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## POWERFUL ADVOCATES FOR THE HOMELESS



The Padres' Peter Seidler (right) and Donovan's Dan Shea  
in one of three temporary homeless shelters.

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(Photo by Jamie Lytle Scott)

**INSIDE: SAN DIEGO'S TOP ATTORNEYS**

## BEST ATTORNEYS



**Rodney J. Hatley** is founder of Hatley Law Group APC. He began his career working in personal injury litigation and then for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. His journey to becoming an estate planning attorney began with a devastating, drawn-out, seven-year probate. His father had been ill for awhile before he died. His father had not set up a trust and could not bear the thought of parting with legal title to the assets which he had spent his lifetime accumulating. It took Hatley and his sister seven years to resolve the probate in their hometown of Memphis, Tenn. He pursued a Master's of Laws at the University of San Diego's acclaimed graduate tax program and shifted into estate planning, trust and probate law. He has edited "For California Doctors: A Guide to Asset Protection, Tax and Estate Planning" and co-author of "Giving: Philanthropy for Everyone." He sponsors and serves as guest host on "The Andrea Kaye Show" on KCBQ-AM 1170. Hatley is involved with the San Diego Community Leadership Council, Nice Guys San Diego and the North County Estate Planning Council.

**Joseph Leventhal** attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl, represents clients ranging from Fortune 250 companies across multiple industries in varying legal disputes. Leventhal is a past president of the San Diego chapter of the Federal Bar Association and was one of SD METRO's 40 Under 40 Award winners, class of 2017. He is a commissioner with the city of San Diego Ethics Commission, and a director and first vice president of Kids Included Together. Leventhal earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and was a political science major at the University of California San Diego.

**Steven J. Cologne** assumed the managing partner position at Higgs Fletcher & Mack in 2017, practicing in the area of complex tort and business litigation. He focuses on complex contract and business matters, defending clients in employment litigation, breach of contract disputes and other business litigation cases. Cologne, an attorney for more than 30 years, also assists clients in resolving disputes before they escalate to litigation. He serves as the primary litigation counsel for the San Diego Unified School District on a variety of claims in state and federal courts. Cologne is a member of the State Bar of California Labor and Employment Law section.



**William Eigner** is a partner at Procopio, who has represented venture capitalists, angel capitalists and security firms. He has also represented a high-technology company in its sale to a well-known Silicon Valley firm. He has structured the formation of an energy services company, represented the majority shareholders of a retailer in forcing the buyout of a minority partner. He has advised distributors in a dispute with their suppliers, assisted a catering company in a brand licensing transaction and joint venture. Eigner is a director of EvoNexus, a board member of FHOOSH Inc., a former trustee of La Jolla Country Day School and a past member of the Headmaster's Advisory Council at The Bishop's School. He is a trustee emeritus of the San Diego Police Foundation and a director and corporate secretary of the San Diego Venture Group.

**Micaela Banach** Micaela Banach and her partners founded Noonan Lance Boyer & Banach last year, which arose from the highly regarded former law firm of Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge, for which she also was a partner. Banach has amassed an impressive track record skillfully representing plaintiffs and defendants in real estate, employment, products liability, professional liability and business disputes. Banach is actively involved in The Lawyers Club of San Diego, promoting the advancement of women in the legal industry and society. She has served on the committee for The Lawyers Club golf tournament, an event benefiting the club's Fund for Justice, a charitable foundation that serves the San Diego community.

**Timothy Hutter** Timothy Hutter, senior counsel at Allen Matkins, has represented multifamily and commercial developers to successfully defend legal challenges to entitlements and permits issued by local municipalities. That includes a 2017 judgment in favor of client CityMark Development for a single-family housing project with an affordable component in the city of Encinitas. Outside of legal work, Hutter is a member of the Allen Matkins Community Outreach Committee and is a member of the board of Life Choices Crisis Pregnancy Center in Poway. He was appointed to the city of San Diego's Historical Resources Board by Mayor Kevin Faulconer in 2016 and was elected vice chair in March 2017.

**Heather Riley**, a partner at Allen Matkins, has worked on some of the most significant land use legal matters in San Diego in the past few years. She has shepherded controversial projects through the entitlement process and then defended those developments against litigation. She is at the forefront of the housing crisis dialogue, working with the Building Industry Association of San Diego and the city of San Diego to develop solutions that are practical and defensible. Riley also served as the 2016 president of the San Diego County Bar Association, spearheading an update of the association's public position policies and bylaws, which were in need of complete overhaul.