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Peter Callstrom *CEO*San Diego Workforce Partnership

Peter Callstrom has led nonprofits in the region for 30+ years, joining the SDWP as CEO in 2012. The SDWP funds, oversees and delivers workforce programs to empower job seekers, reaching 50,000+ annually. The SDWP launched an Income Share Agreement fund in 2018 - an innovative student financing model to create postsecondary pathways without student debt. SDWP delivers youth programs that reach thousands with a focus on disconnected youth. In 2020, SDWP launched 'MyNextMove' - an online experience to inspire students, teachers and job seekers. Recipient of the "Irailblazer award" by the National Association of Workforce Boards, SDWP is a nationally recognized leader.



David H. Crean
Managing Director
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David H. Crean is a managing director at Objective Capital Partners where he leads the firm's mergers and acquisitions (M&A), corporate development, and valuation transactions with life science and healthcare companies. Dr. Crean holds FINRA Series 79 and Series 63 licenses and is a Registered Investment Banking Representative of BA Securities LLC, Member FINRA SIPC. Dr. Crean also serves in leading Board of Director roles for Histogen, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSTO), California Life Sciences Association (CLSA), Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) San Diego, the Alzheimer's Association and Student Success Programs for the Charter School of San Diego.



Dale Ganzow
President & CEO
San Diego Employers Association

In March of 2020, Dale Ganzow became President and CEO of the San Diego Employers Association where he had previously served as a board member for seven years. He owned multiple corporate and leisure travel agencies in CA and Dallas, TX. He worked in local and national sales positions with business journals and a national trade publisher. In October of 2019, he left his role as sales manager for the San Diego Business Journal and went to work for National University as a director of workforce education solutions. He strives to build long-term relationships and stronger communities through collaboration and philanthropy. He also serves on numerous nonprofit Boards. He attended the University of Wisconsin and lives in Carlsbad, with his wife and daughter.



Frank Tobin

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Frank Tobin is the Managing Shareholder of Olgtree Deakins' San Diego Office. He devotes his practice to a wide range of litigation matters including labor and employment (discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful discharge, non-compete, ERISA breach of fiduciary duty, class actions and wage and hour), commercial (breach of fiduciary duty, contract and fraud), unfair competition, trade secrets, real estate, healthcare and professional liability. Mr. Tobin represents management in all types of labor and employment disputes. He has successfully tried discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful discharge, wage and hour and trade secret cases. Mr. Tobin also represents employers in class action disputes and ERISA breach of fiduciary duty



Christina de Vaca
Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Directors Forum

Christina de Vaca currently serves as CEO of the Corporate Directors Forum, an organization whose mission is "to help directors, and those who support them, build more effective boards through continuous education and peer-networking". Prior she was a CDF board member serving on the Executive Committee and chairing the organization's Programs Committee. Before joining CDF, she served as the Director of Corporate Relations and Business Development for the Graduate School of Business at the University of San Diego, where she strengthened USD's School of Business relationships with the business community. Earlier, she was the Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary for Valeant Pharmaceuticals International.











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Thank you, Monique, for your dedication and commitment to our organization and working families, childcare providers, and community members across San Diego County!

