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TOP 20 UNDER 40

The editors of the Daily Journal reviewed more than 300 nominations to find just 20 lawyers for this list. As is the case every year, we are confronted with a richness of talent. Lawyers on the cutting edge of every issue facing the world. In deciding which ones will make

the cut, we looked for those with matters having a larger impact. It is great to win a case or successfully put together a deal for a client. It's even better if it changes an industry, a region or society. As you read through this issue, you'll find a group of litigators, and corporate and

regulatory specialists working on many of the major issues of our time: drones, data privacy, transportation, health care, pharmaceuticals, gay marriage and on and on. We believe you'll be impressed. We were.

-The Editors

Katherine K. Huang



Katherine K. Huang was one of the youngest partners at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. She had her own clients and was working on significant matters but she took a risk and left the firm in 2013 to focus on new endeavors.

"I wanted the challenge of starting my own practice," Huang said. "I wanted to bring Munger's top quality to companies for whom a big law firm was not a great fit."

Huang started a solo practice and became so successful the workload became too much for one attorney. So, a year ago, she founded Huang Ybarra Singer & May LLP with three other attorneys. The firm specializes in commercial litigation, white collar crime investigations and appeals. The attorneys have worked

on significant matters.

"We have won summary judgment for one of our clients, a former contractor for Shell Oil Company and persuaded a court to dismiss all claims against him," Huang said. "We are also advising a client on a contract dispute with \$40 million at stake, preparing to try a business torts case in federal court in San Diego in a matter involving the medical device industry, representing a national law firm in a professional liability suit and handling patent litigation on behalf of a publicly-traded corporation."

The firm's success can be attributed to several factors, Huang said.

All of the partners are experienced and come from large firms. They offer diverse perspectives and take a strategic

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**Huang Ybarra
Singer & May LLP**
Los Angeles

PRACTICE TYPE

litigation

SPECIALTY

commercial disputes

AGE

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approach to solving their clients' problems, Huang said.

"My partners and I don't make a move in litigation unless it furthers our clients' goals," Huang said. "Everything has a thought-out purpose."

The firm is continuing to flourish.

"Several of our new clients have already asked us to expand our roles and advise them on matters beyond those for which we were originally hired," Huang said. "My partners and I are excited that we are off to a great start and we look forward to bringing our deep experience, sound judgment, and practical know-how to even more clients who need effective advocacy."

— Melanie Brisbon