

### Erinn Contreras Named to Daily Journal's 2021 "Top 40 Under 40"

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Erinn M. Contreras, partner and leader of the firm's Construction and Multifamily Housing industry teams, was recognized by the editors of the *Daily Journal* as one of 2021's "Top 40 Under 40" lawyers in California.

Contreras was noted for her ability to provide legal and business advice at all stages of her clients' construction projects, including the front end drafting and negotiation of construction and design agreements; during the course of construction; and in subsequent litigation.

Contreras is also spearheading the formation of Sheppard Mullin's new Data Center industry team, based on growing client needs as companies outsource their data operations to third party providers.

In regards to how the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic impacted her workload, "Business picked up during the shelter in place period," Contreras said, due to clients' increased need for counsel amid confusing and contradictory public health orders. "At first, residential projects were allowed to continue. Then the orders were modified in the Bay Area to allow only projects that had an affordable component. Essential infrastructure projects like roads and bridges were also allowed, along with buildings that provide essential services like hospitals. The rules were ever-changing."

#### Attorneys

Erinn M. Contreras

#### Practice Areas

Construction

Litigation

#### Industries

Construction

Multifamily Housing