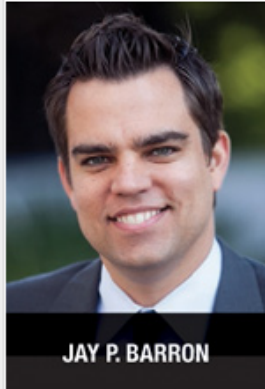


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JAY P. BARRON

**Keller Rackauckas LLP**, is pleased to announce that Jay P. Barron has been selected as a “Rising Star” in the 2015 *Southern California Rising Stars* edition of *Super Lawyers Magazine*. Super Lawyers is an attorney rating service that honors outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Barron has represented clients ranging from individual entrepreneurs to large publicly traded companies. His clients have included manufacturers, international corporations, nonprofits, health care providers, lawyers and investors. Barron has significant experience in

development and implementation of discovery plans, and has coordinated large electronic document collection and production. He has extensive expertise in trial and pretrial motion practice, devising settlement and trial strategies, and preparing for and participating in mediations and arbitrations. Barron received his J.D. in 2006 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, where he graduated Order of the Coif (top ten percent of the class) and was an Articles Editor for the UCLA Entertainment Law Review. He received his B.A. cum laude from Georgetown University in 2002.

**Bick Law Group**, a new boutique environmental law firm in Newport Beach founded by environmental attorney Kimberly L. Bick, celebrated its grand opening on May 19 with nearly 50 community leaders, clients and friends of the firm. Bick Law Group unites global legal talent—Gabriel Padilla (formerly with Bingham McCutchen), James Sabovich (formerly with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher) and Bick (formerly with Umberg Zipser LLP and Irell & Manella)—to provide clients with high-level environmental counsel at affordable prices. The event also welcomed Newport Beach Mayor Edward D. Selich, who presented the firm with a certificate of recognition.



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**BRIAN EASTON**

Brian Easton, Partner at **Easton & Easton, LLP**, was recently selected into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) – Orange County Chapter. ABOTA is one of the most premier and selective associations of trial attorneys and judges dedicated to fostering improvement in the ethical and technical standards of practice in the field of advocacy in order to assure that individual litigants may receive more effective representation. To attain membership in ABOTA, one must have completed a minimum of 10 jury trials as lead counsel, be invited to membership by an active member, and then be approved by a majority vote of the ABOTA board.

**Brown & Charbonneau, LLP** is pleased to announce that business litigation attorney Gregory G. Brown has been elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an exclusive and prestigious national organization of judges and civil trial lawyers.

ABOTA's membership constitutes the bench mark of the nation's finest trial lawyers and membership is by invitation only. To be considered for ABOTA candidacy, the applicant must possess a wealth of trial experience that few attorneys achieve, and be approved by votes of the local Chapter and National Board. Acceptance constitutes peer recognition of the highest trial acumen and professionalism. Gregory G. Brown is a State Board Certified Trial Specialist. In his 27 years, Mr. Brown's success and achievements have placed him at the top as a well-known and highly regarded trial lawyer. Mr. Brown is a focused and aggressive trial lawyer and his awards and achievements are impressive by any standard.



**GREGORY G. BROWN**



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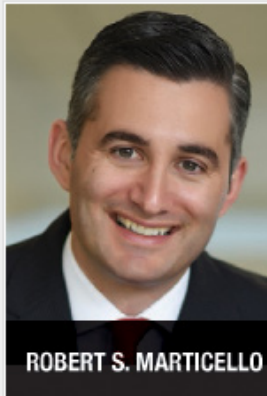
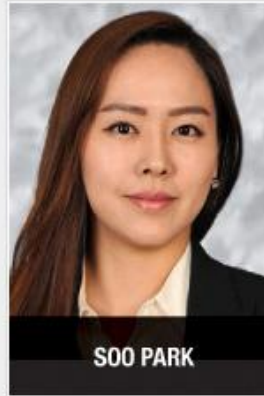
**Berger Kahn** Principle Lance LaBelle recently served as panelist on the ADR Section of the OCBA's annual recent developments program which looked at reported cases, new legislation and trends on the horizon in the important areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution. The program materials contained detailed digests of the new cases and legislation coupled with a panel presentation which put these cases and legislative developments in perspective in terms of where the law was and where it is going on important issues.

**Fisher & Phillips LLP,**

announces the addition of two new associates to its Irvine, Calif. office: Denisha McKenzie and Soo Park.

McKenzie joins Fisher & Phillips after previously serving as a litigation associate at an Irvine-based firm. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Irvine School of Law, where she was a member of the school's inaugural class. As a law student, McKenzie co-founded the Orange County Human Rights Association, was one of the first student co-authors of the inaugural edition of the UC Irvine Law Review, and received the distinction of pro bono honors upon graduation for completing more than 120 hours of pro bono legal work in law school.

Park joins the Irvine office with experience representing employers in employment law matters at a previous LA-based firm. Park earned her Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. While in law school, Park was a member of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and the International Law Students Association. Park is fluent in Korean and is a member of the Korean American Bar Association and the Korean Community Lawyers Association.

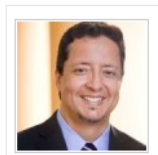


**Smiley Wang-Ekval, LLP,** announced today Robert S. Marticello has been installed as the president of the California Bankruptcy Forum (CBF) for 2015-2016. Marticello, a partner at Smiley Wang- Ekval, will lead California's premier organization of insolvency law professionals and support the Forum's goals of promoting and enhancing the value of the bankruptcy system throughout the state of California.

The CBF is comprised of seven regional forums and counts more than 500 attorneys and other insolvency professionals among its membership.

The organization has provided continuing education, networking, and other services to its members for more than 25 years. CBF is also dedicated to supporting pro bono projects designed to educate and assist unrepresented bankruptcy filers and litigants.

For more than 10 years, Marticello has specialized in bankruptcy/ insolvency matters and commercial litigation. He represents debtors, creditors, shareholders, trustees and other parties in Chapter 11 corporate bankruptcies and out-of-court restructuring in a broad range of industries. He has consistently been recognized as a Rising Star in *Super Lawyers* magazine, and was selected to participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Next Generation Program, which is designated for the top 40 "up-and-coming" bankruptcy attorneys in the country.



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