

Top Bay Area Work Place

McManis Faulkner was the only law firm to be named a "Top Bay Area Workplace" by Bay Area News Group, publisher of the San Jose Mercury News and other leading daily newspapers in the region. The honorees, published June 20, were based on employee surveys by Workplace Dynamics, an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention. McManis Faulkner was lauded for its commitment to preserving and retaining staff members, particularly those wishing to address family issues, and for offering employees a true "open door" policy, with access to senior staff members who enjoys coaching younger professionals. ([more](#))

It's a great work place because it's a place where great people work.

James McManis

Leading Employment Lawyer

[Sharon Kirsch](#), the partner who heads up our employment law practice, was recognized by the *Daily Journal*, the leading statewide legal trade newspaper, as one of the top 60 labor and employment lawyers in the state. The July 14 feature article highlights her representation of Bay 101 card room in its long-running tip pool lawsuit. ([more](#))

Mansoorian Honors

• Chief Legal Officer [Neda Mansoorian](#) was named a "Woman of Influence" by the *Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal*. The Silicon Valley-based honorees were nominated by their peers and chosen based on their success within their industries and contributions to their communities. As one of the first law firm CLOs, Mansoorian's efforts to put corporate project management principles to work within the legal environment were noted. ([more](#))

• Neda also received a Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Award from the YWCA of Silicon Valley in April. In its 26th year, the TWIN Award is one of most prestigious tributes given by regional YWCAs to successful women executives for their outstanding achievements. ([more](#))

Other Honors and Appointments

- [Jim McManis](#) has been elected Secretary of International Relations for the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL), an elite group of trial lawyers representing both sides of the bar. In this role, McManis will help expand the IATL's international roster of Fellows, which spans 36 different nations. He will also chair the Academy's ground-breaking China Program, which has been influential in promoting the Rule of Law in the People's Republic of China and in moving forward United States-China relations throughout its 16-year history. ([more](#))
- Jim was also inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. ([more](#))
- [Jim McManis](#) and [Bill Faulkner](#) were named to the Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition for 2010, as well as the primary Northern California Super Lawyers 2010 Edition, which also features Partner [Sharon Kirsch](#). Compiled through peer nomination and research, approximately five percent of the Northern California Bar received the distinction. ([more](#))
- In addition, attorneys [Neda Mansoorian](#), [Michele Corvi](#), [Elizabeth Pipkin](#) and [Christine Peek](#) were named to the Northern California Super Lawyers 2010 Edition – Rising Stars. This listing recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the region and constitutes approximately two percent of the Northern California Bar. ([more](#))

Largest Sanction Award

Our Family Law Group, represented in court by [Carrie Helwick](#), secured the largest sanction award in Santa Clara County history – a whopping \$552,153 – on May 25. The firm has represented the father in a custody matter through three years of intense litigation and exhaustive settlement negotiations. He was awarded the sanction for having to bring numerous motions to enforce stipulated custody orders and for having to defend himself against improper custody litigation.

Co-Chair Appointees

Family Law Attorneys [Carrie Helwick](#) and [Laurel Sevier](#) have been appointed co-chairs of the Santa Clara County Bar Association's Women Lawyers Association. The Women's Lawyers Association is charged with studying issues and developing projects relating to women in the legal profession, as well as initiating several community service projects each year.

Look for additional updates via [email](#). Thank you for your interest and support of the McManis Faulkner team.



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