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Top 20 Under 40

To compile this list, Daily Journal editors and reporters considered hundreds of lawyers from throughout California. We looked at every major practice type, including corporate transactions, criminal prosecution and intellectual property litigation.

The most important consideration was the

work. How have this lawyer's cases impacted the law, a particular sector of industry or society? That's the first question we ask ourselves in considering each person. We also look at the candidate's impact on the legal community. Is he or she taking a leadership role within the firm, agency or organization? Are they active

in bar groups and public service organizations?

As you read through this supplement, we think you'll agree that California's legal talent is some of the best you'll find anywhere in the world.

-The Editors



Jason H. Silvera

Latham & Watkins LLP
Los Angeles

Practice Type: Corporate

Practice Specialty: Mergers/acquisitions, private equity

Age: 38



Last year, Silvera represented Avery Dennison in a deal that involved two significant divisions, dozens of jurisdictions around the world, and a lot of history.

The transaction culminated in the sale of Avery's office and consumer products and designed and engineered solutions businesses to CCL Industries Inc. for \$500 million.

Previously, the sale process involved Avery's agreement in 2011 to sell its office and consumer products business to 3M. The parties mutually agreed to walk away from that deal in late 2012 following a challenge by regulatory authorities.

The deal with CCL didn't involve the same level of regulatory challenges the 3M transaction, Silvera said. But the global nature of the transaction posed other challenges.

"We were dealing with a carveout transaction involving the sale of assets and stock in more than 20 jurisdictions,"

Silvera said. "There were dozens of attorneys across the globe working on the transaction. Our ability to successfully execute the deal was heavily dependent on team coordination and everybody going in the right direction."

Added to those complexities, Silvera said, is that, outside of the U.S., worker protections tend to be greater.

"We had to go through works council and, in one jurisdiction, present the deal to them in advance of signing it," he said. "This is not something we are required to do here in the United States."

In other matters, Silvera represented Leonard Green & Partners LP in the private equity firm's recent acquisitions of several companies, including J. Crew Group Inc., Savers Inc., Jo-Ann Stores Inc. and IMS Health, for more than \$10 billion.

He also represented David's Bridal Inc. in its sale to private equity investor Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC, with

Leonard Green continuing as a minority partner; and represented the Brickman Group Inc. in its sale to private equity investor KKR & Co. LP. Each of these deals is valued at more than \$1 billion.

Silvera represented California Pizza Kitchen Inc. in its sale to Golden Gate Capital Partners for \$470 million.

Overall, in his experience, mergers and acquisitions generally have been on the rise since 2009, Silvera said, adding, "The combination of doing significant sized transactions and smaller capital transactions is rewarding and fun."

— Pat Broderick