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STATUS UPDATE



Samantha Gowen has the latest on movers and shakers in Orange County.

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

John Della Grotta has joined Costa Mesa-based law firm **Snell & Wilmer** as a partner in the firm's corporate and securities group. Della Grotta comes to Snell & Wilmer from **Paul Hastings**. He focuses his practice on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, investment management, and general corporate and securities matters. Snell & Wilmer has more than 400 attorneys practicing in nine locations throughout the Western United States and in Los Cabos, Mexico.



Della Grotta

Crys Blankenship has joined Newport Beach-based **Alliant Healthcare Solutions**, the health care practice of Alliant Insurance Services, as executive vice president. Blankenship will provide insurance and risk management solutions to a nationwide portfolio of health care clients, with a specialized focus on large, complex organizations.

Adrian Craciun, a vice president

and senior compliance officer in the Legal and Compliance Group at Newport Beach-based **Pacific Investment Management Co.**, has rejoined the board of directors with Project Access of Orange. He previously served on the nonprofit's board from 2010 to 2013. Project Access operates 61 family and senior resource centers within affordable housing complexes in California, Colorado, Georgia and Arizona.

Irvine-based **Haskell & White**, an independently owned accounting, auditing and tax consulting firm, has promoted four employees in the audit and business advisory services department and three in the tax department.

Promotions include: Tuan Le, CPA, tax manager; Georgia Yu, CPA, tax senior; Miriam Notik, tax in-charge associate; Ryan Maes, CPA, ABV, ABAS manager; Jeffrey Wang, CPA, ABAS senior; Sebastian Galmarini, ABAS in-charge associate; Navid Rafiee, ABAS in-charge associate. The firm has about 70 staff members in its Irvine and San Diego offices. Dr. John Luther has been named



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chief dental officer at **Western Dental & Orthodontics** in Orange. He will lead more than 160 California offices. Western Dental also has offices in Arizona, Nevada and Texas. Before joining Western Dental, Luther served as the chief dental officer/senior vice president of dental management for DentaQuest, the third-largest oral health enterprise in the country.



Luther



Partington

John Partington of Huntington Beach has joined the **Crestcom** network of Southern California, a leadership and development company based in Colorado. He will service north Orange County, including Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Fullerton and Orange. Partington has spent 37 years in various management roles and is president of **New Direction Training**, a Crestcom licensee.

Insurance Agency in Miami, founded in 1989. **BirchStreet Systems**, a Newport Beach cloud-based technology provider for the hospitality industry, has acquired **AccuBar**, cloud-based beverage inventory software solution provider in Centennial, Colo. Terms were not disclosed.

MILESTONE

Mission Viejo resident Kris Krikorian, a regional director at **Pentegra Retirement Services**, was named a NAPA 2016 Top 100 DC Wholesaler. The **National Association of Plan Advisors**, an affiliate organization of the American Retirement Association, was created by and for retirement plan advisers.

COMING UP

The Outlets at San Clemente will hold a job fair Wednesday to fill 200 positions in time for the holidays. The fair, from noon to 4 p.m., will take place at Oak Tree Court; some 18 retailers are expected to participate. Jobs available include full-time, part-time and seasonal positions. Most positions are permanent. Applicants are asked to bring resumes and wear professional attire.

Chipotle Mexican Grill will host its second annual career day Sept. 28. The company is looking to hire 5,000 employees. Managers of each U.S. restaurant will hold interviews for up to 100 applicants from 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. For more information and to register for an interview, go to NationalCareerDay.com.

NEW VENTURES

Confie, a Huntington Beach-based provider of personal and commercial lines insurance, has acquired three insurance brokerages in Illinois, Nevada, and Florida. The three agencies focus on providing non-standard auto insurance: **BMR Agency**, operating as **First Stop Insurance**, founded in 2009 and located in Washington Park, Ill.; **Osorio and Family**, operating as **CityWide Insurance**, in Las Vegas, founded in 2011; and **Absolute**

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