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ON THE MOVE

PEOPLE & COMPANIES

HEALTH CARE



Oaxaca

L.A. Care is pleased to announce the promotion of **Francisco Oaxaca** to Chief, Communications and Community Relations. Oaxaca joined L.A. Care in 2014, and most recently served as Senior Director, Communications and Community Relations. In his new role, he will lead the expansion of the L.A. Care/Blue Shield Promise Community Resource Centers.



SENIOR CARE



Surowitz

Los Angeles Jewish Home (LAJH) - One of the nation's largest providers of comprehensive senior care, LAJH welcomes **Dale Surowitz** as its newest CEO and president. He succeeds **Molly Forrest**, who led LAJH for nearly 25 years of dynamic growth and development. Surowitz will leverage the expertise he built as CEO of Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center to fuel LAJH's continued expansion, while Forrest transitions to a new role as president of the Jewish Home Foundation.



Forrest



ARCHITECTURE



Jagers

HGA welcomes **Suzanne Gater Jagers, Associate AIA, LEED GA, EDAC**, to its LA office as Associate VP and Healthcare Principal. With more than 30 years' experience designing inpatient, outpatient, behavioral health and health sciences facilities for leading organizations, she will support HGA's award-winning practice serving the Southern California market.



SAFETY EQUIPMENT



Hale

MECHANIX WEAR CEO MICHAEL HALE NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR EY'S ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR®

Michael Hale, CEO of Santa Clarita-based **Mechanix Wear**, has been named a semifinalist for EY's Entrepreneur of The Year®

2020 Awards in Greater Los Angeles. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who are excelling in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

During the past 30 years, Mechanix Wear has expanded from its NASCAR heritage into a globally recognized brand providing superior performance, quality and reliability in the hand protection industry. Since joining the company in 2005, Hale has worked in nearly every discipline of the business including sales, brand management, product design, supply chain management, and finance. He was appointed CEO in August 2016 and has not only instituted substantial improvements in sales strategy, leadership, and staffing but also accelerated Mechanix Wear to double-digit growth.

"I am grateful to be counted among a group of like-minded individuals who are passionate about driving positive growth and change in our respective industries," says Hale. "This award represents a commitment to innovation, brand expansion across channels and geographies, and maintaining the mark of a company that puts its customers, product and employees first."

Hale was selected as a semifinalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a virtual awards event on October 2, 2020. Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year National competition which is held in November.



NON-PROFIT



Susskind

AMANDA SUSSKIND NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION (CRF)

Amanda Susskind joins **CRF** as their new President following nearly two decades as the Los Angeles Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League where

she oversaw a broad civil rights agenda, anti-bias education and bullying prevention programs, Holocaust education, and hate crime victim assistance. In that role, Susskind conceived and convened *LA For Good*, a coalition of community leaders standing together to fight hate and create a more unified Los Angeles. She was also a leading voice advocating for ADL to take national positions on gender equity, LGBTQ rights, and immigration reform. Prior to ADL, Susskind specialized in public and environmental law as a partner at Weston, Benschopf, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish and, before that, a shareholder at Richards, Watson & Gershon. She earned a JD from Hastings College of the Law and a BS in Mathematics from Stanford University. Susskind succeeds Marshall Croddy who was a major contributor at CRF for over 40 years serving as President since 2013. Susskind will bring her background in social justice, law and education to continue CRF's legacy of creating the next generation of active and engaged citizens. CRF's mission is to educate students, primarily in underserved areas, about what citizenship means, to empower them to be active participants in this democracy, and to amplify their voices in being thoughtful agents of change.

NON-PROFIT



Burke

DIDI HIRSCH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Erin Burke is a health care executive who is the founder and CEO of Hansei Solutions, a revenue cycle management company that specializes in behavioral health.

Burke received her degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from The Ohio State University in 2009. Recognizing numerous inefficiencies in how behavioral health companies operated their businesses, she implemented data-



Mistry

driven processes to improve longevity, cash flow and marketability. She is also an executive for a healthcare management company, where she has been instrumental in completing four acquisitions over the last two years. She is a member of the board of directors of the Addiction Treatment Advocacy Coalition, which aims to ensure that substance use treatment is accessible in all communities nationwide.

Sarosh D. Mistry is a senior executive at Sodexo, the world's leading provider of quality of life services, including health food solutions and facilities management across varied industries. He is the Chair of Sodexo North America, where he leads all of Sodexo's business activities, and Worldwide CEO for Sodexo Home Care, which provides home-based care solutions. Fluent in Hindi and English, he earned a scholarship to St. John University in Minnesota, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. He earned an MBA from the University of California. He co-founded a nonprofit that helps foster children and is on the board of SodexoMagic, a joint venture with Magic Johnson Enterprises that promotes social progress in underserved communities.

To learn more, visit our website at www.didihirsch.org.



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ACCOUNTING



Brown

Green Hasson Janks (GHJ) welcomes **Peter Brown, CPA, CFF, ABV**, as a new partner and practice leader of Forensic Services. With nearly three decades of forensic accounting experience, as well as extensive experience quantifying damages in commercial litigation and internal investigations, Brown

will be an integral driver of growth for GHJ's advisory service offerings.

Passionate about helping clients #BeMore, Brown has served as a litigation consultant and expert witness in numerous disputes.

"His expertise will help us to even better serve our clients," GHJ Partner and Advisory Practice Leader Anant Patel said.



CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE



Bertolino

Partner Engineering and Science, Inc. is proud to welcome **Leo Bertolino**, an experienced consultant advising commercial real estate clients on environmental, engineering and construction risks. With strong SoCal market knowledge, Bertolino is expert at tailoring risk

management approach to various investment objectives. Bertolino has worked on notable transactions including the 2016 \$260M acquisition of The Google Center in Irvine.



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