



Dan M. Cooper, MD - Distinguished Professor, Pediatrics & Interim Executive Director, UCI Health

Dr. Dan Cooper is a distinguished professor of pediatrics, interim executive director of the UC Irvine Institute for Precision Health, associate director of the UC Irvine Institute of Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS is UC Irvine's National Institutes of Health Clinical Translational Science Award), and clinical informatics and analytics unit director of the UC Irvine Pediatric Exercise and Genomics Research Center. Dr. Cooper's research seeks to understand the role of physical activity and exercise in growth and development in children and adolescents in health and disease. Ongoing research areas include novel approaches to gas exchange signal transduction during exercise; genomic and epigenetic responses to exercise in circulating immune cells; rethinking protocols for exercise testing in children with a specific focus on children with sickle cell disease and children with cystic fibrosis, and the optimal use of school-based physical fitness testing to mitigate health care disparities.



Sean Foley - President, Orange County and Inland Empire Region, Bank of California

Sean Foley is president of the Orange County and Inland Empire Region at Banc of California. He is responsible for overseeing and expanding the team dedicated to the bank's commercial and real estate businesses in the area, which includes client acquisition, client retention, and portfolio management. Foley joined Banc of California in 2020 and has several decades of experience supporting clients and structuring debt facilities that meet their strategic needs. He has held significant leadership roles at major U.S. banks. Prior to his current position, Foley served as the commercial banking executive at KeyBank in Washington state and spent 10 years as regional president of U.S. Bank's Southern California market. Foley has lived in the Southern California community for more than 30 years. In that time, he has served in leadership roles at many business, community, and nonprofit organizations, including the Mardan Foundation of Educational Therapy, California Bankers Association, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Pacific Symphony, and Town Hall Los Angeles. He is currently a member of the Chief Executive Roundtable at the University of California, Irvine. Foley earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business from the University of Pittsburgh.



Victor Guerrero - President & Chief Operating Officer, Infinity Bank

Victor Guerrero has dedicated more than 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!



Michael I. Katz - Managing Partner, Katz Ruby & Carle LLP

Michael I. Katz is the managing partner of Katz Ruby Carle LLP, a premier boutique litigation firm known for its sophisticated handling of high-stakes disputes. With over three decades of litigation experience, Katz is recognized as one of the leading trade secret lawyers in California and across the United States. His strategic insight and relentless advocacy have driven numerous landmark victories in both courtrooms and behind-the-scenes resolutions. Before founding Katz Ruby Carle, Katz was a partner in the Intellectual Property and Business Litigation groups at Morrison & Foerster LLP, where he led and won complex, high-profile cases. His litigation practice spans a wide array of industries—including semiconductors, software, medical devices, healthcare, biotech, manufacturing, energy, and agriculture—representing clients ranging from Fortune 100 companies to regional businesses and family enterprises. A formidable force in any legal forum, Michael Katz combines legal excellence with strategic discretion, earning him the respect of clients, colleagues, and adversaries alike.



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.



Justin Owens - Partner, Stradling

With a focus on complex business disputes and class action defense, Justin 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."



Richard Reisman - Publisher, Orange County Business Journal

Richard Reisman is publisher of the *Orange County Business Journal*. Reisman joined the Business Journal in 1990. Since then, the publication's acceptance by the business community has been dramatic. Paid circulation and advertising volume has grown significantly, making it possibly the top Business Journal in the country. Prior to the business journal, Reisman was director of marketing for the Orange County edition of *The Los Angeles Times*. Earlier in his career, Reisman practiced law in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. While in private practice in Washington, Reisman served as special counsel to the House Ethics Committee. Reisman holds an MBA from UCLA, where he was awarded the R.C. Baker Foundation Fellowship, and a law degree from George Washington University, where he graduated with honors. Reisman is listed in *Who's Who in America* and has served on numerous boards.



Jeffrey M. Verdon - Partner & Chair of Asset Protection, Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP

As a partner at Falcon Rappaport & Berkman, Jeffrey M. Verdon is chair of the Asset Protection Practice Group, headquartered in Newport Beach, CA. For more than 30 years, Verdon and his team have provided specialized taxation and estate planning services to Orange County's wealthy families and business owners, pioneering the integration of risk mitigation with advanced estate planning. Verdon authored *Estate Planning for Women Only*, numerous business articles on Kiplinger's Wealth Creation column, and is a sought-after speaker at financial conferences worldwide.