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Two San Diego Attorneys Elected to California Western Board of Trustees

Alumnae Gayle Blatt, Rahil Swigart bring pharmaceutical, business law experience

SAN DIEGO, July 28, 2014 –The Board of Trustees of [California Western School of Law](#) recently elected two new members who bring significant experience to the law school's governing body.

Gayle M. Blatt '85

Gayle M. Blatt '85 is a partner at Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield, LLP where she heads the firm's pharmaceutical and class action practices. Blatt has played a prominent role in national pharmaceutical and medical device cases over the past decades. In addition to other experience in high profile national pharmaceutical litigation, she served as liaison counsel for the plaintiffs' steering committee in *In re: Hydroxycut Marketing and Sales Practice Litigation*, which recently settled in the Southern District of California, and currently serves as co-liaison counsel for *In re: Incretin Mimetics Products Liability Litigation*.



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Blatt also has extensive class action litigation experience, including serving as co-liaison counsel in *In re: Sony Gaming Networks and Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*; as class counsel in *Villa v. City of Chula Vista* addressing the city's tax collection on mobile telephone services; as class counsel *In re: Apple and AT&T iPad Unlimited Data Plan Litigation* in the Northern District of California; and with a class action filed against Chase Bank of violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act for placing automated calls (robocalls) to consumer cell phones without their consent.

Blatt also is recognized by her peers for her work with serious personal injury cases. She has received the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego "Outstanding Trial Lawyer" award three times; has been recognized in *Super Lawyers* from 2007 through 2014; recognized three times on the *Super Lawyers*' list of Top 25 Women Lawyers in San Diego; included in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* Top Attorney list; and listed annually in the *Best Lawyers of America*.

Rahil K. Swigart '03

An attorney at Higgs Fletcher & Mack, Rahil K. Swigart '03 represents and advises businesses in disputes, including those concerning covenants not to compete, breach of contract, partnership disputes and unfair business practices.

In addition to litigation disputes, Swigart assists businesses in transactional matters, such as assisting in selling/buying real estate properties, forming business entities, drafting and reviewing business contracts, and reviewing mortgage and deeds of trust documents for both commercial and residential real estate. Swigart currently works with renewable energy companies with a variety of legal issues.

“We are pleased to welcome Gayle and Rahil to our board,” said Jeffrey D. Lewin ’75, President of the Board of Trustees and a Shareholder at Sullivan Hill Lewin Rez & Engel. “Their experience as California Western students and alumni, as well as their significant legal and community experience, will bring great value to our work.”

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For four years in a row, California Western has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in recognition of the school’s numerous community-focused projects including the California Innocence Project, Community Law Projects, Mediation Clinic, Bail Project, and more. Students, faculty, and staff yearly donate more than 20,000 pro bono and service hours to nonprofits, clinical programs, and law offices.

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