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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



Matthew T. Bush

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San Diego

Practice Type: Corporate

Practice Specialty: Emerging companies

Age: 38



The year 2013 proved to be a strong year for the biotech industry.

"There has been a rebound and strength in mergers and acquisitions in the biotech market with huge transactions," said Bush, whose practice is centered in that space. The American JOBS Act also heated up the biotech IPO market.

"It allows the banks to have a chance to work with more companies and test the waters before they go public," Bush explained. Bush was involved in public equity offerings totaling more than \$500 million in 2013. Among them were initial public offerings for Conatus Pharmaceuticals, a biotech focused on novel medicines to treat liver disease

(\$66 million); Evoke Pharma, a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on treatments of gastrointestinal diseases (\$29 million); and a secondary offering for Cubic Corp., which serves mass transit and defense markets (\$122 million).

Bush also represented Santarus Inc. in its sale to Salix Pharmaceuticals Inc. for approximately \$2.6 billion.

Shepherding clients from start-up to what he calls "transformative events," Bush said he taps into his pre-law experience as a management consultant.

"The key is not just to be a legal adviser, but to offer practical business solutions for clients," he said.

A healthy climate has been a boon for companies in raising funds to complete

research and development — crucial for both businesses and patients, Bush said.

"These companies are focused on trying to create new therapies and I find that personally gratifying," he added. "With each company I work with, I tend to know someone with some of these conditions. It hits close to home."

— Pat Broderick