

WEALTH, ESTATE & BUSINESS ATTORNEYS

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Today is significant for the growth and evolution of Barulich Dugoni & Suttmann Law Group, as we announce the promotion of Chelsea Suttmann to Managing Director. In this new leadership role, Ms. Suttmann will be responsible for the overall direction and day-to-day operations of our firm and our nearly thirty employees.

As many of you know, Ms. Suttmann currently provides critical counsel to families and individuals regarding what can be one of the most challenging decision-making processes in their lives. Known for her creative approach to business structuring and advanced asset transfer techniques, Ms. Suttmann works closely with high-net worth individuals and families to preserve their wealth and give them peace of mind. She will continue to bring her tenacity, intuition and skill to her leadership of the firm's estate planning, administration, and business practice groups, focusing on their intersection within the area of business succession planning.

Ms. Suttmann began her legal career at Barulich & Dugoni eight years ago, starting as an associate, and being regularly promoted, culminating in being named partner in January 2019. She's a well- respected leader not only in the firm, but in the San Mateo community. Her colleagues have watched her growth inside and outside the firm, and we are honored to see this next logical step in the evolution of her career.



Amongst her many accomplishments, Ms. Suttmann was named a Northern California Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in 2019 and 2020. She has authored several published works. She is admitted to both the California State Bar and the Michigan State Bar. At Santa Clara University School of Law, where she earned her J.D., she was inducted to the Order of the Coif and served on the Santa Clara Law Review.

We credit Ms. Suttmann with leading our estate administration practice area; planning, developing, and implementing our attorney retreats; and co-leading an overhaul of our technology platform.

This is a significant shift for our firm, as it is the first time we've named a new managing director since our founding in 1989. Our founder and current managing director, Paul Barulich, will continue his practice focusing on estate litigation and advanced estate and business planning, while remaining available to mentor our attorneys by sharing the experiences amassed over his career.

And, of course, we recognize that this announcement comes during unprecedented times. While we celebrate this important news, we are also confronting a lot of hurt and heartache across our community, as individuals, and through the organizations of which we are part. We are hopeful that these challenges will accelerate change and help us all navigate a new, better, way forward.

And we will continue to come together to support our colleagues, neighbors, friends and clients in all the ways we can.

Best regards, Barulich Dugoni & Suttmann Law Group, Inc

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