

Best Office Environments and Culture in a Law Firm

Best Best & Krieger LLP

Best Best & Krieger LLP is a full-service law firm with nearly 200 attorneys in offices strategically located to serve California's fastest growing



communities. In meeting the needs of public and private sector clients, BB&K offers unique experience in handling complex, multidisciplinary issues and providing solutions of common interest to leaders of both business and government.



Diven

The firm represents many recognized public agencies and businesses. Our firm is proud of the long-standing client relationships we have maintained. Some of our clients include Center City Development Corp., the city of Santee, First American Title Insurance Co., Helix Water District, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, city of San Diego, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego County Office of Education, San Marcos Unified School District, Sweetwater Authority, city of Vista and Vista Unified School District.

Primary services include business, eminent domain, employee benefits, environmental law and natural resources, labor and employment, litigation, municipal

law, public finance, real estate, redevelopment, economic development and housing, special districts and school law.

Raymond Best founded the firm in 1891. Warren Diven is the managing partner of the the San Diego office, which has 37 attorneys and was founded in 1993.

Chapin Wheeler LLP

Chapin Wheeler LLP was formed in 2005 by San Diego trial lawyers Ed Chapin and Jay Wheeler. The firm's mission is to represent businesses and individuals as plaintiffs in complex and high-stakes matters that cannot be handled efficiently by larger firms with higher fees and more rigid hourly billing rates.

CHAPIN WHEELER LLP

Chapin Wheeler offers its clients high-quality legal services provided by seasoned San Diego lawyers with extensive trial experience. These services are delivered from a smaller, more streamlined legal operation. Efficiency and low overhead allow Chapin Wheeler to offer financially attractive and result-oriented billing and fee arrangements tailored to each particular engagement.

Ed Chapin is an accomplished San Diego trial lawyer with extensive experience trying a broad variety of cases. Jill Sullivan has tried several cases to verdict and has favorably resolved numerous cases

through summary judgment and mediation. Both have extensive experience in large, prestigious law firms handling highly significant, complex legal matters.

Chapin was most recently a partner at Gordon & Rees, where he was a principal trial lawyer for Southern California. Before joining Chapin Wheeler, Sullivan was an attorney at Latham and Watkins and Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Kansas City, where she received significant litigation experience.

Chapin Wheeler's departed partner Jay Wheeler spent more than 20 years in the litigation department of Latham & Watkins as one of its most active trial lawyers. He was the chairman of the San Diego Litigation Department of Latham & Watkins from 1996 to 2000. Wheeler trained and mentored Sullivan and set the standard for excellence in Chapin Wheeler's practice of law.

Chapin Wheeler employs other top-notch associates and paralegals with similar big-firm experience in complex litigation.

Klinedinst PC

Klinedinst PC is a full-service law firm that has earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

Klinedinst ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Established in 1983, Klinedinst is engaged in civil litigation and transactional law practice throughout the

state of California. We are a full-service law firm representing corporate, institutional and individual clients at both the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts.



Klinedinst

Klinedinst has four office locations: Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County and Sacramento. From these four major offices, the firm is able to effectively serve clients across the entire state. Our team is comprised of more than 60 lawyers, diverse in their geographic, social and educational backgrounds. Each member of the firm is committed to Klinedinst's philosophy of continued professional advancement and value-driven legal representation.

Latham & Watkins LLP

Since its opening in 1980 with four attorneys, Latham & Watkins' San Diego office has grown into one of the city's largest law firms, with more than 100 lawyers practicing in two San Diego County locations, downtown and Del Mar.

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Latham & Watkins is one of the region's most respected law firms. Our San Diego office has been recognized consistently by Corporate Board Member Magazine as "Most Admired Law Firm in San Diego" in its annual survey, garnering this award for the third year



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in 2007. Latham & Watkins' growing presence enables our San Diego attorneys to play a

vital role in the firm's ability to service homegrown San Diego companies as well as multinational companies, regardless of their location. Our global footprint — with 2,100 attorneys in 28 offices in the

United States, Europe, Asia and The Middle East — allows our San Diego attorneys to draw from the firm's vast expertise base and international resources.

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Congratulations to Patti Groff, CLM,
our Director of Administration, for
being named a finalist to the
Association of Legal Administrators,
San Diego Chapter
and
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Betty Murphy

Levine. Her duties are numerous and varied. She assists Levine in his trial work including trial preparation and support. Most recently, she was involved in the cases of *Foley v. City of Coronado* (July 2008; \$5.5 million settlement during trial) and *Cisterra Partners v. The Irvine Co.* (December 2006; \$37.5 million verdict), wherein she aided in creating numerous graphics and exhibits, putting together trial notebooks, assisted in preparing juror questionnaires and completing various and numerous other trial support tasks.

Murphy also assists Levine with his legal work, coordinating all his travel and seminars, meetings, telephone conferences and event planning. She also helped produce a company called Litigation Skills Forum Inc. As director of operations she is responsible for putting together seminars, as well as the sale and distribution of educational video and audio tapes that assist attorneys in the practice of law.

Further, Murphy handles most employment issues and is the firm's bookkeeper. Within the scope of her bookkeeping duties, she pays all bills, makes all deposits, prepares payroll and all associated returns, prepares all client disbursements, prepares financial statements and interfaces with the accountant in the preparation of tax returns. She is also responsible for the firm's marketing and public relations, including but not limited to Web site information and updating,

brochures, and is involved in the decision making for all promotional materials. She is responsible for maintaining and updating all the firm's assets including insurance policies, computers and telephone system.

Murphy also founded and runs her own business, Murphy Bookkeeping Service, offering part-time bookkeeping for small and medium businesses such as Rainwaters Restaurant, Sundance Stage Lines, Medco Pharmacy, Crown Point Catering, and numerous law firms.

Previously she was the bookkeeper for Stutz, McCormick, Mitchell and Verlasky and Holt, Rhoades and Hollywood before that. She started her career at San Diego Trust and Savings, where she eventually became operations supervisor, in charge of the entire teller line and all behind-the-scenes operations involved with checking, savings and loan accounts.

Murphy was on the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association. She has successfully competed in a marathon and is currently training to participate in the 2009 Rock N' Roll Marathon.

In addition to her career, Murphy is raising her niece Kaili, age 10, and her nephew Lu, age 16.



Wendy Wilkins

Wendy Wilkins Latham & Watkins LLP

Wendy Wilkins is the administrator at the San Diego office of Latham & Watkins LLP. Having started

her Latham career as an accounting manager in May 2001, she was promoted to administrator after only six months at the firm. Wilkins currently oversees the management of two offices, one located in downtown San Diego and the other in Del Mar, serving a professional population of 140 attorneys practicing in the areas of corporate law, tax, finance, litigation and environment, land and resources.

In her role as administrator for a top-tier global law firm, Wilkins provides leadership on issues ranging from financial business management and operations to communications, human resources and strategic planning. She works not only with a local team of eight managers and staff, but helps coordinate global initiatives that affect Latham's 28 offices around the world.

Prior to her employment at Latham & Watkins, Wilkins worked for CD-Lit Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of the public accounting and financial consulting firm Bruno, Mack & Barclay (BMB). As director of operations at CD-Lit, Wilkins specialized in construction defect-related data management services. Wilkins had previously worked for BMB as a senior financial analyst, providing discovery assistance, causation and damage quantification analysis and financial modeling for lost profits, business valuation, commercial litigation and breach of contract matters. Wilkins has also worked in private accounting in the computer industry.

Wilkins received her master's degree cum laude from San Diego State University in 1999, and her bachelor's, cum laude, from the University of West Florida in 1992. She became a Certified Public Accountant in 2000.

Wilkins balances her work responsibilities with being a mother to two very energetic preschoolers, Nicholas (age 4) and Alexander (age 2). She loves to spend time with her family, enjoys classical music and is a long-time supporter of the San Diego Symphony, as well as an avid competitor in triathlons with her husband.