfoVista, International Rectifier, Jenny Craig, Northrop Grumman Corp., Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Plansee, SecurityPoint Media, Springs Global, State Compensation Insurance Fund, Taylor Made Golf, Tec Toy, Therapeutics Inc., Verus Pharmaceuticals, Vanity Fair Corp. and Zeebo Inc.

Professional Background

As partner, and chair of the Intellectual Property, Technology and Commercial Transactions Group, Surpin's practice is focused on counseling international and domestic companies in the telecom, medical devices, life sciences and high-tech industries on legal and business issues relating to intellectual property, technology and commercial transactions, and in protecting, exploiting and transferring their intellectual property portfolios in a way that allows them to optimize their technology and other assets, advising them on a variety of related legal and business issues. His specific expertise includes licenses, collaborations, research, development, clinical, services, outsourcing, manufacturing, supply and distribution agreements, technology acquisitions and the formation of joint ventures and other types of strategic partnerships and alliances.

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John D. Tishler

Sheppard, Mullin,
Richter &
Hampton LLP



Education

Law School/Year:
J.D., Yale Law
School, 1992
College/Year: B.A.,
Cornell University,
1989

Bar Admissions

California

Practice Areas

Corporate Business, Technology

Major Cases

Represents Northrop Grumman Corp. for corporate governance and public reporting. Represented RF Magic Inc. in merger with Entropic Communications Inc. Represented Nasdaq company in voluntary review of historical stock option and stock grants involving restatement of financials. Represents NYSE company for equity and cash-based executive compensation programs. Represented SiliconSystems Inc. in Series C Preferred Stock Financing by Samsung Ventures. Represented American Technology Corp. in \$9.5 million PIPE. Represented Open Energy Corp. in \$15 million PIPE. Represented Carolina Precision Plastics LLC in acquisition of Augros Inc. Represented NYSE company for new CEO employment agreement. Represented SpaceDev Inc. in \$34 million acquisition of Starsys Inc.

Professional Background

John Tishler regularly advises emerging and established clients on formations and restructurings, angel and venture capital, PIPE transactions, corporate governance, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and securities compliance. Tishler also advises on executive compensation, broad-based equity compensation programs and executive wealth diversification strategies.

Professional Affiliations

Tishler is an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, teaching advanced deal structures and regularly lecturing on corporate law, strategic partnering and executive compensation. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

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Professional Background

Cummins is a partner in the Entertainment, Media and Technology Practice Group in Sheppard Mullin's San Diego office. She has spent her entire career working in media law. A seasoned litigator, she represents a broad array of media clients relating to First Amendment issues, including access issues, libel and advertising content, plus trademark and copyright fair use. Cummins has been recognized as one of the "Top Women Litigators in California" by the Daily Journal. She has also been listed in Chambers USA, Legal 500, Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers.

Professional Affiliations

Chair, ABA Forum on Communications Law (the ABA Forum comprises leading media and entertainment lawyers in America); board member, First Amendment Coalition. Former chair of various committees for the Media Law Resource Center. Chair, Webinar Committee for the ABA TIPS Intellectual Property Committee.

Personal Background

Married 30 years to attorney Scott Cummins. Daughter, Elyse, is a 21-year-old junior at Stanford University. Son, Blake, is a 17 year-old junior at La Jolla High School.

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Professional Affiliations

Surpin is a member of, and participate in, the following: American Bar Association, San Diego County Bar Association, Law Society of England and Wales, San Diego BIOCUM, San Diego CommNexus, San Diego Venture Group, San Diego World Trade Center, UCSD Connect, Southern California-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Brazil-California Chamber of Commerce, British-American Business Council and Lawyers Club of San Diego.

Personal Background

Surpin previously resided in Brazil, Israel and the UK. As a result, by way of foreign languages, he is fluent in Portuguese, Hebrew and French, and has a good grasp of Italian and Spanish.