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ON THE MOVE

Gafcon promotes COO, adds president to his title

Gafcon, Inc.'s Robin Duveen was recently promoted from chief operating officer to president and COO, the construction management firm announced Jan. 15. He will assume increased responsibility for day-to-day operations, with all departments reporting to him.

A construction industry veteran with nearly 30 years of experience in program, project and construction management, Duveen has been a key Gafcon team member since joining the firm in 1998. He worked his way up through the ranks and has been chief operations manager at Gafcon for nearly four years.

Duveen was promoted to further strengthen Gafcon's focus on delivering quality projects for clients, the firm said. He is known for his strong and productive relationships with owners, architects, contractors and consultants. He is highly experienced with the management and development of public, educational, residential and commercial/retail projects.



DUVEEN

Cavnac names commercial department account manager

Brandon Goucher was recently hired by Cavnac & Associates as an account manager within its commercial department, the San Diego-based risk management and insurance brokerage firm announced.

He is the primary contact at the agency for his assigned clients, charged with managing their exposure to risk, negotiating insurance, and generally ensuring all their service needs are met. Specifically, he is responsible for endorsement processing, billing and cancellation issues, reconciling audits and contract review.

A 15-year veteran of the insurance industry, Goucher previously served as an account manager for BB&T Insurance Services of California, where he was employed for six years.

His civic involvement includes volunteering and raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



GOUCHER

Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek adds litigation associate

San Diego attorney Sarah M. Shekhter has joined the litigation department of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek as an associate, the firm announced Jan. 22.

She is a trial attorney, whose practice primarily focuses on complex business matters. She has successfully tried more than 40 cases to jury verdict and resolved nearly 2,000 cases through negotiations, motion work and investigations.

Prior to joining SCMV, Shekhter worked at the San Diego public defender's office for six years, where she represented clients charged in high-profile cases, involving conspiracy, fraud, murder and other felonies punishable by life imprisonment.

Shekhter also served as a judicial extern to California Supreme Court Justice Joyce L. Kennard and worked as a law clerk for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She received her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University.



SHEKHTER

Scripps Health Board of Trustees selects former FBI agent as chairman

Jan Caldwell has been named chairman of the Scripps Health Board of Trustees. Caldwell, who retired as a special agent from the FBI after a 32-year career, has served on the Scripps board since 2012.

During her tenure in the FBI, Caldwell took part in a variety of major investigations, including the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, the downing of Trans World Airlines flight 800 off the coast of New York, the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado. After retiring from the FBI in 2006, Caldwell joined the San Diego County Sheriff's Department as its media relations director.

She retired from that role in 2016 and has rejoined the Sheriff's Department to work on a part-time basis in community relations. Caldwell also serves on the boards of directors of San Diego County Crime Stoppers and the San Diego Rescue Mission.



CALDWELL

Fish & Richardson adds pair of litigation associates

Fish & Richardson has added Cheryl Wang and James Yang to the firm's litigation practice group, bolstering its lineup of scientific and legal talent.

Wang will focus her legal work on patent litigation matters. Prior to joining Fish, she worked as a judicial intern for San Diego County Superior Court and as a pro bono volunteer.

Wang received her J.D. in 2018 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was the article editor



Bahia Resort Hotel names new general manager

Jim Chester was named general manager of the Bahia Resort Hotel in Mission Bay early last month. Previously serving as the company's director of food and beverage for nearly a decade, Chester will now oversee daily operations for the 313-room bayside resort.

Chester was brought on by Evans Hotels, the family-owned hospitality company in July 2009, when he began his career as the director of food and beverage of the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa. A year later, he was promoted to director of food and beverage for both the Catamaran and the Bahia.

