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# Troutman Pepper Partner Michael Whitton Elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for California Western School of Law in San Diego

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**SAN DIEGO** – [Michael J. Whitton](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper’s San Diego office, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for California Western School of Law. A long-time supporter of the San Diego-based law school, Whitton joined the board in 2014 and has held several leadership roles including chair of the most recent Dean and President Search Committee, chair of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Trustees and member of the Building, Governance and Adhoc Faculty Committees.

“It’s an honor to lead the Board of Trustees as the law school prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2024,” says Whitton who is a known figure in the San Diego real estate community, working on large-scale regional and national real estate transactions. “I believe it’s important for our community to support a local law school that not only provides amazing programs to educate our future legal leaders but also programs that support diversity and access to justice through the law school’s California Innocence Project.”

“With much appreciation I welcome Michael Whitton to this new position on the Board,” said California Western’s new President and Dean Sean Scott. “I am deeply grateful for his dedication, commitment, and hard work for the benefit of the California Western community,”

The oldest law school in San Diego, California Western is best known for its nationally acclaimed hands-on programs and clinics, diverse community and cross-border influence. California Western is a member of the American Association of Law Schools, accredited by the American Bar Association and is a candidate for accreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission.

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