



25TH ANNIVERSARY

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Celebrating 25 Years!

A Message from The Founders

On August 13, 2009, we marked the 25th anniversary of the firm, and the look backward is truly amazing. We were ridiculously young, 31 and 30 respectively, enthusiastic and optimistic. Having been trained in the “big firms,” we wanted to do something on our own so that our success or failure would be a result of our own efforts, talent, and yes, luck. With only five people, the entire firm could easily grab a booth for lunch or happy hour. A quarter-century later, we have grown to become the sixth largest indigenous Orange County firm with more than 51 lawyers plus staff, who are

all listed at the end of this newsletter. When the firm gets together today, along with our significant others, we easily fill a ballroom.

In 1984, it was our goal to lay a foundation of customer service and satisfaction, creative lawyering, and a result-oriented mentality to achieve the best results we possibly could for our clients. We looked for like-minded attorneys as well as dedicated staff to build on that foundation and create a law firm that would continue to grow and succeed. It has really been the combined efforts of everyone within the firm and the support of our clients and families that make the firm what it is today.

In the past 25 years, we have enjoyed tremendous professional success in every area in which we practice and have changed the face of the law on important issues. We have also honored our

commitment to the community that has made it all possible by supporting local charities and mentoring young men and women in their growth and development. Starting this firm and watching its progress has been one of the most rewarding experiences we could ever have imagined. For all of this we are truly thankful; thankful to our families, our clients, our attorneys and staff, and to the community that made it all possible.

But we’re not done. If we have learned anything over the past 25 years, it is that the true adventure remains in the future. And we can hardly wait to get there.

Milestones of the Last Five Years:



Gen. William Lyon presents City of Newport Beach Proclamation to Greg and Tom on our 20th Anniversary

- ◆ Firm recognized as one of the largest indigenous Orange County law firms by *Orange County Business Journal*
- ◆ For each of the last five years, 8 or more members of the firm recognized as Southern California *Super Lawyers*® and 7 or more recognized as *Rising Stars*

- ◆ Greg Dillion named a “Father of the Year” by Father’s Day Council and American Diabetes Association
- ◆ The firm opens Walnut Creek office to serve our growing Northern California client base
- ◆ Jane Samson named one of “Most Influential Women in Real Estate” by *Real Estate Southern California* magazine

2004

- ◆ Newmeyer & Dillion attorney among first grads of newly launched “Trial Attorney Partnership” program with Orange County District Attorney’s Office
- ◆ Greg Dillion first named (and continuously through 2009) to “Top 50 OC *Super Lawyers*®” list
- ◆ Jane Samson serves first of 2 terms as President of prestigious OC Forum

2005

- ◆ \$26 million verdict obtained by Greg Dillion and Joe Ferrentino against City of Anaheim becomes final

2006

- ◆ Firm earns honorable mention in *OC Metro*’s “Best Companies” list
- ◆ Greg Dillion named to list of “Best Lawyers in America”
- ◆ Mark Himmelstein earns “Associate of the Year” Award from BIA/OC
- ◆ Jon Janeczek negotiates largest industrial lease agreement in square footage in Orange County that year
- ◆ Chuck Krolkowski settles inverse condemnation matter for \$2.5M



N & D attorneys participate in 2008 Camp Pendleton Mud Run to benefit the Armed Services YMCA

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2007

- Tom Newmeyer and John O'Hara also named to list of "Top 50 OC Super Lawyers®"
- Jon Janecek negotiates an even larger industrial lease agreement in Orange County
- Newmeyer & Dillion named "Most Involved Member Company" by BIA/OC
- Chuck Krolkowski settles eminent domain case for \$8.5M
- Jay Freedman co-chairs a single-family home arbitration, obtains award of \$750,000

2008

- The firm is recognized as one of Orange County's 23 "Green Teams" by OC Metro Business magazine
- The firm becomes the first in Orange County to earn certification in EPA/ABA "Law Office Climate Challenge"



In a testament to firm ideals, Tom, Greg and John O'Hara enjoy a break from the office for golf (circa 1994)

- The firm named one of Orange County's "Best Places to Work" by OC Metro Business
- The firm completes a major build-out of 10,000 square feet at its Newport Beach headquarters, bringing space to a total of 53,000 square feet
- Recognized as one of OC's "Top Places to Work" in a survey of firm employees by the OC Register



Firm employees get together in a white-water river rafting trip on the Kern River

- Mark Himmelstein installed as member of Executive Committee of BIA/OC
- Greg Dillion obtains \$8.7M settlement for single-family home
- Walnut Creek's Alan Packer named to Northern California Super Lawyers® list in first full year of eligibility with firm

2009

- Tom Newmeyer successfully defends misappropriation of trade secrets arbitration, protecting client from potential \$800,000 verdict; also recovers over \$1.1M in attorneys' fees
- Walnut Creek office grows to 7 lawyers, 12 support staff

Mission Statement

To provide superior legal services within a collegial and supportive environment that is professionally satisfying, economically rewarding and allows for a fulfilling life outside the firm.

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