



Nostradamus is not on our payroll so *The National Law Journal* can't report the future today. But we can make some predictions. One is that the young Washington-area lawyers profiled here will play a major role in the legal community of the nation's capital—and therefore of the nation—for years to come.

Selected by the editors based on nominations and reporting, these 40 individuals have already made their marks in private practice, in government agencies, on Capitol Hill and with public interest groups. Some have garnered headlines; others are less well-known. And not one has reached the age of 40.

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RACHEL SHERIDAN

LATHAM & WATKINS

Rachel Sheridan recalls long nights working on The Carlyle Group's multibillion-dollar acquisition of Allison Transmission in 2007—the last time she and husband/fellow Latham & Watkins partner Paul Sheridan teamed up on a deal. Rachel negotiated the bond financing. “It was the one-stop Sheridan household,” she said. At just 36, Sheridan is a star corporate finance partner in Latham's Washington office, representing investment banks in equity offerings and debt financings that add up to billions. She's working on a “major” transaction for a private equity portfolio. And just last month, she represented JPMorgan & Chase & Co. in closing a half-billion dollars in financing for Sirius XM Radio Inc.

—Marisa McQuilken