

The 10th Annual

INNOVATOR
of the YEAR AWARDS

Meet the Judges:



Margita Blattner - Senior Director of Philanthropic Strategy, Orange County Community Foundation

Margita Blattner is a forward-thinking, strategic leader with over 20 years of experience in organizational growth, business development, digital transformation and philanthropy. Her achievements have spanned developing market strategies, developing new products and services, launching new business models and technologies, enhancing business value and services, diversifying revenue streams, increasing profitability, and improving internal business systems and operations for Fortune 500 businesses and non-profits. As sr. director of philanthropic strategy, Blattner partners with individuals, families, corporations, nonprofits, and the professional advisor community to craft strategies for amplified charitable giving in Orange County. She leads a development team who provide guidance on current and planned giving options, handling of illiquid assets such as real estate and private business holdings, and support the establishment of charitable funds for enduring philanthropic impact.



Victor Guerrero - President & Chief Operating Officer, Infinity Bank

Victor Guerrero has dedicated over 35 years to serving the Los Angeles/Orange County communities in banking. Starting out as a teller at Bank of America in 1988, he's worked in many roles in the industry, from operations to sales, credit, and finance. Since 2018, Guerrero has been the founding executive at Infinity Bank, where he serves as president and chief operating officer, and previously served as the founding CFO of Orange County Business Bank. Guerrero finds his greatest joy in helping people achieve their dreams and goals as a banker, advisor, and partner. With 33 years of marriage and two adult sons, Guerrero's family keeps him humble and generally grounded, but never quiet!



Scott Joslyn - Chief Innovation Officer & Senior Vice President, UCI Health

Scott Joslyn is responsible for innovation and UCI Health Ventures. In his capacity as innovation leader, Joslyn is involved with helping the organization to creatively solve organizational challenges and pursue new opportunities that advance and differentiate the organization. Joslyn formerly held the dual role of chief information officer and chief innovation officer. Joslyn oversees UCI Health Ventures, a \$50 million capital investment fund in partnership with UC Investments. The fund invests in young companies focused on healthcare information technology and healthcare services, and also medical devices and biologics. Joslyn has been active in the ventures space for a dozen years, including board positions and partnerships with Summation Health Ventures, TechStars, and General Catalyst. Joslyn holds a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of the Pacific, and a Master of Business Administration from UCLA.



Kyle Leingang - Partner, Stradling

Kyle Leingang is a Stradling partner, chairs the firm's Debt Finance Practice and serves as co-chair of the firm's Recruiting Committee. He represents lenders and borrowers in a wide variety of debt finance transactions, including traditional commercial loan agreements, syndicated facilities, asset-based lines, acquisition financing agreements, public company securities offerings, and seller debt related to M&A transactions. Leingang's experience also includes work related to bank mergers and investment transactions on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Treasury while at a former firm. Leingang is also a leading beer, wine and spirits lawyer and has represented breweries, distilleries, retailers, lenders, brand owners and investors in a wide variety of matters within those industries, often as outside general counsel.



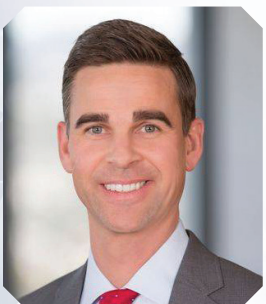
Gordon S. MacLean - CPA, Partner in Charge, Director of Audit Services, RJI CPAs

Gordon S. MacLean joined RJI CPAs in 2011 and specializes in audits of publicly traded and privately held businesses in the manufacturing, technology, medical device, real estate, distribution and professional services industries. MacLean has been in public accounting for over 37 years and spent 20 years at KPMG LLP's Orange County office, including seven years as an audit partner. In addition, he spent five years as an audit partner for a large regional accounting firm located in Irvine, CA. MacLean's extensive experience includes interaction with corporate BOD's and Audit Committees. He has been involved in numerous SEC public offerings and filings, including initial public offerings, secondary offerings, spin-off transactions, public debt offerings, and private placements. He has navigated various clients through business acquisitions and divestitures and has performed due diligence for both buy-side and sell-side transactions, including quality of earnings. MacLean's background includes performing audit services for companies ranging from start-up to international, multi-billion-dollar corporations.



Khurram S. Mir - Director of Innovation and Health Ventures, UCI Health

Khurram S. Mir is a seasoned leader in corporate venture and innovation, currently overseeing a \$50 million venture arm at UCI Health System in Orange County, California. With a focus on leveraging emerging technologies, he has been instrumental in enhancing patient, clinician, and staff experiences. Before UCI Health, he was a managing director, consulting on digital transformation for health systems nationwide. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, a Master of Science in Biomedical/Health Informatics and has completed a Venture Capital Executive Program at UC Berkeley. Certified as a healthcare chief information officer and digital healthcare executive, Mir also serves on various boards and advisory panels for healthcare startups, guiding them towards impactful innovations. His commitment to improving healthcare delivery is reflected in his strategic leadership and collaborative approach.



Justin Owens - Partner, Stradling

With a focus on complex business disputes and class action defense, Owens' aggressive yet thoughtful approach to litigation helps his clients secure early victories and avoid protracted lawsuits. Owens has litigated disputes in all industries, and has achieved exceptional results in federal and state court matters, as well as private arbitrations. Following a one-year federal clerkship in the Central District of California, Owens honed his trial skills at a large litigation firm where he handled high-profile lawsuits, including a record-breaking fraud case resulting in a \$5 billion recovery for his client. Since joining Stradling in 2015, Owens has a track record of decisive victories for his clients, earning him the regard of clients and peers alike. Owens has been recognized as a leader in the field of business and commercial litigation, and was included in the Orange County Business Journal's 2022 "OC 500 Directory of Influence." Owens has been honored as a "Best Lawyer" in commercial litigation every year since 2022, and as a Super Lawyer in 2023 and 2024. Before that he was a "Southern California Rising Star" for six consecutive years, and included on various "top" lists including Super Lawyers' "Up and Coming 25: Orange County Rising Stars List" and "Up and Coming 100: Southern California List."



Ivo Tjan - Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer, CommerceWest Bank

Ivo A. Tjan is the founder of CommerceWest Bank. He is currently the chairman, president and CEO of CW Bancorp and CommerceWest Bank. Founded in 2001 and headquartered in Irvine, CA, the Bank caters to businesses throughout the state of California with our digital banking platform. The Bank offers a wide range of commercial banking services, including remote deposit solutions, online & mobile banking, M&A/working capital loans, commercial real estate loans, SBA loans and treasury management services. Tjan previously held a wide range of management roles at Eldorado Bank, Home Savings of America and Great Western Bank. He was named among Orange County's Most Influential Business Leaders on the "OC500" List and as both a 2023 and 2022 Orange County Visionary by the Los Angeles Times. He was honored as the Robert Ross Founders Award Recipient from the MDA. Tjan was recognized as one of Vivid Magazine's Annual Top 10 Asian American Entrepreneurs and was also named one of OC Metro's Hottest 25 People of Orange County, California. Tjan holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from California State Fullerton University.