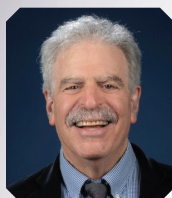




Julie Beckley - Senior Vice President, Southern California Sales Manager, Columbia Bank

Julie Beckley is Senior Vice President, Southern California Sales Manager for Commercial Banking at Columbia Bank. In this role, she leads business development efforts across Southern California, working with companies ranging from emerging middle market businesses to larger middle market/corporate banking clients with revenues from approximately \$5 million to several billion dollars. Beckley partners closely with business owners, CFOs, management teams, and professional advisors to understand their strategic and financial objectives and connect them with Columbia Bank's comprehensive commercial banking capabilities. She works across the broader Columbia platform to deliver tailored credit, treasury management, deposit, and specialty banking solutions that support client's growth and long-term success. With over 35 years of banking experience, Beckley has held leadership, relationship management, and business development roles spanning corporate banking, middle market banking, specialty lending, and strategic business development. She has spent more than 25 years serving the Southern California business community and is recognized for her extensive network, relationship-focused approach, and commitment to helping clients achieve their business goals.



Dan M. Cooper, MD - University of California Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics, UCI Health

Dr. Dan M. Cooper is the Associate Director of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS, the NIH CTSA). Dr. Cooper also serves as Special Advisor to the Dean, School of Medicine. Dr. Cooper received his MD from the University of California, San Francisco in 1974. His training included Internal Medicine residency at Hadassah-Hospital, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, and he completed his Pediatrics Training at NYU/Bellevue Medical Center. He went on to a 3-year fellowship in Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine at Babies Hospital, Columbia University. In 1981, Dr. Cooper joined the faculty at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and in 1989, Dr. Cooper, in collaboration with the MLK-Drew Medical Center and CHOC-Children's Hospital, established the first ACGME accredited post-doctoral training fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine in the state of California. A major aim of the Fellowship was to encourage the recruitment of excellent pediatricians from underrepresented minorities. Dr. Cooper was recruited to UCI in 1997. Dr. Cooper led the effort to obtain an NIH General Clinical Research Center for UCI in 1999 which evolved into a successful NIH Clinical Translational Science Award which has been funded continuously since 2010. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Cooper led regional and national efforts to keep schools open by implementing safe and health practices. Dr. Cooper's research focuses on the translational science of exercise and physical activity and its impact on health and disease in the pediatric population. He is one of the leaders of the NIH Common Fund Molecular Transducers of Physical Activity study, the largest and most ambitious study the NIH has ever undertaken to understand the biological underpinnings of the health effects of exercise. Dr. Cooper also is a leader of the NIH funded project REACH which is focused on exercise and physical activity in children with sickle cell disease. He is currently working with the Santa Ana Unified School District to improve physical fitness education and assessment. Dr. Cooper has over 250 publications in major scientific journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of Applied Physiology, Nature, and Pediatrics. He has been continuously funded by the NIH for 4 decades, and has been a major mentor for more than thirty scholars who have made major contributions to biomedical research.



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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!



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Michael I. Katz is the Managing Partner of Katz Ruby Carle LLP, a Chambers®-ranked litigation firm based in Costa Mesa known for its sophisticated handling of high-stakes intellectual property and business disputes. Before founding Katz Ruby Carle, Katz was a partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP. Katz is recognized as one of the leading trade secret lawyers in California. He currently represents InnoPeak Technologies in a high-profile trade secret dispute with Apple related to Apple Watch health-sensing technology, MaxLinear on claims that Comcast misappropriated technology critical to the operation of Full Duplex (FDX) DOCSIS networks, and BioCorRx in asserting trade secret claims related to addiction treatment modalities. 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.



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Richard Reisman - Publisher & Chief Executive Officer, 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.



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