



Adriana Cara

Adriana Cara is the founder of Cara and Garland APLC. Cara has practiced labor and employment law for 13 years, and is a recognized expert in her area of the law. As a female attorney of color, Cara is sensitive to the challenges facing minority women who are considering a legal career. She and her partner, Meagan E. Garland, have established one of the few minority and female law firms in San Diego County. She and Garland give back to the community through a nonprofit organization that is intended to assist women of color in the law. This includes subsidizing some of the startup costs required to start their own law firms. She is a UC San Diego graduate who volunteers as a guest speaker at her alma mater to address students in pre-law educational programs that are considering a legal career.



Meagan E. Garland

Meagan Garland is an experienced business defense and employment law attorney who is licensed in both California and New York. She spent the majority of her career as a litigator in both the New York and San Diego offices of Baker & McKenzie. Additionally, she served as a United Nations intern in the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal at The Hague. She is founder and past co-chair of the Diverse Women's Committee within the Lawyers Club of San Diego that is dedicated to identifying and addressing particular challenges to women of color, as double-minorities. She is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta and the Boston College Law School.



Shaina Gross

Shaina Gross is senior vice president and chief impact officer of the United Way of San Diego County. She has positively impacted multiple aspects of social services, played an integral role in launching various impact projects and continues to amaze her current colleagues with her motivation, passion and commitment within her field of work. Gross has brought a national program "Ways To Work" to San Diego, providing transportation solutions for working families. She is leading the Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition, manages a grant portfolio of \$2 million and has become an expert community resource in funding topic areas. She has volunteered with the San Diego HIV/AIDS Funding Coalition, Ocean Beach Town Council, Cocktails for a Cause and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.



Taylor Schulte

Taylor Schulte is founder and CEO of Define Financial, which he founded in 2014. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business management from the University of Arizona and an Executive Financial Planner Advanced Certificate from San Diego State University. He is chairman of the University Club golf committee, the Financial Planning Association (FPA), a volunteer at Pro Kids-The First Tee of San Diego and an annual speaker at Cathedral Catholic Career Day. He is the recipient of the 2015 Five Star Wealth Manager Award, an honor awarded to less than five percent of financial planners in San Diego.



Lisa Martens

Lisa Martens is a principal at Fish & Richardson. She founded the firm's California trademark practice and has grown it to be a successful force in the legal community representing such clients as Microsoft, Jack In the Box, Cricket Communications, Callaway Golf and Provide Commerce (ProFlowers). She provides trademark and copyright counsel to clients on enforcement and litigation strategy, the development of U.S. and foreign trademark portfolios, global branding and domain name strategy as well as licensing. She is the new chair of Athena, a highly-influential organization that fosters and promotes personal and professional growth for women.