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ACCOUNTING

Scott M. Sachs has assumed the role of regional managing partner for J.H. Cohn's offices in San Diego, Los Angeles and Woodland Hills. He possesses 20 years of accounting experience, having served public and private companies in emerging and middle markets. Previously, he was the firm's regional managing partner in Los Angeles.

McGladrey & Pullen has named **Francisco Colon** its assurance services manager. He has five years of experience focusing on providing services for tribes and their enterprises. He has served clients in the assurance and consulting industries.

BANKING AND FINANCE

Five Point Capital has hired **Greg Salomon** as director of sales and **Tamara McCourt** as director of operations. Most recently, Salomon served as sales director for Rancho Santa Fe Corp. and previously as the national sales manager of Equity Financial in Irvine. McCourt began her career in 1992 working a variety of positions within Cascade Leasing Co. and The Money Source. She has also owned her own company, The Virtual Credit Manager.



Jay Hibert



Meghan Federico

Security Business Bank has hired **Jay Hibert** and **Meghan Federico** as consultants for commercial real estate and business lending, and deposits generation. **Win Englebert** has also joined the team as vice president.

Hibert has 25 years of commercial banking experience, having worked at Bank of America, Union Bank, Mellon Bank and Regents Bank.

Federico brings 15 years of commercial banking experience to her new role. She began her career at Valencia National Bank and has held management positions at San Diego National Bank, Scripps Bank and Regents Bank. Englebert has served in a variety of executive positions, including as commercial loan officer, business deposit consultant and wealth management adviser at Wells Fargo and business development director for Washington Mutual Business Bank.

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN

Thomas Christian has joined HMC Architects as a principal in charge at the firm's San Diego office. With 25 years of industry experience, Christian is a former principal at SGPA Architecture and Planning and a former partner at NTD Architecture. He has a strong background in higher education and pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade projects.



Thomas Christian

ENGINEERING

John Perales has joined Bender Dean

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Engineering as a senior designer. He brings 25 years of mechanical and electrical engineering experience to his new role and has overseen design and construction on a variety of projects, including hospitals, educational and historical facilities, museums and mixed-use retail and hospitality structures.

GOVERNMENT AND NONPROFIT

The San Diego Museum of Man's board of directors has appointed **Ned A. Smith** as interim executive director. In his new role, Smith will be responsible for improving visitors' experience, handling organizational operations and addressing economic use of museum facilities, as well as the recruitment and hiring of the permanent executive director. He has 25 years of managerial experience and has served in positions such as fundraiser, facilitator, project leader and consultant. Smith was chief financial officer of an arts council and has led four nonprofits.

The Women Presidents' Organization has named **Janice P. Brown** and **Stacy L. Fode** as chapter members. They are partners at Brown Law Group. Brown focuses her practice on legal issues within the areas of employment law and general civil litigation. Fode practices business litigation with a focus on employment litigation and advisement.



Stacy L. Fode

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve has promoted **Sarah T. Schaffer** to lieutenant colonel. She serves as an attorney within the family law and tax practice groups at Higgs, Fletcher & Mack. Schaffer is a 15-year military veteran and served on active duty for six years and in the Reserve for nine years. She serves as a reservist with the Western Area Counsel Office at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center has named **Jennifer Albers**, senior vice president of Indus Technology, to its board of directors.

HEALTH CARE

Drs. Wendell Smoot and **John Smoot** have hired registered nurse **Hilary A. Black** to their La Jolla cosmetic surgery practice. She is a laser treatment nurse specializing in aesthetic injectables



Hilary A. Black

and cosmetic surgery. At the practice, Black will be responsible for specialized laser treatments such as laser hair removal, intense pulsed light, photo facials, and leg vein treatments. She will also administer Botox, Juvederm Ultra, Juvederm Ultra Plus, Restylane and Perlane.

LAW

The San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association has honored six California Western School of Law students with the Latino Bar Association's annual scholarship awards. The students who received the awards are **Hector Bustamante**, **Mayra Gonzalez**, **Miguel Marquina**, **Nicole Mendoza**, **Agustín Peña** and **Rachel Rawes**.

MEDIA AND MARKETING

Nuffer, Smith, Tucker has hired intern **Natalie Haack** to a permanent position with the firm. Haack joined the public relations firm as an intern in June 2008, working on campaigns for various clients.

EXECUTIVESPOTLIGHT

Jonathan Freeman

Grubb & Ellis, a real estate services and investment firm, has appointed **Jonathan Freeman** as chief operating officer and chief financial officer. He will be in charge of overseeing the daily operations of finance, administration, human resources and technology, as well as serve as an adviser to the CEO and board of directors.

Additionally, Freeman will serve as principal of its financial advisory services practice. He has 20 years of experience in organization building, contract negotiations, improving sales and creating resourceful partnerships within the wireless technology and health care industries.



In her new role as account coordinator, she will help plan and execute campaigns for Score San Diego, Chicken of the Sea, the Dairy Council of California, and Union Bank. Haack also has joined the account team for SuperGlue.

He has also held positions with Westfield America, as a leasing manager, Realty Income Corp. and Retail Insite Commercial Real Estate.

The San Diego Association of Realtors has named **Peter K. Solecki** its general counsel and risk manager. He will provide legal counsel to the association as needed. Solecki is a partner at Winton, Larson & Solecki. He is a legal expert in the areas of real estate and real estate disputes, risk and litigation management, corporate legal and business operations, and compliance issues.



Peter K. Solecki

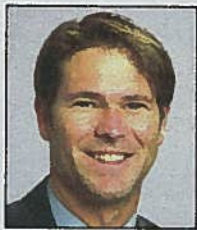
— Molly Pappas

MISCELLANEOUS

Brian Kelly has joined White Lotus Productions, an event stylist, as design director. Previously, Kelly worked at Preston Bailey Designs in New York City.

REAL ESTATE

Hack Adams has joined Westcore Properties as senior vice president of leasing. He will be responsible for managing broker and tenant leasing activities owned by Westcore. Adams has 14 years of real estate experience, and most recently served as partner and director of marketing with Murphy Development.



Hack Adams

CORRECTION

Due to misinformation provided to the San Diego Business Journal, the American Association of Grant Professionals was incorrectly identified on the Oct. 19 San Diego People page.

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