

Top 40 Under 40

Loring Veenstra

With a father who was an U.S. Air Force pilot, Veenstra moved often and grew up in different places, from Alaska to Texas.

His family eventually settled in Washington state, and he enjoyed outdoor activities, like going on long hikes, cycling and camping around the Pacific Northwest.

In college, Veenstra realized business law really appealed to him, because it offered the opportunity to engage in different aspects of business for clients in diverse industries. He went to Columbia University for law school, and when it was time to choose where to practice, he decided to head back to the West Coast.

He did an internship with Latham & Watkins while at law school, and joined its San Diego office in 2010. He is now counsel at the firm, working as a transaction attorney for banking and finance.

Veenstra enjoys working with the firm's local and international clients. His clients range from Sempra Energy, to gaming, hospitality and shipping companies.

A recent milestone was helping Sempra with the sale of its portfolio of U.S. renewable energy assets in two separate transactions totaling more than \$2 billion.

"I've been working with Sempra for a long time, from when some of these projects came on line, and now through to their being sold," he said.



Latham & Watkins LLP

Title: Counsel

Age: 34

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For gaming clients, he does transactions across the U.S., from Indian reservations to Las Vegas. He also recently represented Citizens Bank in connection with construction financing in an approximately \$450 million deal for Jamul Casino. "It was an exciting transaction for

many reasons," Veenstra said. "It was local so we could see it come to fruition, and it was complicated because it was located on Indian land."

He also does volunteer work through Latham in immigration law, helping people with documentation and filings to

become citizens.

The best part of what he does is working with a highly talented team.

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